

NOTICE OF RIGHTS DURING COURT-ORDERED EVALUATION

Respondent's Name: _____

The court received a petition alleging that you have a mental illness that causes you to be gravely disabled or likely to harm yourself or others. The court ordered that you be hospitalized for up to 72 hours so you can be evaluated by a mental health professional and a medical doctor.

This notice explains your rights while you are hospitalized for evaluation.

COMMUNICATION

The court appointed a lawyer from the Public Defender Agency to represent you. Contact the Public Defender Agency at (800) 478-4404 or (907) 334-2580, or at one of the numbers below:

- Anchorage (855) 334-2580 or (907) 334-2580
- Fairbanks (800) 478-1621 or (907) 458-6800
- Juneau (800) 478-4910 or (907) 465-4911
- Ketchikan (800) 478-6189 or (907) 228-8950
- Palmer (800) 478-5661 or (907) 707-1710

You may also hire your own lawyer at your own expense.

You have the right to immediately speak with your lawyer, your guardian (if you have one), your parents (if you are a minor), and another adult of your choice. The government must pay any costs of contacting these people. Your parents and guardian will also be told about your rights. You can ask that another adult of your choice be told about your rights too.

TRANSPORT

If you are not already there, you will be transported to a crisis residential center or evaluation facility, depending on the type of court order you have. If you are not transported to this facility right away, the court will receive a daily status report explaining:

- where you are
- why there is a delay in transporting you
- why it is necessary to keep you detained while you are waiting for transport

You may call your lawyer to request a court hearing about your transport status. If your condition improves while you wait for transport, the holding facility may determine that you no longer meet the legal standard to be detained involuntarily. If this happens, they will file a dismissal of your case with the court and you will have the right to leave.

The time you are waiting for transport does not count toward the 72-hour time limit.

EVALUATION AND COURT HEARING

Once you arrive at the crisis residential center or evaluation facility, you must be examined and evaluated within 72 hours (the 72-hour period does not include Saturdays, Sundays, or legal holidays). You must be released after this evaluation if the legal standard for holding you involuntarily is not met. If the evaluators recommend that you stay longer in the facility for treatment, you may voluntarily agree to this. If you do not agree to the recommended treatment, you have the right to a court hearing.

The court hearing will be scheduled to happen no more than 72 hours after you arrive at the crisis residential center or evaluation facility. If the end of the 72 hours falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, the hearing will be scheduled for the next day court is open.

Notice to Parents or Guardians of Minor Respondents

You have the right to proceed as a party in this case. You have the right to your own attorney to represent you. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may request that the court appoint you one at public expense by filing *Request for Appointed Attorney* (form P-910). This form is available from the court clerk, or online at ak-courts.info/p910.

I, _____, orally notified the respondent of these rights, and I gave a copy of this notice form to the respondent on _____.

I, _____, notified the respondent's parent/guardian of these rights and of the respondent's location at this facility on _____.