

**§1402. Community services**

**1. Commissioner's duty.** In every state institution to which a person with mental illness or an intellectual disability may be committed, the commissioner shall organize and administer the duties set forth in subsection 2.

[PL 2011, c. 542, Pt. A, §69 (AMD).]

**2. Duties.** The department shall:

A. Supervise clients who have left the institution with a view to their safe care at home, suitable employment and self-support under good working and living conditions, and with a view to prevention of their relapse and return to public dependency; [PL 1983, c. 459, §7 (NEW).]

B. Provide for informing and advising any indigent person, that person's relatives or friends and the representatives of any charitable agency as to:

- (1) The mental condition of the indigent person;
- (2) The prevention and treatment of the condition;
- (3) The available institutions or other means of caring for the person; and
- (4) Any other matter relative to the welfare of the person; and [PL 2009, c. 299, Pt. A, §6 (AMD).]

C. Acquire and disseminate knowledge of mental disease, intellectual disabilities, autism and other related conditions with a view to promoting a better understanding and the most enlightened public sentiment and policy in these matters, and in this work the department may cooperate with local authorities, schools and social agencies. [PL 2011, c. 542, Pt. A, §70 (AMD).]

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**SECTION HISTORY**

PL 1983, c. 459, §7 (NEW). PL 1995, c. 560, §K27 (AMD). PL 2009, c. 299, Pt. A, §6 (AMD). PL 2011, c. 542, Pt. A, §§69, 70 (AMD).

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