

STATE OF MAINE
APPLICATION FOR EMERGENCY INVOLUNTARY ADMISSION TO A MENTAL HOSPITAL

1. Application.

I hereby apply under 34-B M.R.S.A. § 3863 for emergency admission of _____
to _____
I believe that the proposed patient has a mental illness and therefore
poses a likelihood of serious harm because _____

Grounds for belief, including nature of illness and harm

Date Applicant's printed name Applicant's signature Applicant's capacity

Name and address of proposed patient's guardian, spouse, parent, adult child, next of kin, or friend:

2. Certifying Examination. I hereby certify that:

(a) I am a licensed _____ and that I examined _____ today.
MD/DO/PhD/PA/NP/RN,CS Proposed patient

(b) My opinion is that the proposed patient has a mental illness and that

[suicide, self injury] the illness causes a substantial risk of physical harm to the proposed patient because

Symptoms and grounds, including recent actions or behaviors (**threats of or attempts at suicide or serious bodily harm**) caused by illness

[harm to others] the illness causes a substantial risk of harm to others because _____

Symptoms and grounds, including recent actions or behaviors caused by illness that placed others in **reasonable fear of violent behavior** or serious harm

[self protection] the illness creates a reasonable certainty that the proposed patient will suffer severe physical or mental injury or impairment because _____

Symptoms and grounds, including recent actions or behaviors caused by illness showing proposed patient's **inability to protect self from harm**

(c) I have confirmed that adequate community resources are unavailable for care and treatment of this person's mental illness.

(d) I believe that _____ is the least restrictive form of transportation for the patient's clinical needs.
Ambulance or other (please specify)

Date Time Examiner's printed name Examiner's signature

3. Judicial Review and Endorsement.

Upon review pursuant to 34-B M.R.S.A. § 3863(3), I find this application and certificate to be regular and in accordance with the law, and I hereby authorize _____ to take

Proposed patient Person authorized to take proposed patient into custody Mental hospital

Date Time Judicial officer's printed name Judicial officer's signature Judicial officer's capacity
(District, Probate or Superior Court Judge or Justice; Justice of the Peace)

INSTRUCTIONS

Generally

- A. The application cannot be altered after it has been signed by an examiner or judicial officer.
- B. A mental hospital is any hospital that is equipped to provide inpatient care and treatment for people with mental illness.
- C. The mental hospital named in the application may decline to admit the person, in which event the transporting agency must return the proposed patient from the hospital.
- D. The application expires 3 days after the patient's admission to the hospital, except that if the third day is a weekend or holiday, the application expires on the next business day following the weekend or holiday.

Section 1

- A. Any health officer, law enforcement officer or other person may fill out section 1.
- B. The applicant should provide name and address of the proposed patient's guardian, spouse, parent, adult, next of kin, or (if none of those exists) friend so that the hospital can fulfill its obligation to notify that person.

Section 2

- A. The certifying examination must take place no more than two days before the person is admitted to the hospital.
- B. The three boxes describe the three statutory bases for a finding of likelihood of serious harm. The certifying examiner must check at least one box and provide the designated narrative information to support the opinion that the person has a mental illness and that the illness creates a likelihood of harm.
- C. The grounds for the opinion about illness and harm may be based on personal observation or on history and information from other sources considered reliable by the examiner.

Section 3

- A. Between 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m., a proposed patient may be transported to the mental hospital designated in section 3 and held for evaluation and treatment pending judicial endorsement if the endorsement is obtained as soon as possible outside those hours.
- B. The applicant must fill in the name of the transporter and the destination hospital before seeking judicial endorsement.