

**PUBLIC HEALTH CODE (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 368 of 1978**

**333.21786 Emergency closing of nursing home.**

Sec. 21786.

In the case of an emergency closing of a nursing home, or when it is determined by the department that a nursing home is suddenly no longer able to provide adequate patient care, the department shall do both of the following:

(a) Assure that the department of social services has been notified to make arrangements for the orderly and safe discharge and transfer of the patients to another facility.

(b) Place a representative of the department in a facility on a daily basis to do each of the following:

(i) Monitor the discharge of patients to other facilities or locations.

(ii) Ensure that the rights of patients are protected.

(iii) Discuss the discharge and relocation with each patient and next of kin or legal guardian, person, or agency responsible for the patient's placement, maintenance, and care in the facility. The content of the explanation and discussion shall be summarized in writing and shall be made a part of the patient's clinical record.

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