

**65-116b. Tuberculosis suspects; order by health officer; scope of examination; care and treatment.** When any health officer shall have reasonable grounds to believe that any person has tuberculosis in a communicable form and will not voluntarily seek a medical examination, it shall be the duty of such health officer to order such person, either orally or in writing, to undergo an examination by a physician qualified in chest diseases, or at some clinic or medical care facility qualified to make such examinations. It shall be the duty of such suspected person to present himself or herself for examination at such time and place as ordered by the health officer. The examination shall include an x-ray of the chest, examination of sputum, and such other forms and types of examinations as shall be approved by the secretary of health and environment.

If, upon examination, it shall be determined that such person has tuberculosis in an active stage or in a communicable form, then it shall be the duty of such tuberculous person to arrange for admission of himself or herself as a patient in some medical care facility qualified to treat persons with tuberculosis or when there is no danger to the public or to other individuals as determined by the health officer, such person may receive treatment on an outpatient basis.

**History:** L. 1957, ch. 467, § 2; L. 1974, ch. 352, §6; L. 1975, ch. 311, § 2; Oct. 1.