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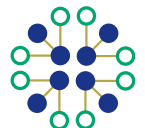
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KEVIN'S LAW

Do you have a loved one who is in need of mental health treatment, but refuses to seek help or follow the doctor's recommendations? Michigan's recent expansion of Kevin's Law may be of help. The law now allows families, or guardians, to seek court-ordered treatment for those suffering from mental illness before they reach a crisis stage where they do have to be hospitalized.

You no longer have to wait for someone to do something dangerous.



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POSITIVE OUTCOMES

The new law expands the definition of a person who needs treatment to include those who have a mental illness and as a result, have impaired judgement placing them at substantial risk of significant physical or mental harm to the individual in the near future or presents a substantial risk of physical harm to others in the near future.



There are positive outcomes from the Kevin's Law enhancement:

- Getting help for someone earlier means better outcomes for their loved one.
- Improve mental health and substance use care
- Improve member compliance
- Reduce psychiatric hospitalizations
- Reduce the recidivism in probate court
- Reduce arrests/incarceration
- Protect and add to public safety

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is a Petition for Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT)?

An individual with a mental illness who does not comply with his/her treatment plan can deteriorate, lose the ability to make rational decisions, and become a danger to themselves or others. Assisted outpatient treatment is to help prevent this course.

How do you help a loved one get Assisted Outpatient Treatment?

You may file a petition at the Probate Court of the county where the individual with a mental illness resides (or in some cases where the individual is found). You will be required to relate specific facts to support the petition. A hearing date will be set in approximately 28 days.

Do you have to be a relative to file a Petition for AOT?

No. Any adult (18+ years) may file a petition with the court asserting an individual met the criteria for AOT.

How does the individual find out about the petition?

The individual is personally served. All other interested persons are served by mail.

What happens next?

In short, the Judge makes a decision at the hearing and may issue an Order requiring the individual to obtain "assisted outpatient treatment."

KEVIN'S LAW IS DESIGNED TO:

- Encourage widespread use
- Promote early intervention before an individual reaches a crisis
- Streamline the involuntary mental health treatment process by eliminating the hospital application method
- Have all proceedings filed via petition

WHAT HAPPENS IF THE INDIVIDUAL DOES NOT FOLLOW THE COURT ORDER?

If the person does not follow the AOT court order, the judge can order the person be hospitalized for up to ten days after the initial AOT order. The judge can also have the person picked up by the police and transported to a screening center for psychiatric hospitalization. The doctor at the screening will decide if the person needs to be hospitalized.