

CENTRAL STATE HOSPITAL
POLICY

SUBJECT: NOTIFICATION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER UPON RELEASE
OF CLIENTS

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RESPONSIBLE FOR REVIEW: Legal Section of Risk Management Office

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The purpose of this policy is to insure compliance with the Official Code of Georgia Annotated 37-3-166(d) in releasing information to a sheriff about adult clients with no criminal charges pending. Georgia law sets forth the following requirements:

When a sheriff transports an adult involuntary client to a facility, that sheriff may request in writing that a notice of such client's discharge be given to the sheriff; and such notice shall be provided if such clients or the client's guardian consents in writing to the disclosure or if, in its discretion, the court ordering the involuntary treatment provides for such notice in the order issued pursuant to subsection (d) of Code section 37-3-81.

Personnel receiving a written request from a sheriff shall forward such request to the Director/Designee, Legal Section of Risk Management Department.

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