

## SANITARY RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE RELEASE OF LEPERS

Section 1.—Each patient confined in the Porto Rico Leprosarium shall be examined bacterioscopically not less than twice a year. If at such time the patient has not been found bacterioscopically a leper, a board of three physicians shall convene to make a complete physical and bacteriological examination of the patient.

Section 2.—This board shall consist of the Chief of the Bureau of Transmissible Diseases, the Director of the Biological Laboratory of the Department of Health and one other physician experienced in leprosy, who shall be a member of the Insular Board of Health appointed by its President.

Section 3.—If in the opinion of said board the patient is considered a latent or arrested case he shall be kept under observation for six months, during which time bacterioscopic and physical examinations shall be made at least once a month.

Section 4.—If during this six months' period the patient shows no signs of leprotic retrogression he shall be removed from the general colony and placed under special observation.

Section 5.—Said patient shall be examined not less than once each month for a year. If during this year of special observation the patient has not shown signs of leprotic retrogression the board of physicians above mentioned shall convene who shall review the findings of the case and in the absence of contraindicating findings may recommend the discharge of the patient on probation as no longer a menace to the public health.

Section 6.—If at any of the examinations that patient shows signs of leprotic retrogression he shall be considered as ineligible for consideration for discharge within one year from the date of such examination.

Section 7.—After the discharge of a patient he shall report to the Chief of the Bureau of Transmissible Diseases for a clinical and bacteriological examination every six months for a period of three years.

Section 8.—If the patient is unable to report for justifiable reasons, the Commissioner of Health shall arrange for said examinations at the patient's place of residence.

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OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF PORTO RICO,

SAN JUAN, P. R., *August 20, 1925.*

I hereby certify that the foregoing Rules and Regulations for the Conditional Release of Lepers approved by the Insular Board of Health, July 7, 1925, were approved by the Executive Council this 20th day of August, 1925.

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*Secretary, Executive Council.*

