

**PETITION FOR INVOLUNTARY TREATMENT
VIA THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM**

MENTAL HEALTH PROCEDURES ACT OF 1976
(SECTIONS 304 AND 305 VIA 403, 404 OR 405)

(The blanks below may be completed following admission.)

NAME OF PATIENT	LAST	FIRST	MIDDLE	AGE	SEX
NAME OF COUNTY PROGRAM		NAME OF BASE SERVICE UNIT		BASE SERVICE UNIT NUMBER	
NAME OF FACILITY		ADMISSION DATE		ADMISSION NUMBER	

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Part I, the petition for order of the court, is to be completed by the director of the facility (or his authorized representative) where the patient is currently incarcerated, the attorney for the Commonwealth, the defendant's counsel, or the County Administrator.
2. Part II is to be completed by persons authorized by the director of the facility to explain rights to patients, if the patient is currently in treatment. If the patient is not currently in treatment, it should be completed by the penal institution or the patients attorney.
3. Part III is to be completed by the examining or treating physician. If the patient is not currently in treatment and has not been examined by a physician, this section may be completed on order of the court under Section 304 (c) (5) of Act 143.
4. Part IV is to be completed by the court if use of this format is desired.
5. If additional sheets are needed at any point, note on this form the number of pages which are attached.
6. If the patient is currently in involuntary treatment, attach a copy of the treatment plan and a copy of the 304 form, prior to the delivery of this form to the court.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

**ANY PERSON WHO PROVIDES ANY FALSE INFORMATION ON
PURPOSE WHEN HE COMPLETES THIS FORM MAY BE SUBJECT
TO CRIMINAL PROSECUTION AND MAY FACE CRIMINAL
PENALTIES INCLUDING CONVICTION OF A MISDEMEANOR.**

PART I
PETITION FOR ORDER OF THE COURT

_____ has acted in such a manner as to cause me to believe that he is severely mentally disabled.
(NAME OF PATIENT)

- He/she has been examined by _____ and was found in need of treatment.
(NAME OF DOCTOR)
- He/she has not been examined by a physician, but I believe he is in need of treatment.

I, therefore, request that: (Check and complete A, B or C)

- A. As the patient is not currently in a mental health facility receiving treatment, I ask this court to issue an order that the patient be involuntarily committed for: outpatient, partial hospitalization, inpatient treatment. (A patient can only be committed involuntarily if the patient is severely mentally disabled.) A person is severely mentally disabled:

A person is severely mentally disabled when, as a result of mental illness, his capacity to exercise self-control, judgement and discretion in the conduct of his affairs and social relations or to care for his own personal needs is so lessened that he poses a clear and present danger of harm to others or to himself.

Clear and present danger to others shall be shown by establishing that within the past 30 days the person has inflicted or attempted to inflict serious bodily harm on another and that there is reasonable probability that such conduct will be repeated. A clear and present danger of harm to others may be demonstrated by proof that the person has made threats of harm and has committed acts in furtherance of the threat to commit harm; or

Clear and present danger to himself shall be shown by establishing that within the past 30 days:

- (i) the person has acted in such manner as to evidence that he/she would be unable, without care, supervision and the continued assistance of others, to satisfy his need for nourishment, personal or medical care, shelter, or self-protection and safety, and that there is reasonable probability that death, serious bodily injury or serious physical debilitation would ensue within 30 days unless adequate treatment were afforded under the act; or
- (ii) the person has attempted suicide and that there is the reasonable probability of suicide unless adequate treatment is afforded under this act. For the purposes of this subsection, a clear and present danger may be demonstrated by the proof that the person has made threats to commit suicide and has committed to acts which are in further of the threat to commit suicide; or
- (iii) the person has substantially mutilated himself or attempted to mutilate himself substantially and that there is the reasonable probability of mutilation unless adequate treatment is afforded under this act. For the purposes of this subsection, a clear and present danger shall be established by proof that the person has made threats to commit mutilation and has committed acts which are in furtherance of the threat to commit mutilation.

(Describe the behavior of the patient within the last 30 days which causes you to believe that he is severely mentally disabled. Use additional sheets if necessary.)

PART I
PETITION FOR ORDER OF THE COURT
(continued)

- B. As the patient is currently in (Name of Facility)_____ receiving involuntary treatment under Section 303, I ask that the court issue an order that the patient be involuntarily committed for outpatient, partial hospitalization, inpatient treatment.

- C. As a patient currently in (Name of Facility)_____ receiving involuntary treatment under Section 304, I ask that this court issue an order that the patient be involuntarily committed for another period of outpatient, partial hospitalization, inpatient treatment.

(SIGNATURE OF PETITIONER)	(TITLE)
(ADDRESS)	(TELEPHONE NUMBER)
(DATE)	

PART II
THE PATIENT'S RIGHTS

I affirm that I have informed the patient of the actions I am taking and have explained to him these procedures and his rights as described in Form MH 786-A. I believe that he:

- understands these rights
- does not understand these rights

(SIGNATURE OF PETITIONER)	(TITLE)
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PART III
RESULTS OF EXAMINATION AND DETERMINATION
OF NEED FOR (CONTINUED) TREATMENT

I hereby affirm that I have [examined reexamined] _____
(NAME OF PATIENT)
on _____ to determine if he/she [is continues to be] severely mentally disabled and in
(DATE)
need of treatment.

RESULTS OF EXAMINATION

(Give complete details of examination. If request is for a 304 (b) or 305, describe details giving evidence that the patient remains a clear and present danger to himself or others and indicate how this is least restrictive treatment setting possible.)

FINDINGS *(Describe your findings in detail, including your findings of severe mental disability. Use additional sheets if necessary.)*

TREATMENT NEEDED *(Describe the treatment needed by the patient. Use additional sheets if necessary.)*

In my opinion: (Check A or B)

- A. The patient is severely mentally disabled and in need of (continued) treatment.
- B. The patient is not in need of involuntary treatment.

(SIGNATURE)

(TITLE)

(PRINT NAME)

(ADDRESS)

PART IV
ORDER FOR INVOLUNTARY TREATMENT

Check one:

- Order for involuntary treatment under Section 304 (b).
- Order for involuntary treatment under Section 304 (c).
- Order for involuntary treatment under Section 305.

In the Court of _____ of _____ County
COMMONWEALTH
VS. _____ term, 20____

No. _____

This _____ day of _____, 20____ after hearing and consideration of:

(Details of findings. Include details on what types and why treatment is needed. Attach reports, testimony, etc.)

The court finds that the patient [is is not] severely mentally disabled and in need of (continued) treatment.
Further, after hearing and consideration of:

(Details of findings on security needs of patient and ability of facility to provide needed security. Attached reports, testimony, etc.)

The court orders that: (Check A or B)

- A. _____ receive outpatient, partial hospitalization, inpatient
(NAME OF PATIENT)
treatment, which is the least restrictive treatment setting appropriate for the patient.

(Description of treatment, explanation of its adequacy and appropriateness.)

As a severely mentally disabled person pursuant to the provisions of Section [304 305] of the
Mental Health Procedures Act of 1976 for a period of _____ days.

(Not to exceed 90 days under Section 304 or 180 days under Section 305 unless committed under Section 304
g.i. and ii.)

The status of this patient in the criminal justice system is as follows: (Indicate if criminal charges are pending, whether sentence has been imposed; if so, length of sentence, whether subject to detainer, etc.)

Therefore, upon discontinuance of mental health treatment, the following disposition of this patient shall occur:

(Check if appropriate) The Mental Health facility may retain custody of this patient for a reasonable period up to 72 ours following the commitment period until post-treatment custody is assumed, as indicated above, by the indicated person, facility or court.

B. Other:

(Check appropriate block)

The patient was represented by _____

The patient declined representation.

(NAME AND ADDRESS OF ATTORNEY)

for the court _____

(TITLE)