

**PHYSICIAN'S EMERGENCY CERTIFICATE
FOR NO MORE THAN 15 DAYS CARE
AND TREATMENT IN A HOSPITAL
FOR PSYCHIATRIC DISABILITIES**

**State of Connecticut
DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES**
410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT 06134

See Section 17a-502 of the General Statutes
General Statutes, as amended, on reverse side of this form.
MHCC-3 REV. 9/08
REPLACES MH-103

Instructions

1. This certificate must be signed by the physician not more than three days prior to its delivery to the Superintendent of the admitting hospital.
2. Date of examination must be within three days of the date of the physician's signature.
3. Prepare in duplicate – Original to admitting hospital – Duplicate to the examining physician.
4. Use MHCC-15 (Transportation Authorization) to indicate transportation requirements.

SS NO. (Incl. HCFA suf.)

TO: Superintendent

Hospital

EXAMINING PHYSICIAN (name)			PLACE OF EXAMINATION			EXAMINATION DATE		
PERSON EXAMINED (name)			ADDRESS (no., and street, town, state, zip)					
SEX	BIRTHDATE	BIRTHPLACE (city, state)	MARITAL STATUS (s, m, w, d, sep)		VETERAN (yes, no)		RELIGION	
NEAREST RELATIVE, FRIEND OR GUARDIAN (name)			RELATIONSHIP	TELEPHONE		Has this person been notified of examination (yes, no)		
ADDRESS OF RELATIVE, FRIEND, OR GUARDIAN (no., street, town, state, zip)								

HISTORY OF PRESENT CONDITION (including type and amount of present medication, if any)

OTHER PERTINENT HISTORY (previous hospitalizations, treatment, suicide attempts, medication)

FINDINGS AS TO PHYSICAL CONDITION

FINDINGS AS TO MENTAL CONDITION (include reasons for opinions stated)

I am of the opinion that the person examined has psychiatric disabilities and is in need of immediate care and treatment in a hospital for psychiatric disabilities, and (check as appropriate)								
<input type="checkbox"/> The person examined is gravely disabled.			<input type="checkbox"/> The person examined is dangerous to himself or herself or others.					
CONN. MED. LIC. NUMBER			DATE OF SIGNATURE			SIGNED (examining physician)		
For Hosp. Use	CASE NO.	ADMISSION DATE	ADMISSION TIME	ACCOMPANIED BY (name)		ADMITTED BY (name)		
M.D.								

Section 17a-502. COMMITMENT UNDER EMERGENCY CERTIFICATE. EXAMINATION OF PATIENT. DISCHARGE. RIGHTS TO BE EXPLAINED. HEARING. DUTIES OF HOSPITAL. ORDER FOR DETENTION TO CONTINUE. PRIVATE HOSPITALS TO NOTIFY COMMISSIONER. IMMEDIATE DISCHARGE OF PATIENT. WHEN. NOTIFICATION OF NEXT OF KIN.

- a) Any person who a physician concludes has psychiatric disabilities and is dangerous to himself or others or gravely disabled, and is in need of immediate care and treatment in a hospital for psychiatric disabilities, may be confined in such a hospital, either public or private, under an emergency certificate as hereinafter provided for not more than fifteen days without order of any court, unless a written application for commitment of such person has been filed in a probate court prior to the expiration of the fifteen days, in which event such commitment is continued under the emergency certificate for an additional fifteen days or until the completion of probate proceedings, whichever occurs first. In no event shall such person be admitted to or detained at any hospital, either public or private, for more than fifteen days after the execution of the original emergency certificate, on the basis of a new emergency certificate executed at any time during the person's confinement pursuant to the original emergency certificate; and in no event shall more than one subsequent emergency certificate be issued within fifteen days of the execution of the original certificate. If at the expiration of the fifteen days a written application for commitment of such person has not been filed, such person shall be discharged from the hospital. At the time of delivery of such person to such hospital, there shall be left, with the person in charge thereof, a certificate, signed by a physician licensed to practice medicine or surgery in Connecticut and dated not more than three days prior to its delivery to the person in charge of the hospital. Such certificate shall state the date of personal examination of the person to be confined, which shall be not more than three days prior to the date of signature of the certificate, shall state the findings of the physician relative to the physical and mental condition of the person and the history of the case, if known, and shall state that it is the opinion of the physician that the person examined has psychiatric disabilities and is dangerous to himself or herself or others or gravely disabled and is in need of immediate care and treatment in a hospital for psychiatric disabilities. Such physician shall state on such certificate the reasons for his or her opinion.
- b) Any person admitted and detained under this section shall be examined by a physician specializing in psychiatry within forty-eight hours of admission as provided in subsection (f) of section 17-206. If such physician is of the opinion that the person does not meet the criteria for emergency detention and treatment, such person shall be immediately discharged. The physician shall enter his findings in the patient's record.
- c) Any person admitted and detained under this section shall be promptly informed by the admitting facility that such person has the right to consult an attorney, the right to a hearing under subsection (d) of this section, and that if such a hearing is requested or a probate application is filed, such person has the right to be represented by counsel, and that counsel will be provided at the state's expense if the person is unable to pay for such counsel. The reasonable compensation for counsel provided to persons unable to pay shall be established by the Probate Court Administrator and paid from the Probate Court Administration Fund.
- d) If any person detained under this section, or his or her representative, requests a hearing in writing, such hearing shall be held with seventy-two hours of receipt of such request, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. At such hearing, the person shall have the right to be present, to cross-examine all witnesses testifying, and to be represented by counsel as provided in section 17a-498. The hearing may be requested at any time prior to the initiation of proceedings under section 17a-498. The hearing shall be held by the court of probate having jurisdiction for commitment as provided in section 17a-497, and the hospital shall immediately notify such court of any request for a hearing by a person detained under this section. At the conclusion of the hearing, if the court finds that there is probable cause to conclude that the person is subject to involuntary confinement under this section, considering the condition of the respondent at the time of the admission and at the time of the hearing, and the effects of medication, if any, and the advisability of continued treatment based on testimony from the hospital staff, the court shall order that such person's detention continue for the remaining time provided for emergency certificates or until the completion of probate proceedings under section 17a-498.
- e) The person in charge of every private hospital for psychiatric disabilities in the state, shall, on a quarterly basis, supply the Commissioner of the Mental Health and Addiction Services in writing with statistics which state for the preceding quarter, the number of admissions of type and the number of discharges for that facility. Said commissioner may adopt regulations to carry out the provisions of this subsection.
- f) The superintendent or director of any hospital for psychiatric disabilities shall immediately discharge any patient admitted and detained under this section who is later found not to meet the standards for emergency detention and treatment.
- g) Any person admitted and detained at any hospital for psychiatric disabilities under this section shall, upon admission to such hospital, furnish the name of his or her next of kin or close friend. The superintendent or director of such hospital shall notify such next of kin or close friend of the admission of such patient and the discharge of such patient, provided such patient consents in writing to such notification of his or her discharge.