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§10–610.

(a) On behalf of a minor, a parent or guardian of the person of the minor may apply, under this section, for admission of the minor to:

- (1) Any facility that is not a State facility; or
- (2) The following State facilities:
 - (i) A regional institute for children and adolescents; and
 - (ii) The child or adolescent unit of a State facility.

(b) The applicant shall submit a formal, written application that contains the personal information and is on the form required by the Administration.

(c) A facility may not admit an individual under this section unless:

- (1) The individual has a mental disorder;
- (2) The mental disorder is susceptible to care or treatment;
- (3) The applicant understands the nature of a request for admission; and
- (4) Assent to the admission has been given:
 - (i) By the admitting physician of the facility; or
 - (ii) For a child or adolescent unit of a State facility, by a physician and psychologist or by 2 physicians.

(d) An admission under this section to a child or adolescent unit of a State facility may not exceed 20 days.

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