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(a) After a preliminary evaluation of an individual by the administrator or the designee of the administrator, the individual may be admitted to the facility if it is certified in writing that the individual:

(1) Has acute symptoms of alcohol or drug intoxication or withdrawal; and

(2) (i) Appears to be in imminent danger of harming one's self, or another individual, or the property of another individual; or

(ii) Is willing to be voluntarily admitted.

(b) An individual admitted under this section may be detained up to 72 hours after admission.

(c) An individual detained under this section shall be informed in writing at the time of admission of the right of the individual to leave the facility after 72 hours.

(d) This section does not require a facility to admit an individual when:

(1) Space is not available;

(2) A patient demonstrates medical and psychiatric conditions beyond the certified capabilities of the program staff; or

(3) As a result of an evaluation of an individual, the individual is determined to be an inappropriate admission to the facility.

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