

REFERENCE TITLE: **seriously mentally ill; discharge; medications**

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## **SB 1595**

Introduced by  
Senator Wadsack: Representatives Hernandez C, Jones

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 36, CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE 2, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY  
ADDING SECTION 36-425.10; RELATING TO HEALTH CARE INSTITUTIONS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Title 36, chapter 4, article 2, Arizona Revised  
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 36-425.10, to read:

4 36-425.10. Patients with serious mental illness; transfer or  
5 discharge; medications; documentation

6 IF A PATIENT WITH A SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS IS TRANSFERRED OR  
7 DISCHARGED FROM A HEALTH CARE INSTITUTION TO ANOTHER HEALTH CARE  
8 INSTITUTION, RESIDENTIAL PLACEMENT OR GROUP HOME, THE HEALTH CARE  
9 INSTITUTION THAT IS TRANSFERRING OR DISCHARGING THE PATIENT SHALL PROVIDE  
10 TO THE PATIENT A THIRTY-DAY SUPPLY OF ALL MEDICATIONS, BOTH PRESCRIPTION  
11 AND OVER-THE-COUNTER, THE PATIENT WAS GIVEN IN THE PREVIOUS TEN DAYS THAT  
12 ARE ONGOING OR TO BE TAKEN AS NEEDED. EACH MEDICATION MUST INCLUDE CLEAR  
13 DOCUMENTED INSTRUCTIONS THAT ARE SIGNED BY THE PATIENT OR THE PATIENT'S  
14 PARENT OR GUARDIAN, THE DISCHARGE TEAM AND THE INTAKE TEAM.