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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING MODIFICATIONS TO CIVIL INVOLUNTARY COMMITMENT**  
102 **STATUTES FOR PERSONS WITH MENTAL HEALTH DISORDERS,**  
103 **AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.**

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**Bill Summary**

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)*

Current law sets forth emergency procedures to transport a person for a screening and to detain a person for a 72-hour treatment and evaluation if the person appears to have a mental health disorder, and as a result of the mental health disorder, appears to be an imminent danger to the person's self or others, or appears to be gravely disabled. Current

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law also sets forth procedures to certify a person for short-term or long-term care and treatment if the person has a mental health disorder, and as a result of the mental health disorder, is a danger to the person's self or others, or is gravely disabled. The bill modifies these procedures by:

- Transferring duties of the executive director of the department of human services to the commissioner (commissioner) of the behavioral health administration (BHA);
- Limiting who can take a person into protective custody and transport the person to an outpatient mental health facility, a facility designated by the commissioner of the BHA (designated facility), or an emergency medical services facility (EMS facility) if the person has probable cause to believe a person is experiencing a behavioral health crisis;
- Requiring the facility where the person is transported to require an application, in writing, stating the circumstances and specific facts under which the person's condition was called to the attention of a certified peace officer or emergency medical services provider;
- Requiring an intervening professional to screen the person immediately or within 8 hours after the person's arrival at the facility to determine if the person meets the criteria for an emergency mental health hold;
- Establishing certain rights for a person being transported, which must be explained prior to transporting the person;
- Requiring a petition for certification for long-term treatment and care to be filed with the court at least 30 days prior to the expiration of the extended certification and requiring the petition to include a recommendation as to whether the certification should take place on an inpatient or outpatient basis;
- Effective July 1, 2023:
  - Subjecting a person who files a malicious or false petition for an evaluation of a respondent to criminal prosecution;
  - Authorizing a certified peace officer to transport a person to an emergency medical services facility (EMS facility), even if a warrant has been issued for the person's arrest, if the certified peace officer believes it is in the best interest of the person;
  - Authorizing an intervening professional or certified peace officer to initiate an emergency mental health hold at the time of screening the respondent;
  - Authorizing a secure transportation provider to take

- a respondent into custody and transport the person to an EMS facility or designated facility for an emergency mental health hold;
  - Expanding the list of professionals who may terminate the emergency mental health hold;
  - Requiring the evaluation to be completed using a standardized form approved by the commissioner;
  - Expanding who can initiate a certification to include an advanced practice registered nurse with training in psychiatric nursing and prescriptive authority;
  - Requiring an EMS facility to immediately notify the BHA if a person is evaluated and the evaluating professional determines that the person continues to meet the criteria for an emergency mental health hold and the initial emergency mental health hold is set to expire before an appropriate placement is located;
  - Requiring the BHA to support the EMS facility in locating an appropriate placement option. If an appropriate placement option cannot be located, the bill authorizes the EMS facility to place the person under a second emergency mental health hold and requires the court to immediately appoint an attorney.
  - Authorizing a designated facility to place the person under a second emergency mental health hold if the person has been recently transferred from an EMS facility to the designated facility and the designated facility is unable to complete the evaluation before the initial emergency mental health hold is set to expire; and
  - Requiring the facility to provide the person with a discharge summary and a copy of the completed evaluation; facilitate a follow-up appointment within 7 calendar days after discharge; attempt to follow up with the person 48 hours after discharge; and encourage the person to designate a family member, friend, or lay person to participate in the person's discharge planning.
- Effective January 1, 2025:
  - Authorizing the court to certify a respondent for not more than 3 months for short-term treatment and place the respondent in the BHA's custody without the need for an emergency mental health hold upon a petition of certain individuals;

- Requiring the court to commit the respondent to the custody of the BHA if the court finds that grounds for certification for short-term treatment have been established;
- Authorizing the judge or magistrate who certified the respondent for short-term treatment to sign the notice of certification;
- Requiring the notification of certification to include a recommendation whether the certification should take place on an inpatient or outpatient basis;
- Authorizing the BHA to delegate physical custody of the respondent to a designated facility;
- Requiring an extended certification to be filed with the court at least 30 days prior to the expiration of the original certification;
- Establishing requirements for a short-term or long-term certification on an outpatient basis; and
- Requiring the outpatient treatment provider, in collaboration with the BHA, to develop a treatment plan for the respondent and requiring the BHA to create a one-step grievance process for the respondent related to the respondent's treatment plan or provider.

The bill establishes a right to an attorney for a person certified for short-term or long-term care and treatment, regardless of income.

The bill establishes certain rights for a person transported or detained for an emergency mental health hold or certified on an outpatient basis. The bill modifies current rights for a person certified for short-term or long-term care and treatment on an inpatient basis. The bill grants a person whose rights are wrongfully denied or violated a private right of action against the facility.

Beginning January 1, 2025, the bill requires the BHA to annually submit a report to the general assembly on the outcomes and effectiveness of the involuntary commitment system, disaggregated by region, including any recommendations to improve the system and outcomes for persons involuntarily committed or certified.

The bill makes conforming amendments.

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1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2           **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend with**  
 3 **relocated provisions** article 65 of title 27 as follows:

4   **ARTICLE 65**

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**Care and Treatment of Persons  
with Mental Health Disorders**

**27-65-101. Legislative declaration.** (1) The general assembly declares that ~~subject to available appropriations,~~ the purposes of this article 65 are:

(a) To secure for each person with a mental health disorder such care and treatment suited to ~~his or her~~ THE PERSON'S needs and to ensure that the care and treatment are skillfully and humanely administered with full respect for the person's dignity and personal integrity;

(b) To deprive a person of ~~his or her~~ THE PERSON'S liberty for purposes of care or treatment only when less restrictive alternatives are unavailable and only when ~~his or her~~ THE PERSON'S safety or the safety of others is endangered;

(c) To provide the fullest possible measure of privacy, dignity, and other rights to persons undergoing care and treatment for a mental health disorder;

(d) To encourage the use of voluntary, rather than coercive, measures to provide care and treatment for mental health disorders and to provide the care and treatment in the least restrictive setting;

(e) To provide appropriate information to family members concerning the location and fact of admission of a person with a mental health disorder to inpatient or residential care and treatment;

(f) To encourage the appropriate participation of family members in the care and treatment of a person with a mental health disorder and, when appropriate, to provide information to family members in order to facilitate that participation; and

(g) To facilitate the recovery and resiliency of each person who

1 receives care and treatment pursuant to this article 65.

2 (2) To carry out these purposes, ~~subject to available~~  
3 ~~appropriations~~, the provisions of this ~~article shall~~ ARTICLE 65 MUST be  
4 liberally construed.

5 **27-65-102. Definitions.** As used in this article 65, unless the  
6 context otherwise requires:

7 (1) "Acute treatment unit" means a facility or a distinct part of a  
8 facility for short-term psychiatric care, which may include treatment for  
9 substance use disorders, that provides a total, twenty-four-hour,  
10 therapeutically planned and professionally staffed environment for  
11 persons who do not require inpatient hospitalization but need more  
12 intense and individual services than are available on an outpatient basis,  
13 such as crisis management and stabilization services.

14 (2) "BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADMINISTRATION" OR "BHA" MEANS  
15 THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADMINISTRATION ESTABLISHED IN SECTION  
16 27-60-203.

17 (3) "BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS" MEANS A SIGNIFICANT  
18 DISRUPTION IN A PERSON'S MENTAL OR EMOTIONAL STABILITY OR  
19 FUNCTIONING RESULTING IN AN URGENT NEED FOR IMMEDIATE  
20 ASSESSMENT AND TREATMENT TO PREVENT A SERIOUS DETERIORATION IN  
21 THE PERSON'S MENTAL OR PHYSICAL HEALTH.

22 (4) "BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS RESPONSE TEAM" MEANS A  
23 MOBILE TEAM THAT RESPONDS TO PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY WHO ARE IN  
24 A BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS AND INCLUDES AT LEAST ONE LICENSED OR  
25 BACHELOR-DEGREE-LEVEL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH WORKER. A  
26 "BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS RESPONSE TEAM" INCLUDES, BUT IS NOT  
27 LIMITED TO, A CO-RESPONDER MODEL, MOBILE CRISIS RESPONSE UNIT, OR

1 A COMMUNITY RESPONSE TEAM.

2 ~~(1.5) (5) "Behavioral health entity" means a facility or provider~~  
3 ~~organization engaged in providing community-based health services,~~  
4 ~~which may include behavioral health disorder services, alcohol use~~  
5 ~~disorder services, or substance use disorder services, including crisis~~  
6 ~~stabilization, acute or ongoing treatment, or community mental health~~  
7 ~~center services as described in section 27-66-101 (2) and (3), but does not~~  
8 ~~include:~~

9 ~~(a) Residential child care facilities as defined in section 26-6-102~~  
10 ~~(33); or~~

11 ~~(b) Services provided by a licensed or certified mental health-care~~  
12 ~~provider under the provider's individual professional practice act on the~~  
13 ~~provider's own premises HAS THE SAME MEANING AS SET FORTH IN~~  
14 ~~SECTION 27-50-101.~~

15 ~~(2) (6) "Certified peace officer" means any certified peace officer~~  
16 ~~as described in section 16-2.5-102. C.R.S.~~

17 (7) "COMMISSIONER" MEANS THE COMMISSIONER OF THE  
18 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADMINISTRATION ESTABLISHED IN SECTION  
19 27-60-203.

20 ~~(3) (8) "Court" means any district court of the state of Colorado~~  
21 ~~and the probate court in the city and county of Denver.~~

22 ~~(4) (9) "Court-ordered evaluation" means an evaluation ordered~~  
23 ~~by a court pursuant to section 27-65-106.~~

24 ~~(4.5) (10) "Danger to THE PERSON'S self or others" means:~~

25 ~~(a) With respect to an individual, that the individual~~ A PERSON  
26 poses a substantial risk of physical harm to ~~himself or herself~~ THE  
27 PERSON'S SELF as manifested by evidence of recent threats of or attempts

1 at suicide or serious bodily harm to ~~himself or herself~~ THE PERSON'S SELF;  
2 or

3 (b) ~~With respect to other persons, that the individual~~ A PERSON  
4 poses a substantial risk of physical harm to another person or persons, as  
5 manifested by evidence of recent homicidal or other violent behavior by  
6 the person in question, or by evidence that others are placed in reasonable  
7 fear of violent behavior and serious physical harm to them, as evidenced  
8 by a recent overt act, attempt, or threat to do serious physical harm by the  
9 person in question.

10 (5) (11) "Department" means the department of human services.

11 (5.5) (12) "Emergency medical services facility" means a facility  
12 licensed pursuant to part 1 of article 3 of title 25 or certified pursuant to  
13 section 25-1.5-103, or any other licensed and certified facility that  
14 provides emergency medical services GENERAL HOSPITAL WITH AN  
15 EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT OR A FREESTANDING EMERGENCY  
16 DEPARTMENT, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 25-1.5-114 (5). An emergency  
17 medical services facility is not required to be, but may elect to become,  
18 a facility designated or approved by the executive director for a  
19 seventy-two-hour treatment and evaluation pursuant to section 27-65-105  
20 COMMISSIONER.

21 (13) "EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PROVIDER" HAS THE SAME  
22 MEANING AS SET FORTH IN SECTION 25-3.5-103 (8).

23 (6) (14) "Executive director" means the executive director of the  
24 department of human services.

25 (7) (15) "Facility" means a public hospital or a licensed private  
26 hospital, clinic, behavioral health entity, **community mental health center**  
27 **or clinic, acute treatment unit, institution,** or residential child care facility



1 that provides treatment for persons with mental health disorders.

2 ~~(8)~~ (16) "Family member" means a spouse, PARTNER IN A CIVIL  
3 UNION, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 14-15-103 (5), parent, adult child, or adult  
4 sibling of a person with a mental health disorder.

5 ~~(9)~~ (17) "Gravely disabled" means a condition in which a person,  
6 as a result of a mental health disorder, is incapable of making informed  
7 decisions about or providing for ~~his or her~~ THE PERSON'S essential needs  
8 without significant supervision and assistance from other people. As a  
9 result of being incapable of making these informed decisions, a person  
10 who is gravely disabled is at risk of substantial bodily harm, dangerous  
11 worsening of any concomitant serious physical illness, significant  
12 psychiatric deterioration, or mismanagement of ~~his or her~~ THE PERSON'S  
13 essential needs that could result in substantial bodily harm. A person of  
14 any age may be "gravely disabled", but ~~such~~ THE term does not include a  
15 person whose decision-making capabilities are limited solely by ~~his or her~~  
16 THE PERSON'S developmental disability.

17 ~~(10)~~ (18) "Hospitalization" means twenty-four-hour out-of-home  
18 placement for treatment in a facility for a person with a mental health  
19 disorder.

20 ~~(11)~~ (19) "Independent professional person" means a professional  
21 person ~~as defined in subsection (17) of this section~~, who evaluates a  
22 minor's condition as an independent decision-maker and whose  
23 recommendations are based on the standard of what is in the best interest  
24 of the minor. The professional person may be associated with the  
25 admitting ~~mental health~~ facility if ~~he or she~~ THE PROFESSIONAL PERSON is  
26 free to independently evaluate the minor's condition and need for  
27 treatment and has the authority to refuse admission to any minor who

1 does not satisfy the statutory standards specified in ~~section 27-65-103 (3)~~  
2 SECTION 27-65-104 (2).

3 ~~(11.3) (20)~~ "Intervening professional" means a person ~~described~~  
4 ~~in section 27-65-105 (1)(a)(II) who may effect a seventy-two-hour hold~~  
5 ~~under the provisions outlined in section 27-65-105~~ WHO IS ONE OF THE  
6 FOLLOWING:

7 (a) A PROFESSIONAL PERSON;

8 (b) A PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT LICENSED PURSUANT TO SECTION  
9 12-240-113;

10 (c) AN ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE, AS DEFINED IN  
11 SECTION 12-255-104 (1);

12 (d) A REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL NURSE, AS DEFINED IN SECTION  
13 12-255-104 (11), WHO HAS SPECIFIC MENTAL HEALTH TRAINING AS  
14 IDENTIFIED BY THE BHA;

15 (e) A CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER LICENSED PURSUANT TO PART 4 OF  
16 ARTICLE 245 OF TITLE 12;

17 (f) A MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST LICENSED PURSUANT TO  
18 PART 5 OF ARTICLE 245 OF TITLE 12;

19 (g) A PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR LICENSED PURSUANT TO PART 6  
20 OF ARTICLE 245 OF TITLE 12; OR

21 (h) AN ADDICTION COUNSELOR LICENSED PURSUANT TO PART 8 OF  
22 ARTICLE 245 OF TITLE 12.

23 (21) "LAY PERSON" MEANS A PERSON IDENTIFIED BY ANOTHER  
24 PERSON WHO IS DETAINED ON AN INVOLUNTARY EMERGENCY MENTAL  
25 HEALTH HOLD PURSUANT TO SECTION 27-65-106, CERTIFIED FOR  
26 SHORT-TERM TREATMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION        27-65-109, OR  
27 CERTIFIED FOR LONG-TERM CARE AND TREATMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION

1 27-65-110 WHO IS AUTHORIZED TO PARTICIPATE IN ACTIVITIES RELATED  
2 TO THE PERSON'S INVOLUNTARY EMERGENCY MENTAL HEALTH HOLD,  
3 SHORT-TERM TREATMENT, OR LONG-TERM TREATMENT, INCLUDING COURT  
4 APPEARANCES, DISCHARGE PLANNING, AND GRIEVANCES. THE PERSON  
5 MAY RESCIND THE LAY PERSON'S AUTHORIZATION AT ANY TIME.

6 ~~(11.5)~~ (22) "Mental health disorder" includes one or more  
7 substantial disorders of the cognitive, volitional, or emotional processes  
8 that grossly impairs judgment or capacity to recognize reality or to control  
9 behavior. An intellectual or developmental disability is insufficient to  
10 either justify or exclude a finding of a mental health disorder pursuant to  
11 the provisions of this article 65.

12 ~~(12)~~ (23) "Minor" means a person under eighteen years of age;  
13 except that the term does not include a person who is fifteen years of age  
14 or older who is living separately and apart from ~~his or her~~ THE PERSON'S  
15 parent or legal guardian and is managing ~~his or her~~ THE PERSON'S OWN  
16 financial affairs, regardless of ~~his or her~~ THE PERSON'S source of income,  
17 or who is married and living separately and apart from ~~his or her~~ THE  
18 PERSON'S parent or legal guardian.

19 ~~(13)~~ (24) "Patient representative" means a person designated by  
20 a mental health facility to process patient complaints or grievances or to  
21 represent patients who are minors pursuant to ~~section 27-65-103 (5)~~  
22 SECTION 27-65-104 (4).

23 ~~(14) Repealed.~~

24 ~~(15)~~ (25) "Petitioner" means any person who files any petition in  
25 any proceeding in the interest of any person who allegedly has a mental  
26 health disorder or is allegedly gravely disabled.

27 ~~(16)~~ (26) "Physician" means a person licensed to practice

1 medicine in this state.

2 (17) (27) [REDACTED] "Professional person" means a person licensed to  
3 practice medicine in this state, a psychologist ~~certified~~ LICENSED to  
4 practice in this state, or a person licensed and in good standing to practice  
5 medicine in another state or a psychologist ~~certified~~ LICENSED to practice  
6 and in good standing in another state who is providing medical or clinical  
7 services at a treatment facility in this state that is operated by the armed  
8 forces of the United States, the United States public health service, or the  
9 United States department of veterans affairs.

10 [REDACTED]

11 (18) (28) "Residential child care facility" means a facility licensed  
12 by the state department of human services pursuant to article 6 of title 26,  
13 C.R.S., to provide group care and treatment for children as such facility  
14 is defined HAS THE SAME MEANING AS SET FORTH in section 26-6-102  
15 (33). ~~C.R.S.~~ A residential child care facility may be eligible for  
16 designation by the executive director of the department of human services  
17 COMMISSIONER pursuant to this ~~article~~ ARTICLE 65.

18 (19) (29) "Respondent" means either a person alleged in a petition  
19 filed pursuant to this article 65 to have a mental health disorder or be  
20 gravely disabled or a person certified pursuant to the provisions of this  
21 article 65.

22 (20) (30) "Screening" means a review of all petitions; to consist  
23 of an interview with the petitioner and, whenever possible, the  
24 respondent; an assessment of the problem; an explanation of the petition  
25 to the respondent; and a determination of whether the respondent needs  
26 and, if so, will accept on a voluntary basis, A comprehensive evaluation,  
27 treatment, referral, and other appropriate services, either on an inpatient

1 or an outpatient basis.

2 (31) "SECURE TRANSPORTATION PROVIDER" MEANS A PROVIDER  
3 LICENSED PURSUANT TO SECTION 25-3.5-310 TO PROVIDE PUBLIC OR  
4 PRIVATE SECURE TRANSPORTATION SERVICES.

5 **27-65-103. Voluntary applications for mental health services.**

6 (1) Nothing in this article 65 in any way limits the right of any person to  
7 make A voluntary application at any time to any public or private agency  
8 or professional person for mental health services, either by direct  
9 application in person or by referral from any other public or private  
10 agency or professional person. Subject to section 15-14-316 (4), a ward,  
11 as defined in section 15-14-102 (15), may be admitted to A hospital or  
12 institutional care and treatment for a mental health disorder ~~by consent of~~  
13 WITH the ~~guardian~~ GUARDIAN'S CONSENT for ~~so~~ AS long as the ward  
14 agrees to such care and treatment. ~~Within ten days after any such~~  
15 ~~admission,~~ The guardian shall IMMEDIATELY notify in writing the court  
16 that appointed the guardian of the admission.

17 ~~(9)~~ (2) For the purpose of this ~~article~~ ARTICLE 65, the treatment by  
18 prayer in the practice of the religion of any church ~~which~~ THAT teaches  
19 reliance on spiritual means alone for healing ~~shall be~~ IS considered a form  
20 of treatment.

21 ~~(10)~~ (3) The medical and legal status of all voluntary patients  
22 receiving treatment for mental health disorders in inpatient or custodial  
23 facilities must be reviewed at least once every six months.

24 ~~(11)~~ (4) Voluntary patients ~~shall be~~ ARE afforded all the rights and  
25 privileges customarily granted by hospitals to their patients.

26 ~~(12)~~ (5) (a) If at any time during a ~~seventy-two-hour evaluation~~ AN  
27 EMERGENCY MENTAL HEALTH HOLD of a person who is confined

1 involuntarily the facility staff requests the person to sign in voluntarily  
2 and ~~he or she~~ THE PERSON elects to do so, the following advisement shall  
3 be given orally and in writing and an appropriate notation shall be made  
4 in ~~his or her~~ THE PERSON'S medical record by the professional person or  
5 ~~his or her~~ THE PROFESSIONAL PERSON'S designated agent:

6 **NOTICE**

7 The decision to sign in voluntarily should be made by you alone  
8 and should be free from any force or pressure implied or otherwise. If you  
9 do not feel that you are able to make a truly voluntary decision, you may  
10 continue to be held at the hospital involuntarily. As an involuntary  
11 patient, you will have the right to protest your confinement and request  
12 a hearing before a judge.

13 (b) THIS SUBSECTION (5) DOES NOT APPLY TO A PERSON ON AN  
14 EMERGENCY MENTAL HEALTH HOLD IN AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES  
15 FACILITY.

16 **27-65-104. Voluntary applications for mental health services**  
17 **- treatment of minors - definition.** (1) [Formerly 27-65-103  
18 (2)] Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a minor who is fifteen  
19 years of age or older, whether with or without the consent of a parent or  
20 legal guardian, may consent to receive mental health services to be  
21 rendered by a facility, ~~or by~~ a professional person, or mental health  
22 professional licensed pursuant to part 3, 4, 5, 6, or 8 of article 245 of title  
23 12 in any practice setting. Such consent ~~shall~~ IS not ~~be~~ subject to  
24 disaffirmance because of minority. The professional person or licensed  
25 mental health professional rendering mental health services to a minor  
26 may, with or without the consent of the minor, advise the MINOR'S parent  
27 or legal guardian ~~of the minor~~ of the services given or needed.

1           (2) **[Formerly 27-65-103 (3)]** A minor who is fifteen years of age  
2 or older or a MINOR'S parent or legal guardian, ~~of a minor~~ on the minor's  
3 behalf, may make A voluntary application for hospitalization. AN  
4 application for hospitalization on behalf of a minor who is under fifteen  
5 years of age and who is a ward of the department of ~~human services~~ shall  
6 MUST not be made unless a guardian ad litem has been appointed for the  
7 minor or a petition for the same has been filed with the court by the  
8 agency having custody of the minor; except that such an application for  
9 hospitalization may be made under emergency circumstances requiring  
10 immediate hospitalization, in which case the agency shall file a petition  
11 for appointment of a guardian ad litem within seventy-two hours after  
12 application for admission is made, and the court shall IMMEDIATELY  
13 appoint a guardian ad litem. ~~forthwith.~~ Procedures for hospitalization of  
14 ~~such~~ A minor may proceed pursuant to this section once a petition for  
15 appointment of a guardian ad litem has been filed, if necessary. Whenever  
16 ~~such~~ AN application for hospitalization is made, an independent  
17 professional person shall interview the minor and conduct a careful  
18 investigation into the minor's background, using all available sources,  
19 including, but not limited to, the MINOR'S parents or legal guardian, ~~and~~  
20 the MINOR'S school, and any other social SERVICE agencies. Prior to  
21 admitting a minor for hospitalization, the independent professional person  
22 shall make the following findings:

23           (a) That the minor has a mental health disorder and is in need of  
24 hospitalization;

25           (b) That a less restrictive treatment alternative is inappropriate or  
26 unavailable; and

27           (c) That hospitalization is likely to be beneficial.

1           (3) [**Formerly 27-65-103 (4)**] An interview and investigation by  
2 an independent professional person ~~shall not be~~ IS NOT required for a  
3 minor who is fifteen years of age or older and who, upon the  
4 recommendation of ~~his or her~~ THE MINOR'S treating professional person,  
5 seeks voluntary hospitalization with the consent of ~~his or her~~ THE MINOR'S  
6 parent or legal guardian. In order to assure that the minor's consent to  
7 such hospitalization is voluntary, the minor shall be advised, at or before  
8 the time of admission, of ~~his or her~~ THE MINOR'S right to refuse to sign the  
9 admission consent form and ~~his or her~~ THE MINOR'S right to revoke ~~his or~~  
10 ~~her~~ THE MINOR'S consent at a later date. If a minor admitted pursuant to  
11 this ~~subsection (4)~~ SUBSECTION (3) subsequently revokes ~~his or her~~ THE  
12 MINOR'S consent after admission, a review of ~~his or her~~ THE MINOR'S need  
13 for hospitalization pursuant to ~~subsection (5)~~ SUBSECTION (4) of this  
14 section ~~shall~~ MUST be initiated immediately.

15           (4) [**Formerly 27-65-103 (5)**] (a) The need for continuing  
16 hospitalization of all voluntary MINOR patients ~~who are minors shall~~ MUST  
17 be formally reviewed at least every two months. Review pursuant to this  
18 ~~subsection (5) shall~~ SUBSECTION (4) MUST fulfill the requirement specified  
19 in section 19-1-115 (8) C.R.S., when the minor is fifteen years of age or  
20 older and consenting to hospitalization.

21           (b) The review ~~shall~~ MUST be conducted by an independent  
22 professional person who is not a member of the minor's treating team; or,  
23 if the minor, ~~his or her~~ THE MINOR'S physician, and the minor's parent or  
24 LEGAL guardian do not object to the need for continued hospitalization,  
25 the review required pursuant to this ~~subsection (5)~~ SUBSECTION (4) may  
26 be conducted internally by the hospital staff.

27           (c) The independent professional person shall determine whether



1 the minor continues to meet the criteria specified in ~~subsection (3)~~  
2 SUBSECTION (2) of this section and whether continued hospitalization is  
3 appropriate and shall, ~~at least~~ AT A MINIMUM, conduct an investigation  
4 pursuant to ~~subsection (3)~~ SUBSECTION (2) of this section.

5 (d) Ten days prior to the review, the patient representative at the  
6 mental health facility shall notify the minor of the date of the review and  
7 shall assist the minor in articulating to the independent professional  
8 person ~~his or her~~ THE MINOR'S wishes concerning continued  
9 hospitalization.

10 (e) Nothing in this section ~~shall be construed to limit~~ LIMITS a  
11 minor's right to seek release from the facility pursuant to any other  
12 ~~provisions under the~~ PROVISION OF law.

13 (5) [Formerly 27-65-103 (6)] Every six months the review  
14 required pursuant to ~~subsection (5)~~ SUBSECTION (4) of this section shall  
15 be conducted by an independent professional person who is not a member  
16 of the minor's treating team and who has not previously reviewed the  
17 ~~child~~ MINOR pursuant to ~~subsection (5)~~ SUBSECTION (4) of this section.

18 (6) [Formerly 27-65-103 (7)] (a) When a minor does not consent  
19 to or objects to continued hospitalization, the need for such continued  
20 hospitalization ~~shall~~ MUST, within ten days, be reviewed pursuant to  
21 ~~subsection (5)~~ SUBSECTION (4) of this section by an independent  
22 professional person who is not a member of the minor's treating team and  
23 who has not previously reviewed the ~~child~~ MINOR pursuant to this  
24 ~~subsection (7)~~ SUBSECTION (6). The minor shall be informed of the results  
25 of ~~such~~ THE review within three days ~~of~~ AFTER THE REVIEW'S completion.  
26 ~~of such review~~. If the conclusion reached by ~~such~~ THE professional person  
27 is that the minor no longer meets the standards for hospitalization

1 specified in ~~subsection (3)~~ SUBSECTION (2) of this section, the minor shall  
2 MUST be discharged.

3 (b) If, twenty-four hours after being informed of the results of the  
4 review specified in ~~paragraph (a) of this subsection (7)~~ SUBSECTION (6)(a)  
5 OF THIS SECTION, a minor continues to affirm the objection to  
6 hospitalization, ~~the minor shall be advised by~~ the director of the facility  
7 or ~~his or her~~ THE DIRECTOR'S duly appointed representative SHALL ADVISE  
8 THE MINOR that the minor has the right to retain and consult with an  
9 attorney at any time and that the director or ~~his or her~~ THE DIRECTOR'S  
10 duly appointed representative shall file, within three days after the request  
11 of the minor, a statement requesting an attorney for the minor or, if the  
12 minor is under fifteen years of age, a guardian ad litem. The minor; ~~his or~~  
13 ~~her~~ THE MINOR'S attorney, if any; and ~~his or her~~ THE MINOR'S parent, legal  
14 guardian, or guardian ad litem, if any, shall also be given written notice  
15 that a hearing upon the recommendation for continued hospitalization  
16 may be had before the court or a jury upon written request directed to the  
17 court pursuant to ~~paragraph (d) of this subsection (7)~~ SUBSECTION (6)(d)  
18 OF THIS SECTION.

19 (c) Whenever the statement requesting an attorney is filed with the  
20 court, the court shall ascertain whether the minor has retained counsel,  
21 and, if ~~he or she~~ THE MINOR has not, the court shall, within three days,  
22 appoint an attorney to represent the minor, or if the minor is under fifteen  
23 years of age, a guardian ad litem. Upon receipt of a petition filed by the  
24 guardian ad litem, the court shall appoint an attorney to represent the  
25 minor under fifteen years of age.

26 (d) (I) The minor or ~~his or her~~ THE MINOR'S attorney or guardian  
27 ad litem may, at any time after the minor has continued to affirm ~~his or~~

1 ~~her~~ THE MINOR'S objection to hospitalization pursuant to ~~subsection (7)(b)~~  
2 SUBSECTION (6)(b) of this section, file a written request that the  
3 recommendation for continued hospitalization be reviewed by the court  
4 or that the treatment be on an outpatient basis. If review is requested, the  
5 court shall hear the matter within ten days after the request, and the court  
6 shall give notice OF THE TIME AND PLACE OF THE HEARING to the minor;  
7 ~~his or her~~ THE MINOR'S attorney, if any; ~~his or her~~ THE MINOR'S parents or  
8 legal guardian; ~~his or her~~ THE MINOR'S guardian ad litem, if any; the  
9 independent professional person; and the minor's treating team. ~~of the~~  
10 ~~time and place of the hearing~~. The hearing must be held in accordance  
11 with ~~section 27-65-111~~ SECTION 27-65-113; except that the court or jury  
12 shall determine that the minor is in need of care and treatment if the court  
13 or jury makes the following findings:

14 (A) That the minor has a mental health disorder and is in need of  
15 hospitalization;

16 (B) That a less restrictive treatment alternative is inappropriate or  
17 unavailable; and

18 (C) That hospitalization is likely to be beneficial.

19 (II) At the conclusion of the hearing, the court may enter an order  
20 confirming the recommendation for continued hospitalization, discharge  
21 the minor, or enter any other appropriate order.

22 (e) For purposes of this ~~subsection (7)~~ SUBSECTION (6), "objects  
23 to hospitalization" means that a minor, with the necessary assistance of  
24 hospital staff, has written ~~his or her~~ THE MINOR'S objections to continued  
25 hospitalization and has been given an opportunity to affirm or disaffirm  
26 such objections forty-eight hours after the objections are first written.

27 (f) A minor may not again object to hospitalization pursuant to

1 this ~~subsection (7)~~ SUBSECTION (6) until ninety days after conclusion of  
2 proceedings pursuant to this ~~subsection (7)~~ SUBSECTION (6).

3 (g) In addition to the rights specified ~~under section 27-65-117~~ IN  
4 SECTION 27-65-119 for persons receiving evaluation, care, or treatment,  
5 a written notice specifying the rights of minor children under this section  
6 ~~shall~~ MUST be given to each minor upon admission to hospitalization.

7 (7) [Formerly 27-65-103 (8)] A minor who no longer meets the  
8 standards for hospitalization specified in ~~subsection (3)~~ SUBSECTION (2)  
9 of this section ~~shall~~ MUST be discharged.

10 **27-65-105. [Formerly 27-65-104] Rights of respondents.** Unless  
11 specifically stated in an order by the court, a respondent ~~shall~~ DOES not  
12 forfeit any legal right or suffer legal disability by reason of the provisions  
13 of this ~~article~~ ARTICLE 65.

14 **27-65-106. Emergency mental health hold - screening -**  
15 **court-ordered evaluation - discharge instructions - respondent's**  
16 **rights - report.** (1) [Formerly 27-65-105 (1)] Emergency procedure may  
17 be invoked under one of the following conditions:

18 (a) ~~(f)~~ When any person appears to have a mental health disorder  
19 and, as a result of such mental health disorder, appears to be an imminent  
20 danger to others or to ~~himself or herself~~ THE PERSON'S SELF or appears to  
21 be gravely disabled, then an intervening professional ~~as specified in~~  
22 ~~subsection (1)(a)(II) of this section~~ OR CERTIFIED PEACE OFFICER, upon  
23 probable cause and with such assistance as may be required, may take the  
24 person into custody, or cause the person to be taken into custody, and  
25 placed in a facility designated or approved by the ~~executive director~~  
26 ~~COMMISSIONER~~ for a seventy-two-hour treatment and evaluation. If such  
27 a facility is not available, the person may be taken to an emergency

1 medical services facility.

2 ~~(I.5) When any person appears to have a mental health disorder~~  
3 ~~and, as a result of such mental health disorder, is in need of immediate~~  
4 ~~evaluation for treatment in order to prevent physical or psychiatric harm~~  
5 ~~to others or to himself or herself, then an intervening professional, as~~  
6 ~~specified in subsection (1)(a)(II) of this section, upon probable cause and~~  
7 ~~with such assistance as may be required, may immediately transport the~~  
8 ~~person to an outpatient mental health facility or other clinically~~  
9 ~~appropriate facility designated or approved by the executive director. If~~  
10 ~~such a facility is not available, the person may be taken to an emergency~~  
11 ~~medical services facility.~~

12 ~~(H) The following persons may act as intervening professionals~~  
13 ~~to effect a seventy-two-hour hold, as provided in subsections (1)(a)(I) and~~  
14 ~~(1)(a)(I.5) of this section:~~

15 ~~(A) A certified peace officer;~~

16 ~~(B) A professional person;~~

17 ~~(C) A registered professional nurse as defined in section~~  
18 ~~12-255-104 (11) who by reason of postgraduate education and additional~~  
19 ~~nursing preparation has gained knowledge, judgment, and skill in~~  
20 ~~psychiatric or mental health nursing;~~

21 ~~(D) A licensed marriage and family therapist, licensed~~  
22 ~~professional counselor, or addiction counselor licensed under part 5, 6, or~~  
23 ~~8 of article 245 of title 12 who, by reason of postgraduate education and~~  
24 ~~additional preparation, has gained knowledge, judgment, and skill in~~  
25 ~~psychiatric or clinical mental health therapy, forensic psychotherapy, or~~  
26 ~~the evaluation of mental health disorders; or~~

27 ~~(E) A licensed clinical social worker licensed under the provisions~~

1 of part 4 of article 245 of title 12:

2 (b) Upon an affidavit sworn to or affirmed before a judge that  
3 relates sufficient facts to establish that a person appears to have a mental  
4 health disorder and, as a result of the mental health disorder, appears to  
5 be an imminent danger to others or to ~~himself or herself~~ THE PERSON'S  
6 SELF or appears to be gravely disabled, the court may order the person  
7 described in the affidavit to be taken into custody and placed in a facility  
8 designated or approved by the ~~executive director~~ COMMISSIONER for a  
9 seventy-two-hour treatment and evaluation. Whenever in this article 65  
10 a facility is to be designated or approved by the ~~executive director~~  
11 COMMISSIONER, hospitals, if available, must be approved or designated in  
12 each county before other facilities are approved or designated. Whenever  
13 in this article 65 a facility is to be designated or approved by the  
14 ~~executive director~~ COMMISSIONER as a facility for a stated purpose and the  
15 facility to be designated or approved is a private facility, the consent of  
16 the private facility to the enforcement of standards set by the ~~executive~~  
17 ~~director~~ COMMISSIONER is a prerequisite to the designation or approval.

18 ~~(c) Upon an affidavit sworn to or affirmed before a judge that~~  
19 ~~relates sufficient facts to establish that a person appears to have a mental~~  
20 ~~health disorder and, as a result of the mental health disorder, is in need of~~  
21 ~~immediate evaluation for treatment to prevent physical or psychiatric~~  
22 ~~harm to others or to himself or herself, the court may order the person~~  
23 ~~described in the affidavit to be transported to an outpatient mental health~~  
24 ~~facility or other clinically appropriate facility designated or approved by~~  
25 ~~the executive director.~~

26 (c) ~~(d)~~ [Formerly 27-65-106 (2)] Any individual may petition the  
27 court in the county in which the respondent resides or is physically

1 present alleging that there is a person who appears to have a mental health  
2 disorder and, as a result of the mental health disorder, appears to be a  
3 danger to others or to ~~himself or herself~~ THE PERSON'S SELF or appears to  
4 be gravely disabled and requesting an evaluation of the person's  
5 condition.

6 (2) [Formerly 27-65-105 (2)] When a person is taken into custody  
7 pursuant to subsection (1) of this section, ~~he or she~~ THE PERSON must not  
8 be detained in a jail, lockup, or other place used for the confinement of  
9 persons charged with or convicted of penal offenses.

10 (3) [Formerly 27-65-105 (3)] When a person is taken into  
11 emergency custody by an intervening professional OR CERTIFIED PEACE  
12 OFFICER pursuant to subsection (1) of this section and is presented to an  
13 emergency medical services facility or a facility that is designated or  
14 approved by the ~~executive director~~ COMMISSIONER, the facility shall  
15 require an application in writing, stating the circumstances under which  
16 the person's condition was called to the attention of the intervening  
17 professional OR CERTIFIED PEACE OFFICER and further stating sufficient  
18 facts, obtained from the intervening professional's OR CERTIFIED PEACE  
19 OFFICER'S personal observations or obtained from others whom ~~he or she~~  
20 THE INTERVENING PROFESSIONAL OR CERTIFIED PEACE OFFICER reasonably  
21 believes to be reliable, to establish that the person has a mental health  
22 disorder and, as a result of the mental health disorder, is an imminent  
23 danger to others or to ~~himself or herself~~ THE PERSON'S SELF, is gravely  
24 disabled, or is in need of immediate evaluation for treatment. The  
25 application must indicate when the person was taken into custody and  
26 who brought the person's condition to the attention of the intervening  
27 professional OR CERTIFIED PEACE OFFICER. A copy of the application must

1 be furnished to the person being evaluated, and the application must be  
2 retained in accordance with ~~the provisions of section 27-65-121 (4)~~  
3 SECTION 27-65-123 (4).

4 (4) (a) [**Formerly 27-65-106 (3)**] The petition for a court-ordered  
5 evaluation must contain the following:

6 (I) The name and address of the petitioner and ~~his or her~~ THE  
7 PETITIONER'S interest in the case;

8 (II) The name of the person for whom evaluation is sought who  
9 ~~shall be~~ IS designated as the respondent, and, if known to the petitioner,  
10 the address, age, sex, marital status, and occupation of the respondent;

11 (III) Allegations of fact indicating that the respondent may have  
12 a mental health disorder and, as a result of the mental health disorder, be  
13 a danger to others or to ~~himself or herself~~ THE RESPONDENT'S SELF or be  
14 gravely disabled and showing reasonable grounds to warrant an  
15 evaluation;

16 (IV) The name and address of every person known or believed by  
17 the petitioner to be legally responsible for the care, support, and  
18 maintenance of the respondent, if available;

19 (V) The name, address, and telephone number of the attorney, if  
20 any, who has most recently represented the respondent. If there is no  
21 attorney, there shall be a statement as to whether, to the best knowledge  
22 of the petitioner, the respondent meets the criteria established by the legal  
23 aid agency operating in the county or city and county for it to represent  
24 a client.

25 (b) [**Formerly 27-65-106 (4)**] Upon receipt of a petition satisfying  
26 the requirements of ~~subsection (3)~~ SUBSECTION (4)(a) of this section, the  
27 court shall designate a facility, approved by the ~~executive director~~



1 COMMISSIONER, ~~or a~~ AN INTERVENING professional, ~~person~~, OR A  
2 CERTIFIED PEACE OFFICER to provide screening of the respondent to  
3 determine whether there is probable cause to believe the allegations.

4 (c) [Formerly 27-65-106 (5)] Following screening, the facility, ~~or~~  
5 INTERVENING professional, ~~person~~, OR CERTIFIED PEACE OFFICER  
6 designated by the court shall file ~~his or her~~ A report with the court. The  
7 report must include a recommendation as to whether there is probable  
8 cause to believe that the respondent has a mental health disorder and, as  
9 a result of the mental health disorder, is a danger to others or to ~~himself~~  
10 ~~or herself~~ THE RESPONDENT'S SELF or is gravely disabled and whether the  
11 respondent will voluntarily receive evaluation or treatment. The screening  
12 report submitted to the court PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (4)(c) is  
13 confidential in accordance with ~~section 27-65-121~~ SECTION 27-65-123  
14 and must be furnished to the respondent or ~~his or her~~ THE RESPONDENT'S  
15 attorney or personal representative.

16 (d) [Formerly 27-65-106 (6)] Whenever it appears, by petition and  
17 screening pursuant to this section, to the satisfaction of the court that  
18 probable cause exists to believe that the respondent has a mental health  
19 disorder and, as a result of the mental health disorder, is a danger to  
20 others or to ~~himself or herself~~ THE RESPONDENT'S SELF or is gravely  
21 disabled and that efforts have been made to secure the cooperation of the  
22 respondent, who has refused or failed to accept evaluation voluntarily, the  
23 court shall issue an order for evaluation authorizing a certified peace  
24 officer OR SECURE TRANSPORTATION PROVIDER to take the respondent into  
25 custody and ~~place him or her~~ TRANSPORT THE RESPONDENT ~~in~~ TO a facility  
26 designated by the ~~executive director~~ COMMISSIONER for seventy-two-hour  
27 treatment and evaluation. At the time of taking the respondent into

1 custody, a copy of the petition and the order for evaluation must be given  
2 to the respondent and promptly thereafter to any one person designated  
3 by the respondent and to the person in charge of the seventy-two-hour  
4 treatment and evaluation facility named in the order or ~~his or her~~ THE  
5 PERSON'S designee.

6 (5) [Formerly 27-65-105 (4)] If the seventy-two-hour treatment  
7 and evaluation facility admits the person, it may detain ~~him or her~~ THE  
8 PERSON for evaluation and treatment for a period not to exceed  
9 seventy-two hours excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays if  
10 evaluation and treatment services are not available on those days. For the  
11 purposes of this ~~subsection (4)~~ SUBSECTION (5), evaluation and treatment  
12 services are not deemed to be available merely because a professional  
13 person is on call during weekends or holidays. If, in the opinion of the  
14 professional person in charge of the evaluation, the person can be  
15 properly cared for without being detained, ~~he or she~~ THE PERSON shall be  
16 provided services on a voluntary basis.

17 (6) [Formerly 27-65-105 (5)] Each person admitted to a  
18 seventy-two-hour treatment and evaluation facility under the provisions  
19 of this ~~article~~ ARTICLE 65 shall receive an evaluation as soon as possible  
20 after ~~he or she~~ THE PERSON is admitted and shall receive such treatment  
21 and care as ~~his or her~~ THE PERSON'S condition requires for the full period  
22 that ~~he or she~~ THE PERSON is held. The person ~~shall~~ MUST be released  
23 before seventy-two hours have elapsed if, in the opinion of the  
24 professional person in charge of the evaluation, the person no longer  
25 requires evaluation or treatment. Persons who have been detained for  
26 seventy-two-hour evaluation and treatment shall be released, referred for  
27 further care and treatment on a voluntary basis, or certified for treatment

1 pursuant to ~~section 27-65-107~~ SECTION 27-65-109.

2 (7) to (8) **Reserved.**

3 (9) [**Formerly 27-65-105 (7)**] (a) On or before July 1, 2019, and  
4 each July 1 thereafter, each emergency medical services facility that has  
5 treated a person pursuant to this section shall provide an annual report to  
6 the ~~department BHA~~ that includes only ~~aggregate~~ DISAGGREGATED and  
7 nonidentifying information concerning persons who were treated at an  
8 emergency medical services facility pursuant to this section. The report  
9 must comply with ~~the provisions of~~ section 24-1-136 (9) and is exempt  
10 from the ~~provisions of~~ section 24-1-136 (11)(a)(I). The report must  
11 contain the following:

12 (I) The names and counties of the facilities;

13 (II) The total number of persons treated pursuant to this section,  
14 including a summary of demographic information;

15 (III) A summary regarding the different reasons for which persons  
16 were treated pursuant to this section; and

17 (IV) A summary of the disposition of persons transferred to a  
18 designated facility.

19 (b) (I) Any information ~~aggregated~~ DISAGGREGATED and provided  
20 to the ~~department BHA~~ pursuant to this ~~subsection (7)~~ SUBSECTION (9) is  
21 privileged and confidential. Such information must not be made available  
22 to the public except in an aggregate format that cannot be used to identify  
23 an individual facility. The information is not subject to civil subpoena and  
24 is not discoverable or admissible in any civil, criminal, or administrative  
25 proceeding against an emergency medical services facility or health-care  
26 professional. The information must be used only to assess statewide  
27 behavioral health services needs and to plan for sufficient levels of

1 statewide behavioral health services. In the collection of data to  
2 accomplish the requirements of this ~~subsection (7)~~ SUBSECTION (9), the  
3 ~~department BHA~~ shall protect the confidentiality of patient records, in  
4 accordance with state and federal laws, and shall not disclose any public  
5 identifying or proprietary information of any hospital, hospital  
6 administrator, health-care professional, or employee of a health-care  
7 facility.

8 (II) ~~Subsection (7)(b)(I)~~ SUBSECTION (9)(b)(I) of this section does  
9 not apply to information that is otherwise available from a source outside  
10 of the data collection activities required pursuant to ~~subsection (7)(a)~~  
11 SUBSECTION (9)(a) of this section.

12 **27-65-107. Emergency transportation - application - screening**

13 **- respondent's rights.** (1) (a) WHEN A CERTIFIED PEACE OFFICER OR  
14 EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PROVIDER HAS PROBABLE CAUSE TO  
15 BELIEVE A PERSON IS EXPERIENCING A BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS OR IS  
16 GRAVELY DISABLED AND, AS A RESULT, WITHOUT PROFESSIONAL  
17 INTERVENTION THE PERSON MAY BE A DANGER TO THE PERSON'S SELF OR  
18 OTHERS, THEN THE CERTIFIED PEACE OFFICER OR EMERGENCY MEDICAL  
19 SERVICES PROVIDER MAY TAKE THE PERSON INTO PROTECTIVE CUSTODY  
20 AND TRANSPORT THE PERSON TO AN OUTPATIENT MENTAL HEALTH  
21 FACILITY OR A FACILITY DESIGNATED BY THE COMMISSIONER OR OTHER  
22 CLINICALLY APPROPRIATE FACILITY DESIGNATED BY THE COMMISSIONER.  
23 IF SUCH A SERVICE IS NOT AVAILABLE, THE PERSON MAY BE TAKEN TO AN  
24 EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FACILITY.

25 (b) AN INDIVIDUAL MAY NOT BE TRANSPORTED PURSUANT TO THIS  
26 SUBSECTION (1) IF AN INTERVENING PROFESSIONAL HAS ASSESSED THE  
27 PERSON DURING THE SAME EMERGENCY EVENT AND DETERMINED THE

1 INDIVIDUAL DOES NOT MEET THE CRITERIA FOR AN EMERGENCY MENTAL  
2 HEALTH HOLD PURSUANT TO SECTION 27-65-106.

3 (c) IF A BEHAVIORAL HEATH CRISIS RESPONSE TEAM IS KNOWN TO  
4 BE AVAILABLE IN A TIMELY MANNER, THE CERTIFIED PEACE OFFICER OR  
5 EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PROVIDER SHALL ACCESS THE  
6 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS RESPONSE TEAM PRIOR TO TRANSPORTING AN  
7 INDIVIDUAL INVOLUNTARILY PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (1).

8 (2) WHEN A PERSON IS TRANSPORTED AGAINST THE PERSON'S WILL  
9 PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION, THE FACILITY SHALL  
10 REQUIRE AN APPLICATION, IN WRITING, STATING THE CIRCUMSTANCES  
11 UNDER WHICH THE PERSON'S CONDITION WAS CALLED TO THE ATTENTION  
12 OF THE CERTIFIED PEACE OFFICER OR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES  
13 PROVIDER AND FURTHER STATING SUFFICIENT FACTS, OBTAINED FROM  
14 PERSONAL OBSERVATIONS OR OBTAINED FROM OTHERS WHOM THE  
15 CERTIFIED PEACE OFFICER OR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PROVIDER  
16 REASONABLY BELIEVES TO BE RELIABLE, TO ESTABLISH THAT THE PERSON  
17 IS EXPERIENCING A BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS OR IS GRAVELY DISABLED  
18 AND, AS A RESULT, IT IS BELIEVED THAT WITHOUT PROFESSIONAL  
19 INTERVENTION THE PERSON MAY BE A DANGER TO THE PERSON'S SELF OR  
20 OTHERS. THE APPLICATION MUST INDICATE THE NAME OF THE PERSON AND  
21 THE TIME THE PERSON WAS TRANSPORTED. A COPY OF THE APPLICATION  
22 MUST BE FURNISHED TO THE PERSON BEING TRANSPORTED.

23 (3) ONCE THE PERSON IS PRESENTED TO AN OUTPATIENT MENTAL  
24 HEALTH FACILITY OR FACILITY DESIGNATED BY THE COMMISSIONER, AN  
25 INTERVENING PROFESSIONAL SHALL SCREEN THE PERSON IMMEDIATELY.  
26 IF AN INTERVENING PROFESSIONAL IS NOT IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE, THE  
27 PERSON MUST BE SCREENED WITHIN EIGHT HOURS AFTER THE PERSON'S

1 ARRIVAL AT THE FACILITY TO DETERMINE IF THE PERSON MEETS CRITERIA  
2 FOR AN EMERGENCY MENTAL HEALTH HOLD PURSUANT TO SECTION  
3 27-65-106. ONCE THE SCREENING IS COMPLETED AND IF THE PERSON  
4 MEETS THE CRITERIA, THE INTERVENING PROFESSIONAL SHALL FIRST  
5 PURSUE VOLUNTARY TREATMENT AND EVALUATION. IF THE PERSON  
6 REFUSES OR THE INTERVENING PROFESSIONAL HAS REASONABLE GROUNDS  
7 TO BELIEVE THE PERSON WILL NOT REMAIN VOLUNTARILY, THE  
8 INTERVENING PROFESSIONAL MAY PLACE THE PERSON UNDER AN  
9 EMERGENCY MENTAL HEALTH HOLD PURSUANT TO SECTION 27-65-106.

10 (4) (a) A PERSON DETAINED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION AT AN  
11 OUTPATIENT MENTAL HEALTH FACILITY OR FACILITY DESIGNATED BY THE  
12 COMMISSIONER, HAS THE FOLLOWING RIGHTS WHILE BEING DETAINED,  
13 WHICH MUST BE EXPLAINED TO THE PERSON BEFORE BEING TRANSPORTED  
14 TO A RECEIVING FACILITY:

15 (I) TO NOT BE DETAINED UNDER AN EMERGENCY TRANSPORTATION  
16 HOLD PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION FOR LONGER THAN FOURTEEN HOURS,  
17 TO NOT BE TRANSPORTED FOR LONGER THAN SIX HOURS, AND TO RECEIVE  
18 A SCREENING WITHIN EIGHT HOURS AFTER BEING PRESENTED TO THE  
19 RECEIVING FACILITY. THIS SUBSECTION (4)(a)(I) DOES NOT PROHIBIT A  
20 FACILITY FROM HOLDING THE PERSON AS AUTHORIZED BY STATE AND  
21 FEDERAL LAW, INCLUDING THE FEDERAL "EMERGENCY MEDICAL  
22 TREATMENT AND LABOR ACT", 42 U.S.C. SEC. 1395dd, OR IF THE  
23 TREATING PROFESSIONAL DETERMINES THAT THE INDIVIDUAL'S PHYSICAL  
24 OR MENTAL HEALTH DISORDER IMPAIRS THE PERSON'S ABILITY TO MAKE  
25 AN INFORMED DECISION TO REFUSE CARE AND THE PROVIDER DETERMINES  
26 THAT FURTHER CARE IS INDICATED.

27 (II) TO REQUEST A PHONE CALL TO AN INTERESTED PARTY PRIOR

1 TO BEING TRANSPORTED. IF THE CERTIFIED PEACE OFFICER OR EMERGENCY  
2 MEDICAL SERVICES PROVIDER BELIEVES ACCESS TO A PHONE POSES A  
3 PHYSICAL DANGER TO THE PERSON OR SOMEONE ELSE, THE RECEIVING  
4 FACILITY SHALL MAKE THE CALL ON THE PERSON'S BEHALF IMMEDIATELY  
5 UPON ARRIVAL AT THE RECEIVING FACILITY.

6 (III) TO WEAR THE PERSON'S OWN CLOTHES AND KEEP AND USE  
7 PERSONAL POSSESSIONS THAT THE PERSON HAD IN THE PERSON'S  
8 POSSESSION AT THE TIME OF DETAINMENT. A FACILITY MAY TEMPORARILY  
9 RESTRICT A PERSON'S ACCESS TO PERSONAL CLOTHING OR PERSONAL  
10 POSSESSIONS UNTIL A SAFETY ASSESSMENT IS COMPLETED. IF THE FACILITY  
11 RESTRICTS A PERSON'S ACCESS TO PERSONAL CLOTHING OR PERSONAL  
12 POSSESSIONS, THE FACILITY SHALL HAVE A DISCUSSION WITH THE PERSON  
13 ABOUT WHY THE PERSON'S PERSONAL CLOTHING OR PERSONAL  
14 POSSESSIONS ARE BEING RESTRICTED. A LICENSED MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL  
15 OR A LICENSED BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL SHALL CONDUCT A  
16 SAFETY ASSESSMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THE LICENSED PROFESSIONAL  
17 SHALL DOCUMENT IN THE PERSON'S MEDICAL RECORD THE SPECIFIC  
18 REASONS WHY IT IS NOT SAFE FOR THE PERSON TO POSSESS THE PERSON'S  
19 PERSONAL CLOTHING OR PERSONAL POSSESSIONS.

20 (IV) TO KEEP AND USE THE PERSON'S CELL PHONE, UNLESS ACCESS  
21 TO THE CELL PHONE CAUSES THE PERSON TO DESTABILIZE OR CREATES A  
22 DANGER TO THE PERSON'S SELF OR OTHERS, AS DETERMINED BY A  
23 PROVIDER, FACILITY STAFF MEMBER, OR SECURITY PERSONNEL INVOLVED  
24 IN THE PERSON'S CARE;

25 (V) TO HAVE APPROPRIATE ACCESS TO ADEQUATE WATER AND  
26 FOOD AND TO HAVE THE PERSON'S NUTRITIONAL NEEDS MET IN A MANNER  
27 THAT IS CONSISTENT WITH RECOGNIZED DIETARY PRACTICES;

1 (VI) TO BE TREATED FAIRLY, WITH RESPECT AND RECOGNITION OF  
2 THE PERSON'S DIGNITY AND INDIVIDUALITY; AND

3 (VII) TO FILE A GRIEVANCE WITH THE BHA, THE DEPARTMENT OF  
4 PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT, OR THE OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN  
5 FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ACCESS TO CARE ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO  
6 PART 3 OF ARTICLE 80 OF TITLE 27.

7 (b) A PERSON'S RIGHTS PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (4)(a) OF THIS  
8 SECTION MAY ONLY BE DENIED IF ACCESS TO THE ITEM, PROGRAM, OR  
9 SERVICE CAUSES THE PERSON TO DESTABILIZE OR CREATES A DANGER TO  
10 THE PERSON'S SELF OR OTHERS, AS DETERMINED BY A LICENSED PROVIDER  
11 INVOLVED IN THE PERSON'S CARE OR TRANSPORTATION. DENIAL OF ANY  
12 RIGHT MUST BE ENTERED INTO THE PERSON'S TREATMENT RECORD OR  
13 BHA-APPROVED FORM. INFORMATION PERTAINING TO A DENIAL OF RIGHTS  
14 CONTAINED IN THE PERSON'S TREATMENT RECORD MUST BE MADE  
15 AVAILABLE, UPON REQUEST, TO THE PERSON, THE PERSON'S ATTORNEY, OR  
16 THE PERSON'S LAY PERSON.

17 **27-65-108. Care coordination for persons certified or**  
18 **in need of ongoing treatment.** (1) A FACILITY DESIGNATED BY THE  
19 COMMISSIONER SHALL NOTIFY AND ENGAGE THE BHA PRIOR TO  
20 TERMINATING OR TRANSFERRING A PERSON CERTIFIED PURSUANT TO  
21 SECTION 27-65-109, 27-65-110, OR 27-65-111. THE BHA MAY PROVIDE  
22 CARE COORDINATION SERVICES TO SUPPORT A PERSON WHOSE  
23 CERTIFICATION IS TERMINATED BUT WHO IS IN NEED OF ONGOING  
24 TREATMENT AND SERVICES.

25 (2) THE BHA SHALL, DIRECTLY OR THROUGH CONTRACT, PROVIDE  
26 CARE COORDINATION SERVICES TO A PERSON CERTIFIED PURSUANT TO  
27 SECTION 27-65-109, 27-65-110, OR 27-65-111 AND DETERMINED BY THE



1 DESIGNATED FACILITY AND THE BHA TO NEED CARE COORDINATION  
2 SERVICES.

3 **27-65-109. Certification for short-term treatment - procedure.**

4 (1) [Formerly 27-65-107 (1)] If a person detained for seventy-two hours  
5 pursuant to the provisions of section 27-65-105 or a respondent under  
6 court order for evaluation pursuant to section 27-65-106 has received an  
7 evaluation, ~~he or she~~ THE PERSON may be certified for not more than three  
8 months ~~of~~ FOR short-term treatment under the following conditions:

9 (a) The professional staff of the agency or facility providing  
10 seventy-two-hour treatment and evaluation has analyzed the person's  
11 condition and has found the person has a mental health disorder and, as  
12 a result of the mental health disorder, is a danger to others or to ~~himself~~  
13 ~~or herself~~ THE PERSON'S SELF or is gravely disabled;

14 (b) The person has been advised of the availability of, but has not  
15 accepted, voluntary treatment; but, if reasonable grounds exist to believe  
16 that the person will not remain in a voluntary treatment program, ~~his or~~  
17 ~~her~~ THE PERSON'S acceptance of voluntary treatment ~~shall~~ DOES not  
18 preclude certification; AND

19 (c) The facility ~~which~~ THAT will provide short-term treatment has  
20 been designated or approved by the ~~executive director~~ COMMISSIONER to  
21 provide such treatment.

22 (2) [Formerly 27-65-107 (2)] The notice of certification must be  
23 signed by a professional person on the staff of the evaluation facility who  
24 participated in the evaluation and must:

25 (a) State facts sufficient to establish reasonable grounds to believe  
26 that the person has a mental health disorder and, as a result of the mental  
27 health disorder, is a danger to others or to ~~himself or herself~~ THE PERSON'S

1 SELF or is gravely disabled; ~~The certification must~~

2 (b) Be filed with the court within forty-eight hours, excluding  
3 Saturdays, Sundays, and court holidays, of the date of certification; ~~The~~  
4 ~~certification must~~ AND

5 (c) Be filed with the court in the county in which the respondent  
6 resided or was physically present immediately prior to being taken into  
7 custody.

8 (3) **[Formerly 27-65-107 (3)]** Within twenty-four hours ~~of~~ AFTER  
9 certification, copies of the certification ~~shall~~ MUST be personally delivered  
10 to the respondent, and a copy ~~shall~~ MUST be kept by the evaluation facility  
11 as part of the ~~person's~~ RESPONDENT'S record. The respondent ~~shall~~ MUST  
12 also be asked to designate one other person whom ~~he or she~~ THE  
13 RESPONDENT wishes informed regarding certification. If ~~he or she~~ THE  
14 RESPONDENT is incapable of making such a designation at the time the  
15 certification is delivered, ~~he or she shall~~ THE RESPONDENT MUST be asked  
16 to designate such person as soon as ~~he or she~~ THE RESPONDENT is capable.  
17 In addition to the copy of the certification, the respondent ~~shall~~ MUST be  
18 given a written notice that a hearing upon ~~his or her~~ THE RESPONDENT'S  
19 certification for short-term treatment may be had before the court or a jury  
20 upon written request directed to the court pursuant to subsection (6) of  
21 this section.

22 (4) **[Formerly 27-65-107 (4)]** Upon certification of the  
23 respondent, the facility designated for short-term treatment ~~shall have~~ HAS  
24 custody of the respondent.

25 (5) **[Formerly 27-65-107 (5)]** Whenever a certification is filed  
26 with the court BY A PROFESSIONAL PERSON, the court ~~if it has not already~~  
27 ~~done so under section 27-65-106 (10)~~, shall ~~forthwith~~ IMMEDIATELY

1 appoint an attorney to represent the respondent. ~~The court shall determine~~  
2 ~~whether the respondent is able to afford an attorney. If the respondent~~  
3 ~~cannot afford counsel, the court shall appoint either counsel from the~~  
4 ~~legal services program operating in that jurisdiction or private counsel to~~  
5 ~~represent the respondent.~~ THE RESPONDENT HAS THE RIGHT TO AN  
6 ATTORNEY FOR ALL PROCEEDINGS CONDUCTED PURSUANT TO THIS  
7 SECTION, INCLUDING ANY APPEALS. The attorney representing the  
8 respondent ~~shall~~ MUST be provided with a copy of the certification  
9 immediately upon ~~his or her~~ THE ATTORNEY'S appointment. ~~Waiver of~~  
10 ~~counsel must be knowingly and intelligently made in writing and filed~~  
11 ~~with the court by the respondent. In the event that a respondent who is~~  
12 ~~able to afford an attorney fails to pay the appointed counsel, such counsel,~~  
13 ~~upon application to the court and after appropriate notice and hearing,~~  
14 ~~may obtain a judgment for reasonable attorney fees against the respondent~~  
15 ~~or person making request for such counsel or both the respondent and~~  
16 ~~such person~~ THE RESPONDENT MAY ONLY WAIVE COUNSEL WHEN THE  
17 RESPONDENT MAKES A KNOWING AND INTELLIGENT WAIVER IN FRONT OF  
18 THE COURT.

19 (6) [Formerly 27-65-107 (6)] The respondent for short-term  
20 treatment or ~~his or her~~ THE RESPONDENT'S attorney may at any time file  
21 a written request that the certification for short-term treatment or the  
22 treatment be reviewed by the court or that the treatment be on an  
23 outpatient basis. If review is requested, the court shall hear the matter  
24 within ten days after the request, and the court shall give notice to the  
25 respondent and ~~his or her~~ THE RESPONDENT'S attorney and the certifying  
26 and treating professional person of the time and place thereof. The  
27 hearing ~~shall~~ MUST be held in accordance with ~~section 27-65-111~~ SECTION

1 27-65-113. At the conclusion of the hearing, the court may enter or  
2 confirm the certification for short-term treatment, discharge the  
3 respondent, or enter any other appropriate order, subject to available  
4 appropriations.

5 (7) [Formerly 27-65-107 (7)] Records and papers in proceedings  
6 under this section ~~and section 27-65-108 shall~~ MUST be maintained  
7 separately by the clerks of the several courts. Upon the release of any  
8 respondent in accordance with ~~the provisions of section 27-65-110~~  
9 SECTION 27-65-112, the facility shall notify the clerk of the court within  
10 five days ~~of~~ AFTER the release, and the clerk shall forthwith seal the  
11 record in the case and omit the name of the respondent from the index of  
12 cases in ~~such~~ THE court until and unless the respondent becomes subject  
13 to an order of long-term care and treatment pursuant to ~~section 27-65-109~~  
14 SECTION 27-65-110 or until and unless the court orders them opened for  
15 good cause shown. In the event a petition is filed pursuant to ~~section~~  
16 ~~27-65-109, such~~ SECTION 27-65-110, THE certification record may be  
17 opened and become a part of the record in the long-term care and  
18 treatment case and the name of the respondent indexed.

19 (8) [Formerly 27-65-107 (8)] Whenever it appears to the court, by  
20 reason of a report by the treating professional person or any other report  
21 satisfactory to the court, that a respondent detained for evaluation and  
22 treatment or certified for treatment should be transferred to another  
23 facility for treatment and the safety of the respondent or the public  
24 requires that the respondent be transported by A secure transportation as  
25 ~~defined in section 25-3.5-103 (11.4)~~ PROVIDER, or a ~~sheriff,~~ LAW  
26 ENFORCEMENT AGENCY, the court may issue an order directing the ~~sheriff~~  
27 ~~or the sheriff's designee,~~ LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY WHERE THE

1     RESPONDENT RESIDES to deliver the respondent to the designated facility.

2             (9) A RESPONDENT CERTIFIED FOR SHORT-TERM TREATMENT MAY  
3     BE DISCHARGED UPON THE SIGNATURE OF THE TREATING MEDICAL  
4     PROFESSIONAL AND THE MEDICAL DIRECTOR OF THE FACILITY. A  
5     RESPONDENT CERTIFIED FOR SHORT-TERM TREATMENT ON AN OUTPATIENT  
6     BASIS MAY BE DISCHARGED UPON THE SIGNATURE OF THE APPROVED  
7     PROFESSIONAL PERSON OVERSEEING THE RESPONDENT'S TREATMENT, AND  
8     THE PROFESSIONAL PERSON SHALL NOTIFY THE BHA PRIOR TO THE  
9     DISCHARGE. A FACILITY OR PROGRAM SHALL MAKE THE RESPONDENT'S  
10    DISCHARGE INSTRUCTIONS AVAILABLE TO THE RESPONDENT, THE  
11    RESPONDENT'S ATTORNEY, AND THE RESPONDENT'S LEGAL GUARDIAN, IF  
12    APPLICABLE, WITHIN SEVEN DAYS AFTER DISCHARGE, IF REQUESTED. A  
13    FACILITY OR PROGRAM THAT IS TRANSFERRING A RESPONDENT TO A  
14    DIFFERENT TREATMENT FACILITY OR TO AN OUTPATIENT PROVIDER SHALL  
15    PROVIDE ALL TREATMENT RECORDS TO THE FACILITY OR PROVIDER  
16    ACCEPTING THE RESPONDENT AT LEAST TWENTY-FOUR HOURS PRIOR TO  
17    THE TRANSFER.

18             (10) [**Formerly 27-65-108**] If the professional person in charge of  
19    the evaluation and treatment believes that a period longer than three  
20    months is necessary for treatment of the respondent, ~~he or she~~ THE  
21    PROFESSIONAL PERSON shall file with the court an extended certification.  
22    ~~No~~ Extended certification for treatment ~~shall be~~ IS NOT for a period of  
23    more than three months. The respondent ~~shall be~~ IS entitled to a hearing  
24    on the extended certification under the same conditions as ~~in~~ an original  
25    certification. The attorney initially representing the respondent shall  
26    continue to represent ~~that person~~ THE RESPONDENT, unless the court  
27    appoints another attorney.

1           **27-65-110. Long-term care and treatment of persons with**  
2 **mental health disorders - procedure.** (1) [Formerly 27-65-109  
3 (1)] Whenever a respondent has received ~~short-term treatment for five~~  
4 ~~consecutive months pursuant to the provisions of sections 27-65-107 and~~  
5 ~~27-65-108~~ AN EXTENDED CERTIFICATION FOR TREATMENT PURSUANT  
6 SECTION 27-65-109 (10), the professional person in charge of the  
7 ~~evaluation and treatment~~ CERTIFICATION FOR SHORT-TERM TREATMENT OR  
8 THE BHA may file a petition with the court AT LEAST THIRTY DAYS PRIOR  
9 TO THE EXPIRATION DATE OF THE EXTENDED CERTIFICATION for long-term  
10 care and treatment of the respondent under the following conditions:

11           (a) The professional staff of the agency or facility providing  
12 short-term treatment has analyzed the respondent's condition and has  
13 found that the respondent has a mental health disorder and, as a result of  
14 the mental health disorder, is a danger to ~~others or to himself or herself~~  
15 THE RESPONDENT'S SELF OR OTHERS or is gravely disabled;

16           (b) The respondent has been advised of the availability of, but has  
17 not accepted, voluntary treatment; but, if reasonable grounds exist to  
18 believe that the respondent will not remain in a voluntary treatment  
19 program, ~~his or her~~ THE RESPONDENT'S acceptance of voluntary treatment  
20 ~~shall~~ DOES not preclude an order pursuant to this section; AND

21           (c) The facility that will provide long-term care and treatment has  
22 been designated ~~or approved by the executive director~~ BY THE  
23 COMMISSIONER to provide the care and treatment.

24           (2) [Formerly 27-65-109 (2)] Every petition for long-term care  
25 and treatment ~~shall~~ MUST include a request for a hearing before the court  
26 prior to the expiration of six months ~~from~~ AFTER the date of original  
27 certification AND PROVIDE A RECOMMENDATION AS TO WHETHER THE

1 CERTIFICATION FOR LONG-TERM CARE AND TREATMENT SHOULD TAKE  
2 PLACE ON AN INPATIENT OR OUTPATIENT BASIS. A copy of the petition  
3 ~~shall~~ MUST be delivered personally to the respondent for whom long-term  
4 care and treatment is sought and ~~mailed to his or her~~ ELECTRONICALLY  
5 DELIVERED TO THE RESPONDENT'S attorney of record simultaneously with  
6 the filing. ~~thereof.~~

7 (3) [Formerly 27-65-109 (3)] Within ten days after receipt of the  
8 petition, the respondent or ~~his or her~~ THE RESPONDENT'S attorney may  
9 request A HEARING BEFORE THE COURT OR a jury trial by filing a written  
10 request ~~therefor~~ with the court.

11 (4) [Formerly 27-65-109 (4)] The court or jury shall determine  
12 whether the conditions of subsection (1) of this section are met and  
13 whether the respondent has a mental health disorder and, as a result of the  
14 mental health disorder, is a danger to ~~others or to himself or herself~~ THE  
15 RESPONDENT'S SELF OR OTHERS or is gravely disabled. The court shall  
16 ~~thereupon~~ issue an order of long-term care and treatment for a term not  
17 to exceed six months, ~~or it shall~~ discharge the respondent for whom  
18 long-term care and treatment was sought, or ~~it shall~~ enter any other  
19 appropriate order. ~~subject to available appropriations.~~ An order for  
20 long-term care and treatment must grant custody of the respondent to the  
21 ~~department~~ BHA for placement with an agency or facility designated by  
22 the ~~executive director~~ COMMISSIONER to provide long-term care and  
23 treatment. THE BHA MAY DELEGATE THE PHYSICAL CUSTODY OF THE  
24 RESPONDENT TO A FACILITY DESIGNATED BY THE COMMISSIONER AND THE  
25 REQUIREMENT FOR THE PROVISION OF SERVICES AND CARE COORDINATION.  
26 When a petition contains a request that a specific legal disability be  
27 imposed or that a specific legal right be deprived, the court may order the

1 disability imposed or the right deprived if the court or a jury has  
2 determined that the respondent has a mental health disorder or is gravely  
3 disabled and that, ~~by reason thereof~~ AS A RESULT, the ~~person~~ RESPONDENT  
4 is unable to competently exercise ~~said~~ THE SPECIFIC LEGAL right or  
5 perform the function ~~as to~~ FOR which the disability is sought to be  
6 imposed. Any interested person may ask leave of the court to intervene  
7 as a copetitioner for the purpose of seeking the imposition of a legal  
8 disability or the deprivation of a legal right.

9 (5) [Formerly 27-65-109 (5)] An original order of long-term care  
10 and treatment or any extension of such order expires on the date  
11 specified, unless further extended as provided in this subsection (5). If an  
12 extension is being sought, the professional person in charge of the  
13 evaluation and treatment shall certify to the court at least thirty days prior  
14 to the expiration date of the order in force that an extension of the order  
15 is necessary for the care and treatment of the respondent subject to the  
16 order in force, and a copy of the certification must be SIMULTANEOUSLY  
17 delivered to the respondent and ~~simultaneously mailed to his or her~~  
18 ELECTRONICALLY DELIVERED TO THE RESPONDENT'S attorney of record.  
19 At least twenty days before the expiration of the order, the court shall  
20 give written notice to the respondent and ~~his or her~~ THE RESPONDENT'S  
21 attorney of record that a hearing upon the extension may be had before  
22 the court or a jury upon written request to the court within ten days after  
23 receipt of the notice. If a hearing is not requested by the respondent  
24 within such time, the court may proceed ex parte. If a hearing is timely  
25 requested, ~~it~~ THE HEARING must be held before the expiration date of the  
26 order in force. If the court or jury finds that the conditions of subsection  
27 (1) of this section continue to be met and that the respondent has a mental



1 health disorder and, as a result of the mental health disorder, is a danger  
2 to others or to ~~himself or herself~~ THE RESPONDENT'S SELF or is gravely  
3 disabled, the court shall issue an extension of the order. Any extension  
4 must not exceed six months, but there may be as many extensions as the  
5 court orders pursuant to this section.

6 (6) A RESPONDENT CERTIFIED FOR LONG-TERM CARE AND  
7 TREATMENT MAY BE DISCHARGED FROM THE FACILITY UPON THE  
8 SIGNATURE OF THE TREATING PROFESSIONAL PERSON AND MEDICAL  
9 DIRECTOR OF THE FACILITY, AND THE FACILITY SHALL NOTIFY THE BHA  
10 PRIOR TO THE RESPONDENT'S DISCHARGE. THE FACILITY SHALL MAKE THE  
11 RESPONDENT'S DISCHARGE INSTRUCTIONS AVAILABLE TO THE  
12 RESPONDENT, THE RESPONDENT'S ATTORNEY, THE RESPONDENT'S LAY  
13 PERSON, AND THE RESPONDENT'S LEGAL GUARDIAN, IF APPLICABLE, WITHIN  
14 ONE WEEK AFTER DISCHARGE, IF REQUESTED. A FACILITY THAT IS  
15 TRANSFERRING A RESPONDENT TO A DIFFERENT FACILITY OR TO AN  
16 OUTPATIENT PROGRAM SHALL PROVIDE ALL TREATMENT RECORDS TO THE  
17 FACILITY OR PROVIDER ACCEPTING THE RESPONDENT AT LEAST  
18 TWENTY-FOUR HOURS PRIOR TO THE TRANSFER.

19 **27-65-111. Certification on an outpatient basis - short-term**  
20 **and long-term care.** (1) ANY RESPONDENT CERTIFIED PURSUANT TO  
21 SECTION 27-65-109 OR 27-65-110 MAY BE PROVIDED TREATMENT ON AN  
22 OUTPATIENT BASIS. THE OUTPATIENT TREATMENT PROVIDER SHALL  
23 DEVELOP A TREATMENT PLAN FOR THE RESPONDENT RECEIVING  
24 TREATMENT ON AN OUTPATIENT BASIS WITH THE GOAL OF THE  
25 RESPONDENT FINDING AND SUSTAINING RECOVERY. THE TREATMENT PLAN  
26 MUST INCLUDE MEASURES TO KEEP THE RESPONDENT OR OTHERS SAFE, AS  
27 INFORMED BY THE RESPONDENT'S NEED FOR CERTIFICATION. THE

1 TREATMENT PLAN MAY INCLUDE, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO:

- 2 (a) INTENSIVE CASE MANAGEMENT;
- 3 (b) ASSERTIVE COMMUNITY TREATMENT;
- 4 (c) PEER RECOVERY SERVICES;
- 5 (d) INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP THERAPY;
- 6 (e) DAY OR PARTIAL-DAY PROGRAMMING ACTIVITIES;
- 7 (f) INTENSIVE OUTPATIENT PROGRAMS;
- 8 (g) EDUCATIONAL AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING OR ACTIVITIES; AND
- 9 (h) HOUSING AND TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE.

10 (2) THE RESPONDENT, THE RESPONDENT'S LEGAL GUARDIAN, THE  
11 RESPONDENT'S PATIENT REPRESENTATIVE OR THE RESPONDENT'S LAY  
12 PERSON, OR ANY PARTY AT ANY COURT HEARING MAY CONTEST A  
13 RESPONDENT'S TREATMENT REGIMEN, INCLUDING COURT-ORDERED  
14 MEDICATIONS, AT ANY COURT HEARING RELATED TO THE RESPONDENT'S  
15 CERTIFICATION FOR TREATMENT.

16 (3) THE FACILITY RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING SERVICES TO A  
17 RESPONDENT ON A CERTIFICATION ON AN OUTPATIENT BASIS SHALL  
18 PROACTIVELY REACH OUT TO THE RESPONDENT TO ENGAGE THE  
19 RESPONDENT IN TREATMENT. IF THE RESPONDENT REFUSES TREATMENT OR  
20 COURT-ORDERED MEDICATION AND IS DECOMPENSATING  
21 PSYCHIATRICALY, THE COURT MAY ORDER A CERTIFIED PEACE OFFICER OR  
22 SECURE TRANSPORTATION PROVIDER TO TRANSPORT THE RESPONDENT TO  
23 AN APPROPRIATE, LEAST RESTRICTIVE DESIGNATED FACILITY IN  
24 COLLABORATION WITH THE BHA AND THE PROVIDER HOLDING THE  
25 CERTIFICATION. THE RESPONDENT DOES NOT NEED TO BE IMMINENTLY  
26 DANGEROUS TO THE RESPONDENT'S SELF OR OTHERS FOR THE PROVIDER TO  
27 REQUEST, AND THE COURT TO ORDER, TRANSPORTATION TO A FACILITY

1 FOR THE RESPONDENT TO RECEIVE TREATMENT AND COURT-ORDERED  
2 MEDICATIONS. THE FACILITY RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING SERVICES TO A  
3 RESPONDENT ON A CERTIFICATION ON AN OUTPATIENT BASIS SHALL  
4 PROVIDE THE COURT INFORMATION ON THE FACILITY'S PROACTIVE  
5 OUTREACH TO THE RESPONDENT AND THE PROFESSIONAL PERSON'S AND  
6 PSYCHIATRIC ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE'S BASIS FOR  
7 MEDICAL OPINION.

8 (4) IF A RESPONDENT IS PLACED IN A MORE RESTRICTIVE SETTING,  
9 THE RESPONDENT HAS THE RIGHT TO JUDICIAL REVIEW WITHIN TEN DAYS  
10 AFTER FILING A WRITTEN REQUEST.

11 (5) (a) IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER LIMITATION ON LIABILITY, A  
12 PERSON PROVIDING CARE TO A RESPONDENT PLACED ON SHORT-TERM OR  
13 LONG-TERM CERTIFICATION ON AN OUTPATIENT BASIS IS ONLY LIABLE FOR  
14 HARM SUBSEQUENTLY CAUSED BY OR TO A RESPONDENT WHO:

15 (I) HAS BEEN TERMINATED FROM CERTIFICATION DESPITE MEETING  
16 STATUTORY CRITERIA FOR CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO SECTION  
17 27-65-109 OR 27-65-110; OR

18 (II) PROVIDED SERVICES TO THE RESPONDENT NOT WITHIN THE  
19 SCOPE OF THE PERSON'S PROFESSIONAL LICENSE, OR WAS RECKLESS OR  
20 GROSSLY NEGLIGENT IN PROVIDING SERVICES.

21 (b) A PROVIDER IS NOT LIABLE IF A RESPONDENT'S CERTIFICATION  
22 IS TERMINATED, DESPITE MEETING CRITERIA FOR CERTIFICATION, IF THE  
23 PROVIDER IS UNABLE TO LOCATE THE RESPONDENT DESPITE PROACTIVE  
24 AND REASONABLE OUTREACH.

25 (6) A RESPONDENT SUBJECT TO A SHORT-TERM OR LONG-TERM  
26 CERTIFICATION ON AN OUTPATIENT BASIS HAS THE FOLLOWING RIGHTS, IN  
27 ADDITION TO THOSE ENUMERATED IN SECTION 27-65-119:

1 (a) TO REQUEST A CHANGE TO VOLUNTARY STATUS. A CHANGE TO  
2 VOLUNTARY STATUS MAY BE DENIED BY THE SUPERVISING PROFESSIONAL  
3 PERSON OR ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE WITH TRAINING IN  
4 PSYCHIATRIC NURSING RESPONSIBLE FOR THE RESPONDENT'S TREATMENT  
5 IF THE PROFESSIONAL PERSON OR ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE  
6 WITH TRAINING IN PSYCHIATRIC NURSING DETERMINES REASONABLE  
7 GROUNDS EXIST TO BELIEVE THAT THE RESPONDENT WILL NOT REMAIN IN  
8 A VOLUNTARY TREATMENT PROGRAM.

9 (b) TO BE TREATED FAIRLY, WITH RESPECT AND RECOGNITION OF  
10 THE RESPONDENT'S DIGNITY AND INDIVIDUALITY, BY ALL EMPLOYEES OF  
11 THE TREATMENT FACILITY WITH WHOM THE RESPONDENT COMES IN  
12 CONTACT;

13 (c) TO APPROPRIATE TREATMENT, WHICH MUST BE ADMINISTERED  
14 SKILLFULLY, SAFELY, AND HUMANELY. A RESPONDENT SHALL RECEIVE  
15 TREATMENT SUITED TO THE RESPONDENT'S NEEDS THAT MUST BE  
16 DETERMINED IN COLLABORATION WITH THE RESPONDENT.

17 (d) TO NOT BE DISCRIMINATED AGAINST ON THE BASIS OF AGE,  
18 RACE, ETHNICITY, RELIGION, CULTURE, SPOKEN LANGUAGE, PHYSICAL OR  
19 MENTAL DISABILITY, SOCIOECONOMIC STATUS, SEX, SEXUAL ORIENTATION,  
20 GENDER IDENTITY, OR GENDER EXPRESSION;

21 (e) TO RETAIN AND CONSULT WITH AN ATTORNEY AT ANY TIME;

22 (f) WITHIN FORTY-EIGHT HOURS AFTER THE RESPONDENT'S  
23 REQUEST, TO SEE AND RECEIVE THE SERVICES OF A PATIENT  
24 REPRESENTATIVE, INCLUDING A PEER SPECIALIST, WHO HAS NO DIRECT OR  
25 INDIRECT CLINICAL, ADMINISTRATIVE, OR FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR  
26 THE RESPONDENT;

27 (g) TO HAVE THE RESPONDENT'S BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ORDERS FOR

1 SCOPE OF TREATMENT OR PSYCHIATRIC ADVANCE DIRECTIVE REVIEWED  
2 AND CONSIDERED BY THE COURT AS THE PREFERRED TREATMENT OPTION  
3 FOR INVOLUNTARY ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATIONS UNLESS, BY CLEAR  
4 AND CONVINCING EVIDENCE, THE RESPONDENT'S DIRECTIVE DOES NOT  
5 QUALIFY AS EFFECTIVE PARTICIPATION IN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH  
6 DECISION-MAKING;

7 (h) TO HAVE THE RESPONDENT'S INFORMATION AND RECORDS  
8 DISCLOSED TO ADULT FAMILY MEMBERS AND A LAY PERSON PURSUANT TO  
9 SECTION 27-65-123;

10 (i) TO HAVE ACCESS TO A REPRESENTATIVE WITHIN THE FACILITY  
11 WHO PROVIDES ASSISTANCE TO FILE A GRIEVANCE; AND

12 (j) TO HAVE THE RIGHT TO FILE A MOTION WITH THE COURT AT ANY  
13 TIME TO CONTEST THE CERTIFICATION.

14 **27-65-112. [Formerly 27-65-110] Termination of short-term**  
15 **and long-term treatment - escape.** (1) An original OR EXTENDED  
16 certification for short-term treatment ~~under section 27-65-107, or an~~  
17 ~~extended certification under section 27-65-108~~ or an order for long-term  
18 care and treatment or any extension thereof ~~shall terminate~~ TERMINATES  
19 as soon as, in the opinion of the professional person in charge of  
20 treatment of the respondent, the respondent has received sufficient benefit  
21 from such treatment for ~~him or her~~ THE RESPONDENT to leave. Whenever  
22 a certification or extended certification is terminated ~~under~~ PURSUANT TO  
23 this section, the professional person in charge of providing treatment shall  
24 ~~so~~ notify the court in writing within five days ~~of~~ AFTER such termination.  
25 ~~Such~~ THE professional person may also prescribe day care, night care, or  
26 any other similar mode of treatment prior to termination.

27 (2) Before termination, an escaped respondent may be returned to

1 the facility by order of the court without a hearing or by the  
2 superintendent or director of ~~such~~ THE facility without order of court.  
3 After termination, a respondent may be returned to the ~~institution~~  
4 FACILITY only in accordance with ~~the provisions of this article~~ ARTICLE  
5 65.

6 **27-65-113. [Formerly 27-65-111] Hearing procedures -**  
7 **jurisdiction.** (1) Hearings before the court pursuant to ~~section~~  
8 ~~27-65-107, 27-65-108, or 27-65-109~~ SECTION 27-65-109 OR 27-65-110 are  
9 conducted in the same manner as other civil proceedings before the court.  
10 The burden of proof is on the person or facility seeking to detain the  
11 respondent. The court or jury shall determine that the respondent is in  
12 need of care and treatment only if the court or jury finds by clear and  
13 convincing evidence that the ~~person~~ RESPONDENT has a mental health  
14 disorder and, as a result of the mental health disorder, is a danger to  
15 ~~others or to himself or herself~~ THE RESPONDENT'S SELF OR OTHERS or is  
16 gravely disabled.

17 (2) The court, after consultation with respondent's counsel to  
18 obtain counsel's recommendations, may appoint a professional person to  
19 examine the respondent for whom short-term treatment or long-term care  
20 and treatment is sought and to testify at the hearing before the court as to  
21 the results of ~~his or her~~ THE PROFESSIONAL PERSON'S examination. The  
22 court-appointed professional person shall act solely in an advisory  
23 capacity, and no presumption ~~shall attach to his or her~~ IS ATTACHED TO  
24 THE PROFESSIONAL PERSON'S findings.

25 (3) Every respondent subject to an order for short-term treatment  
26 or long-term care and treatment ~~shall~~ MUST be advised of ~~his or her~~ THE  
27 RESPONDENT'S right to appeal the order by the court at the conclusion of

1 any hearing AND, as a result, ~~of which such an~~ THE order may be entered.

2 (4) The court in which the petition is filed under section  
3 27-65-106 or the certification is filed ~~under section 27-65-107 shall be~~  
4 PURSUANT TO SECTION 27-65-109 IS the court of original jurisdiction and  
5 of continuing jurisdiction for any further proceedings ~~under this article~~  
6 PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 65. When the convenience of the parties and  
7 the ends of justice would be promoted by a change in the court having  
8 jurisdiction, the court may order a transfer of the proceeding to another  
9 county. Until further order of the transferee court, if any, it ~~shall be~~ IS the  
10 court of continuing jurisdiction.

11 (5) (a) In the event that a respondent or a person found not guilty  
12 by reason of impaired mental condition pursuant to section 16-8-103.5  
13 (5), ~~€R.S.~~, or by reason of insanity pursuant to section 16-8-105 (4) or  
14 16-8-105.5, ~~€R.S.~~, refuses to accept medication, the court having  
15 jurisdiction of the action pursuant to subsection (4) of this section, the  
16 court committing the person or defendant to the custody of the ~~department~~  
17 ~~BHA~~ pursuant to section 16-8-103.5 (5), 16-8-105 (4), or 16-8-105.5,  
18 ~~€R.S.~~, or the court of the jurisdiction in which the designated facility  
19 treating the respondent or person is located ~~shall have~~ HAS jurisdiction  
20 and venue to accept a petition by a treating physician and to enter an order  
21 requiring that the respondent or person accept such treatment or, in the  
22 alternative, that the medication be forcibly administered to ~~him or her~~ THE  
23 RESPONDENT OR PERSON. The court of the jurisdiction in which the  
24 designated facility is located shall not exercise its jurisdiction without the  
25 permission of the court that committed the person to the custody of the  
26 ~~department~~ BHA. Upon the filing of such a petition, the court shall  
27 appoint an attorney, if one has not been appointed, to represent the

1 respondent or person and hear the matter within ten days.

2 (b) In any case brought ~~under paragraph (a) of this subsection (5)~~  
3 PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (5)(a) OF THIS SECTION in a court for the  
4 county in which the treating facility is located, the county where the  
5 proceeding was initiated pursuant to subsection (4) of this section or the  
6 court committing the person to the custody of the ~~department~~ BHA  
7 pursuant to section 16-8-103.5 (5), 16-8-105 (4), or 16-8-105.5, ~~€R.S.~~;  
8 shall either reimburse the county in which the proceeding pursuant to this  
9 subsection (5) was filed and in which the proceeding was held for the  
10 reasonable costs incurred in conducting the proceeding or conduct the  
11 proceeding itself using its own personnel and resources, including its own  
12 district or county attorney, as the case may be.

13 (c) In the case of a defendant who is found incompetent to  
14 proceed pursuant to section 16-8.5-103 ~~€R.S.~~, and who refuses to accept  
15 medication, the jurisdiction for the petition for involuntary treatment  
16 procedures ~~shall be~~ IS as set forth in section 16-8.5-112. ~~€R.S.~~

17 (6) All ADVERSARIAL proceedings ~~under this article~~ PURSUANT TO  
18 THIS ARTICLE 65, including proceedings to impose a legal disability  
19 pursuant to section 27-65-127, ~~shall~~ MUST be conducted by the district  
20 attorney of the county where the proceeding is held or by a qualified  
21 attorney acting for the district attorney appointed by the district court for  
22 that purpose; except that, in any county or in any city and county having  
23 a population exceeding fifty thousand persons, the proceedings ~~shall~~  
24 MUST be conducted by the county attorney or by a qualified attorney  
25 acting for the county attorney appointed by the district court. In any case  
26 in which there has been a change of venue to a county other than the  
27 county of residence of the respondent or the county in which the



1 certification proceeding was commenced, the county from which the  
2 proceeding was transferred shall either reimburse the county to which the  
3 proceeding was transferred and in which the proceeding was held for the  
4 reasonable costs incurred in conducting the proceeding or conduct the  
5 proceeding itself using its own personnel and resources, including its own  
6 district or county attorney, as the case may be.

7 (7) Upon request of a LEGAL guardian appointed pursuant to  
8 article 14 of title 15, ~~C.R.S.~~, the LEGAL guardian may intervene in any  
9 proceeding ~~under this article~~ BROUGHT PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 65  
10 concerning ~~his or her~~ THE LEGAL GUARDIAN'S ward and, through counsel,  
11 may present evidence and represent to the court the views of the LEGAL  
12 guardian concerning the appropriate disposition of the case.

13 (8) A LAY PERSON MAY SUBMIT AN AFFIDAVIT TO THE COURT  
14 CONCERNING THE LAY PERSON'S RELATIONSHIP TO THE RESPONDENT, HOW  
15 LONG THE LAY PERSON HAS KNOWN THE RESPONDENT, THE LAY PERSON'S  
16 PHYSICAL ADDRESS, AND THE LAY PERSON'S VIEWS CONCERNING THE  
17 APPROPRIATE DISPOSITION OF THE RESPONDENT'S CASE.

18 **27-65-114. [Formerly 27-65-112] Appeals.** Appellate review of  
19 any order of short-term treatment or long-term care and treatment may be  
20 had as provided in the Colorado appellate rules. ~~Such AN appeal shall~~  
21 ~~MUST~~ be advanced upon the calendar of the appellate court and ~~shall~~  
22 ~~MUST~~ be decided at the earliest practicable time. Pending disposition by  
23 the appellate court, ~~it~~ THE COURT may make such order as ~~it~~ THE COURT  
24 may consider proper in the premises relating to the care and custody of  
25 the respondent.

26 **27-65-115. [Formerly 27-65-113] Habeas corpus.** Any person  
27 detained pursuant to this ~~article shall be~~ ARTICLE 65 IS entitled to an order

1 in the nature of habeas corpus upon proper petition to any court generally  
2 empowered to issue orders in the nature of habeas corpus.

3 **27-65-116. [Formerly 27-65-114] Restoration of rights.** Any  
4 person who, by reason of a judicial decree entered by a court of this state  
5 prior to July 1, 1975, is adjudicated as a person with a mental illness ~~shall~~  
6 ~~be~~ IS deemed to have been restored to legal capacity and competency.

7 **27-65-117. [Formerly 27-65-115] Discrimination - definition.**  
8 No person who has received AN evaluation or treatment ~~under any~~  
9 ~~provisions of this article shall be~~ PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 65 MAY BE  
10 discriminated against ~~because of such status~~ FOR RECEIVING AN  
11 EVALUATION OR TREATMENT. For purposes of this section,  
12 "discrimination" means giving any undue weight to the fact of  
13 hospitalization or outpatient care and treatment unrelated to a person's  
14 present capacity to meet standards applicable to all persons. Any person  
15 who suffers injury by reason of a violation of this section ~~shall have~~ HAS  
16 a civil cause of action.

17 **27-65-118. [Formerly 27-65-116] Right to treatment - rules.**  
18 (1) (a) Any person receiving AN evaluation or treatment ~~under any of the~~  
19 ~~provisions of this article~~ PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 65 is entitled to  
20 medical and psychiatric care and treatment, with regard to services listed  
21 in section 27-66-101 and services listed in rules authorized by section  
22 27-66-102, suited to meet ~~his or her~~ THE PERSON'S individual needs,  
23 delivered in such a way as to keep ~~him or her~~ THE PERSON in the least  
24 restrictive environment, and delivered in such a way as to include the  
25 opportunity for participation of family members in ~~his or her~~ THE  
26 PERSON'S program of care and treatment, when appropriate. ~~all subject to~~  
27 ~~available appropriations.~~ Nothing in this ~~paragraph (a)~~ shall create

1 SUBSECTION (1)(a) CREATES any right with respect to any person other  
2 than the person receiving AN evaluation, care, or treatment. The  
3 professional person and the agency or facility providing AN evaluation,  
4 care, or treatment shall keep records detailing all care and treatment  
5 received by ~~such~~ THE person, and ~~such~~ THE records ~~shall~~ MUST be made  
6 available, upon ~~that~~ THE person's written authorization, to ~~his or her~~ THE  
7 PERSON'S attorney or ~~his or her~~ THE PERSON'S personal physician. ~~Such~~  
8 THE records ~~shall be~~ ARE permanent records and MUST BE retained in  
9 accordance with ~~the provisions of section 27-65-121 (4)~~ SECTION  
10 27-65-123 (4).

11 (b) Any person receiving AN evaluation or treatment ~~under any of~~  
12 ~~the provisions of this article is entitled to~~ PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 65  
13 MAY petition the court pursuant to ~~the provisions of~~ section 13-45-102,  
14 C.R.S., ~~subject to available appropriations,~~ for release to a less restrictive  
15 setting within or without a treating facility or release from a treating  
16 facility when adequate medical and psychiatric care and treatment ~~is~~ ARE  
17 not administered.

18 (2) The ~~department~~ **BHA** shall ~~adopt regulations~~ PROMULGATE  
19 RULES to assure that each agency or facility providing AN evaluation, care,  
20 or treatment ~~shall require~~ REQUIRES the following:

21 (a) Consent for specific therapies and major medical treatment in  
22 the nature of surgery. The nature of the consent, by whom it is given, and  
23 under what conditions, ~~shall be~~ IS determined by rules of the ~~department~~  
24 **BHA**.

25 (b) The order of a physician for any treatment or specific therapy  
26 based on appropriate medical examinations;

27 (c) Notation in the patient's treatment record of periodic

1 examinations, evaluations, orders for treatment, and specific therapies,  
2 signed by personnel involved;

3 (d) Conduct according to the guidelines contained in the  
4 regulations of the federal government and the ~~department~~ RULES OF THE  
5 BHA with regard to clinical investigations, research, experimentation,  
6 and testing of any kind; and

7 (e) Documentation of the findings, conclusions, and decisions in  
8 any administrative review of a decision to release or withhold the  
9 information requested by a family member OR LAY PERSON pursuant to  
10 ~~section 27-65-121(1)(g) or (1)(h)~~ SECTION 27-65-123 (1)(g) OR (1)(h) and  
11 documentation of any information given to a family member OR LAY  
12 PERSON.

13 **27-65-119. [Formerly 27-65-117] Rights of persons receiving**  
14 **care or treatment.** (1) Each person receiving evaluation, care, or  
15 treatment ~~under~~ PURSUANT TO any provision of this ~~article~~ ARTICLE 65 has  
16 the following rights and shall be advised of such rights by the facility:

17 (a) To receive and send sealed correspondence. No incoming or  
18 outgoing correspondence shall be opened, delayed, held, or censored by  
19 the personnel of the facility.

20 (b) To have access to letter-writing materials, including postage,  
21 and to have staff members of the facility assist ~~him or her~~ THE PERSON if  
22 THE PERSON IS unable to write, prepare, and mail correspondence;

23 (c) To have ready access to telephones, both to make and to  
24 receive calls in privacy;

25 (d) To have frequent and convenient opportunities to meet with  
26 visitors. Each person may see ~~his or her~~ THE PERSON'S attorney,  
27 ~~clergyman~~, CLERGYPERSON, or physician at any time.

1 (e) To wear ~~his or her~~ THE PERSON'S own clothes, keep and use ~~his~~  
2 ~~or her~~ THE PERSON'S own personal possessions, and keep and be allowed  
3 to spend a reasonable sum of ~~his or her~~ THE PERSON'S own money.

4 (2) A person's rights under subsection (1) of this section may be  
5 denied for good cause only by the professional person providing  
6 treatment. Denial of any right ~~shall~~ MUST in all cases be entered into the  
7 person's treatment record. Information pertaining to a denial of rights  
8 contained in the person's treatment record ~~shall~~ MUST be made available,  
9 upon request, to the person, or ~~his or her~~ THE PERSON'S attorney.

10 (3) No person admitted to or in a facility shall be fingerprinted  
11 unless required by other provisions of law.

12 (4) A person may be photographed upon admission for  
13 identification and the administrative purposes of the facility. The  
14 photographs ~~shall be~~ ARE confidential and ~~shall~~ MUST not be released by  
15 the facility except pursuant to court order. No other nonmedical  
16 photographs ~~shall~~ MAY be taken or used without appropriate consent or  
17 authorization.

18 (5) Any person receiving evaluation or treatment ~~under~~ PURSUANT  
19 TO any of the provisions of this ~~article~~ ARTICLE 65 is entitled to a written  
20 copy of all ~~his or her~~ THE PERSON'S rights enumerated in this section, and  
21 a minor child shall receive written notice of ~~his or her~~ THE MINOR'S rights  
22 as provided in ~~section 27-65-103 (7)(g)~~ SECTION 27-65-104 (6)(g). A list  
23 of ~~such~~ rights ~~shall~~ MUST be prominently posted in all evaluation and  
24 treatment facilities.

25 **27-65-120. [Formerly 27-65-118] Administration or monitoring**  
26 **of medications to persons receiving treatment.** The ~~executive director~~  
27 COMMISSIONER has the power to direct the administration or monitoring

1 of medications in conformity with part 3 of article 1.5 of title 25 ~~C.R.S.~~;  
2 to persons receiving treatment in facilities ~~created~~ DESIGNATED pursuant  
3 to this ~~article~~ ARTICLE 65.

4 **27-65-121. [Formerly 27-65-119] Employment of persons in a**  
5 **facility - rules.** The ~~department~~ BHA shall adopt rules governing the  
6 employment and compensation ~~therefor~~ of FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF  
7 CARE OR TREATMENT TO persons receiving care or treatment ~~under any~~  
8 ~~provision of this article~~ PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 65. The ~~department~~  
9 BHA shall establish standards for reasonable compensation for such  
10 employment.

11 **27-65-122. [Formerly 27-65-120] Voting in public elections.**  
12 Any person receiving evaluation, care, or treatment ~~under~~ PURSUANT TO  
13 this ~~article~~ shall ARTICLE 65 MUST be given the opportunity to exercise his  
14 ~~or her~~ THE PERSON'S right to register and to vote in primary and general  
15 elections. The agency or facility providing evaluation, care, or treatment  
16 shall assist ~~such persons~~ THE PERSON, upon ~~their~~ THE PERSON'S request,  
17 to obtain voter registration forms and mail ballots and to comply with any  
18 other prerequisite for voting.

19 **27-65-123. [Formerly 27-65-121] Records.** (1) Except as  
20 provided in subsection (2) of this section, all information obtained and  
21 records prepared in the course of providing any services ~~pursuant to this~~  
22 ~~article 65~~ to individuals ANY PERSON pursuant to any provision of this  
23 article 65 are confidential and privileged matter. The information and  
24 records may be disclosed only:

25 (a) In communications between qualified professional personnel  
26 in the provision of services or appropriate referrals;

27 (b) When the recipient of services designates persons to whom

1 information or records may be released; but, if a recipient of services is  
2 a ward or conservatee and ~~his or her~~ THE WARD'S OR CONSERVATEE'S  
3 guardian or conservator designates, in writing, persons to whom records  
4 or information may be disclosed, the designation ~~shall be~~ IS valid in lieu  
5 of the designation by the recipient; except that nothing in this section  
6 ~~shall be construed to compel~~ COMPELS a physician, psychologist, social  
7 worker, nurse, attorney, or other professional personnel to reveal  
8 information that has been given to ~~him or her~~ THE PERSON in confidence  
9 by members of a patient's family or other informants;

10 (c) To the extent necessary to make claims on behalf of a recipient  
11 of aid, insurance, or medical assistance to which ~~he or she~~ THE RECIPIENT  
12 may be entitled;

13 (d) If the ~~department~~ BHA has promulgated rules for the conduct  
14 of research. Such rules ~~shall~~ MUST include, but ARE not ~~be~~ limited to, the  
15 requirement that all researchers must sign an oath of confidentiality. All  
16 identifying information concerning individual patients, including names,  
17 addresses, telephone numbers, and social security numbers, ~~shall~~ MUST  
18 not be disclosed for research purposes.

19 (e) To the courts, as necessary ~~to~~ FOR the administration of ~~the~~  
20 ~~provisions of this article~~ ARTICLE 65;

21 (f) To persons authorized by an order of court after notice and  
22 opportunity for hearing to the person to whom the record or information  
23 pertains and the custodian of the record or information pursuant to the  
24 Colorado rules of civil procedure;

25 (g) To ~~adult~~ family members upon admission of a person with a  
26 mental health disorder for inpatient or residential care and treatment. The  
27 only information that may be released pursuant to this subsection (1)(g)

1 is the location and fact of admission of the person with a mental health  
2 disorder who is receiving care and treatment. The disclosure of location  
3 is governed by the procedures in ~~section 27-65-122~~ SECTION 27-65-124  
4 and is subject to review pursuant to ~~section 27-65-122~~ SECTION  
5 27-65-124.

6 (h) To ~~adult~~ family members OR A LAY PERSON actively  
7 participating in the care and treatment of a person with a mental health  
8 disorder, regardless of the length of the participation. The information  
9 released pursuant to this subsection (1)(h) is limited to one or more of the  
10 following: The diagnosis, the prognosis, the need for hospitalization and  
11 anticipated length of stay, the discharge plan, the medication administered  
12 and side effects of the medication, and the short-term and long-term  
13 treatment goals. The disclosure is governed by the procedures in ~~section~~  
14 ~~27-65-122 (2)~~ SECTION 27-65-124 (2) and is subject to review pursuant to  
15 ~~section 27-65-122~~ SECTION 27-65-124.

16 (i) In accordance with state and federal law to the agency  
17 designated pursuant to the federal "Protection and Advocacy for  
18 Individuals with Mental Illness Act", 42 U.S.C. sec. 10801 et seq., as the  
19 governor's protection and advocacy system for Colorado.

20 (2) Nothing in ~~paragraph (g) or (h) of subsection (1)~~ SUBSECTION  
21 (1)(g) OR (1)(h) of this section shall be deemed to preclude PRECLUDES  
22 the release of information to a parent concerning ~~his or her~~ THE PARENT'S  
23 minor child.

24 (3) (a) Nothing in this ~~article shall be construed as rendering~~  
25 ARTICLE 65 RENDERS privileged or confidential any information, except  
26 written medical records and information that is privileged ~~under~~  
27 PURSUANT TO section 13-90-107, ~~C.R.S.~~, concerning observed behavior



1 that constitutes a criminal offense committed upon the premises of any  
2 facility providing services ~~under this article~~ PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE  
3 65 or any criminal offense committed against any person while  
4 performing or receiving services ~~under this article~~ PURSUANT TO THIS  
5 ARTICLE 65.

6 (b) ~~The provisions of~~ Subsection (1) of this section ~~shall~~ DOES not  
7 apply to physicians or psychologists eligible to testify concerning a  
8 criminal defendant's mental condition pursuant to section 16-8-103.6.  
9 ~~C.R.S.~~

10 (4) (a) All facilities shall maintain and retain permanent records,  
11 including all applications as required pursuant to ~~section 27-65-105 (3)~~  
12 SECTION 27-65-106 (3).

13 (b) Outpatient or ambulatory care facilities shall retain all records  
14 for a minimum of seven years after discharge from the facility for persons  
15 who were eighteen years of age or older when admitted to the facility, or  
16 until twenty-five years of age for persons who were under eighteen years  
17 of age when admitted to the facility.

18 (c) Inpatient or hospital care facilities shall retain all records for  
19 a minimum of ten years after discharge from the facility for persons who  
20 were eighteen years of age or older when admitted to the facility, or until  
21 twenty-eight years of age for persons who were under eighteen years of  
22 age when admitted to the facility.

23 (5) Nothing in this section ~~shall be construed to prohibit or limit~~  
24 PROHIBITS OR LIMITS the sharing of information by a state institution of  
25 higher education police department to authorized university  
26 administrators pursuant to section 23-5-141. ~~C.R.S.~~

27 **27-65-124. [Formerly 27-65-122] Request for release of**

1 **information - procedures - review of a decision concerning release of**  
2 **information.** (1) When a family member requests the location and fact  
3 of admission of a person with a mental health disorder pursuant to ~~section~~  
4 ~~27-65-121 (1)(g)~~ SECTION 27-65-123 (1)(g), the treating professional  
5 person or ~~his or her~~ THE PROFESSIONAL PERSON'S designee, who must be  
6 a professional person, shall decide whether to release or withhold such  
7 information. The location must be released unless the treating  
8 professional person or ~~his or her~~ THE PROFESSIONAL PERSON'S designee  
9 determines, after an interview with the person with a mental health  
10 disorder, that release of the information to a particular family member  
11 would not be in the best interests of the person with a mental health  
12 disorder. Any decision to withhold information requested pursuant to  
13 ~~section 27-65-121 (1)(g)~~ SECTION 27-65-123 (1)(g) is subject to  
14 administrative review pursuant to this section upon request of a family  
15 member or the person with a mental health disorder. The treating facility  
16 shall make a record of the information given to a family member pursuant  
17 to this subsection (1). For the purposes of this subsection (1), an adult  
18 person having a similar relationship to a person with a mental health  
19 disorder as a spouse, LAY PERSON, parent, child, or sibling of a person  
20 with a mental health disorder may also request the location and fact of  
21 admission concerning a person with a mental health disorder.

22 (2) (a) When a family member requests information pursuant to  
23 ~~section 27-65-121 (1)(h)~~ SECTION 27-65-123 (1)(h) concerning a person  
24 with a mental health disorder, the treating professional person or ~~his or~~  
25 ~~her~~ THE PROFESSIONAL PERSON'S designee, shall determine whether the  
26 person with a mental health disorder is capable of making a rational  
27 decision in weighing ~~his or her~~ THE PERSON'S confidentiality interests and

1 the care and treatment interests implicated by the release of information.  
2 The treating professional person or ~~his or her~~ THE PROFESSIONAL  
3 PERSON'S designee shall then determine whether the person with a mental  
4 health disorder consents or objects to the release of information.  
5 Information must be released or withheld in the following circumstances:

6 (I) If the treating professional person or ~~his or her~~ THE  
7 PROFESSIONAL PERSON'S designee makes a finding that the person with a  
8 mental health disorder is capable of making a rational decision  
9 concerning ~~his or her~~ THE PERSON'S interests and the person with a mental  
10 health disorder consents to the release of information, the treating  
11 professional person or ~~his or her~~ THE PROFESSIONAL PERSON'S designee  
12 shall order the release of the information unless ~~he or she~~ THE  
13 PROFESSIONAL PERSON OR THE PROFESSIONAL PERSON'S DESIGNEE  
14 determines that the release would not be in the best interests of the person  
15 with a mental health disorder.

16 (II) If the treating professional person or ~~his or her~~ THE  
17 PROFESSIONAL PERSON'S designee makes a finding that the person with a  
18 mental health disorder is capable of making a rational decision  
19 concerning ~~his or her~~ THE PERSON'S interests and the person with a mental  
20 health disorder objects to the release of information, the treating  
21 professional person or ~~his or her~~ THE PROFESSIONAL PERSON'S designee  
22 shall not order the release of the information.

23 (III) If the treating professional person or ~~his or her~~ THE  
24 PROFESSIONAL PERSON'S designee makes a finding that the person with a  
25 mental health disorder is not capable of making a rational decision  
26 concerning ~~his or her~~ THE PERSON'S interests, the treating professional  
27 person or ~~his or her~~ THE PROFESSIONAL PERSON'S designee may order the

1 release of the information if ~~he or she~~ THE PROFESSIONAL PERSON OR THE  
2 PROFESSIONAL PERSON'S DESIGNEE determines that the release would be  
3 in the best interests of the person with a mental health disorder.

4 (IV) Any determination as to capacity pursuant to this subsection  
5 (2)(a) must be used only for the limited purpose of this subsection (2)(a).

6 (b) A decision by a treating professional person or ~~his or her~~ THE  
7 PROFESSIONAL PERSON'S designee concerning the capability of a person  
8 with a mental health disorder pursuant to subsection (2)(a)(III) of this  
9 section is subject to administrative review upon the request of the person  
10 with a mental health disorder. A decision by a treating professional  
11 person or ~~his or her~~ THE PROFESSIONAL PERSON'S designee to order the  
12 release or withholding of information pursuant to subsection (2)(a)(III)  
13 of this section is subject to administrative review upon the request of  
14 either a family member or the person with a mental health disorder.

15 (c) The director of the treating facility shall make a record of any  
16 information given to a family member pursuant to subsection (2)(a) of  
17 this section and ~~section 27-65-121(1)(h)~~ SECTION 27-65-123 (1)(h).

18 (3) When administrative review is requested ~~either~~ pursuant to  
19 subsection (1) or ~~subsection~~ (2)(b) of this section, the director of the  
20 facility providing care and treatment to the person with a mental health  
21 disorder shall cause an objective and impartial review of the decision to  
22 withhold or release information. The director of the facility shall conduct  
23 the review, if ~~he or she~~ THE DIRECTOR is a professional person. If the  
24 director is not available or if the director cannot provide an objective and  
25 impartial review, the review ~~shall~~ MUST be conducted by a professional  
26 person designated by the director of the facility. The review must include,  
27 but need not be limited to, an interview with the person with a mental

1 health disorder. The facility providing care and treatment shall document  
2 the review of the decision.

3 (4) If a person with a mental health disorder objects to the release  
4 or withholding of information, the person with a mental health disorder  
5 and ~~his or her~~ THE PERSON'S attorney, if any, must be provided with  
6 information concerning the procedures for administrative review of a  
7 decision to release or withhold information. The person with a mental  
8 health disorder must be informed of any information proposed to be  
9 withheld or released and to whom and be given a reasonable opportunity  
10 to initiate the administrative review process before information  
11 concerning ~~his or her~~ THE PERSON'S care and treatment is released.

12 (5) A family member whose request for information is denied  
13 ~~shall~~ MUST be provided with information concerning the procedures for  
14 administrative review of a decision to release or withhold information.

15 (6) A person with a mental health disorder may file a written  
16 request for review by the court of a decision made upon administrative  
17 review to release information to a family member requested pursuant to  
18 ~~section 27-65-121 (1)(h)~~ SECTION 27-65-123 (1)(h) and proposed to be  
19 released pursuant to subsection (2) of this section. If judicial review is  
20 requested, the court shall hear the matter within ten days after the request,  
21 and the court shall give notice to the person with a mental health disorder  
22 and ~~his or her~~ THE PERSON'S attorney, the treating professional person, and  
23 the person who made the decision upon administrative review of the time  
24 and place of the hearing. The hearing must be conducted in the same  
25 manner as other civil proceedings before the court.

26 (7) In order to allow a person with a mental health disorder an  
27 opportunity to seek judicial review, the treating facility or the treating

1 professional person or ~~his or her~~ THE PROFESSIONAL PERSON'S designee  
2 shall not release information requested pursuant to ~~section 27-65-121~~  
3 ~~(1)(h)~~ SECTION 27-65-123 (1)(h) until five days after the determination  
4 upon administrative review of the director or ~~his or her~~ THE DIRECTOR'S  
5 designee is received by the person with a mental health disorder, and,  
6 once judicial review is requested, the treating facility or the treating  
7 professional person or ~~his or her~~ THE PROFESSIONAL PERSON'S designee  
8 shall not release information except by court order. However, if the  
9 person with a mental health disorder indicates an intention not to appeal  
10 a determination upon administrative review that is adverse to ~~him or her~~  
11 THE PERSON concerning the release of information, the information may  
12 be released less than five days after the determination upon review is  
13 received by the person with a mental health disorder.

14 (8) This section provides for the release of information only and  
15 ~~shall not be~~ IS NOT deemed to authorize the release of the written medical  
16 record without authorization by the patient or as otherwise provided by  
17 law.

18 (9) For purposes of this section, the treating professional person's  
19 designee shall be a professional person.

20 **27-65-125. [Formerly 27-65-123] Treatment in federal**  
21 **facilities.** (1) If a person is certified ~~under the provisions of this article~~  
22 PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 65 and is eligible for hospital care or  
23 treatment by an agency of the United States, and if a certificate of  
24 notification from ~~said~~ THE agency showing that facilities are available and  
25 that the person is eligible for care or treatment ~~therein~~, is received, the  
26 court may order ~~him or her~~ THE PERSON to be placed in the custody of the  
27 agency for hospitalization. When any person is admitted pursuant to an

1 order of court to any hospital or institution operated by any agency of the  
2 United States within or ~~without~~ OUTSIDE this state, the person ~~shall be~~ IS  
3 subject to the rules and regulations of the agency. The chief officer of any  
4 hospital or institution operated by an agency ~~and~~ in which the person is  
5 so hospitalized shall, with respect to the person, be vested with the same  
6 powers as the chief officer of the Colorado mental health institute at  
7 Pueblo with respect to detention, custody, transfer, conditional release, or  
8 discharge of patients. Jurisdiction ~~shall be~~ IS retained in the appropriate  
9 courts of this state to inquire into the mental condition of ~~persons~~ A  
10 PERSON so hospitalized and to determine the necessity for continuance of  
11 ~~their~~ THE PERSON'S hospitalization.

12 (2) An order of a court of competent jurisdiction of another state,  
13 territory, or the District of Columbia authorizing hospitalization of a  
14 person to any agency of the United States ~~shall have~~ HAS the same effect  
15 as to ~~said~~ THE person while in this state as in the jurisdiction in which the  
16 court entering the order is situated; the courts of the state or district  
17 issuing the order ~~shall be deemed to have retained~~ RETAIN jurisdiction of  
18 the person so hospitalized for the purpose of inquiring into ~~his or her~~ THE  
19 PERSON'S mental condition and ~~of~~ FOR determining the necessity for  
20 continuance of ~~his or her~~ THE PERSON'S hospitalization. Consent is ~~hereby~~  
21 given to the application of the law of the state or district in which the  
22 court issuing the order for hospitalization is located, with respect to the  
23 authority of the chief officer of any hospital or institution operated in this  
24 state by any agency of the United States to retain custody, ~~to~~ transfer, ~~to~~  
25 conditionally release, or ~~to~~ discharge the person hospitalized.

26 **27-65-126. [Formerly 27-65-124] Transfer of persons into and**  
27 **out of Colorado - reciprocal agreements.** The transfer of ~~persons~~ A

1 PERSON hospitalized voluntarily ~~under the provisions of this article~~  
2 PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 65 out of Colorado or under the laws of  
3 another jurisdiction into Colorado ~~shall be~~ ARE governed by the  
4 provisions of the interstate compact on mental health.

5 **27-65-127. Imposition of legal disability - deprivation of legal**  
6 **right - restoration - repeal.** (1) (a) When an interested person wishes to  
7 obtain a determination as to the imposition of a legal disability or the  
8 deprivation of a legal right for a person who has a mental health disorder  
9 and who is a danger to ~~himself or herself~~ THE PERSON'S SELF OR others,  
10 is gravely disabled, or is insane, as defined in section 16-8-101, and who  
11 is not then subject to proceedings pursuant to this article 65 or part 3 or  
12 part 4 of article 14 of title 15, the interested person may petition the court  
13 for a specific finding as to the legal disability or deprivation of a legal  
14 right. Actions commenced pursuant to this subsection (1) may include but  
15 are not limited to actions to determine contractual rights and rights with  
16 regard to the operation of motor vehicles.

17 (b) The petition ~~shall~~ MUST set forth the disability to be imposed  
18 or the legal right to be deprived and the reasons. ~~therefor.~~

19 (2) The court may impose a legal disability or may deprive a  
20 ~~person~~ RESPONDENT of a legal right only upon finding both of the  
21 following:

22 (a) That the respondent is a person with a mental health disorder  
23 and is a danger to ~~himself or herself~~ THE RESPONDENT'S SELF or others, IS  
24 gravely disabled, or insane, as defined in section 16-8-101; AND

25 (b) That the requested disability or deprivation is both necessary  
26 and desirable.

27 (3) (a) BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2023, THE BHA SHALL PROVIDE



1 PERIODIC UPDATES TO THE ADVISORY BOARD RELATED TO THE  
2 IMPLEMENTATION OF HOUSE BILL 22-1256, INCLUDING UPDATES  
3 REGARDING WHETHER THE BHA WILL HAVE THE CAPABILITY AND  
4 CAPACITY TO ASSIST EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FACILITIES THAT  
5 TREAT A PERSON UNDER AN EMERGENCY MENTAL HEALTH HOLD FIND  
6 APPROPRIATE PLACEMENT, WHEN INDICATED, FOR THE PERSON AT AN  
7 INPATIENT OR OUTPATIENT MENTAL HEALTH FACILITY OR FACILITY  
8 DESIGNATED BY THE COMMISSIONER.

9 (b) THIS SUBSECTION (3) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025.

10 (4) To have a legal disability removed or a legal right restored,  
11 any interested person may file a petition with the court ~~which~~ THAT made  
12 the original finding. No legal disability ~~shall~~ MAY be imposed nor a legal  
13 right be deprived for a period of more than six months without a review  
14 hearing by the court at the end of six months, at which TIME the findings  
15 specified in subsection (2) of this section ~~shall~~ MUST be reaffirmed to  
16 justify continuance of the disability or deprivation. A copy of the petition  
17 ~~shall~~ MUST be served on the person who filed the original petition, on the  
18 person whose rights are affected if ~~he or she~~ THE PERSON is not the  
19 petitioner, and upon the facility where the person whose rights are  
20 affected resides, if any.

21 (5) Whenever any proceedings are instituted or conducted  
22 pursuant to this section, the following procedures ~~shall~~ apply:

23 (a) Upon the filing of a petition, the court shall appoint an  
24 ~~attorney-at-law~~ ATTORNEY to represent the respondent. The respondent  
25 may replace ~~said~~ THE attorney with an attorney of the respondent's own  
26 ~~selection~~ CHOOSING at any time. Attorney fees for an indigent respondent  
27 ~~shall be~~ ARE paid by the court.

1 (b) The court, upon request of an indigent respondent or ~~his or her~~  
2 THE RESPONDENT'S attorney, shall appoint, at the court's expense, one or  
3 more professional persons of the respondent's ~~selection~~ CHOOSING to  
4 assist the respondent in the preparation of ~~his or her~~ THE RESPONDENT'S  
5 case.

6 (c) Upon demand made at least five days prior to the date of  
7 hearing, the respondent ~~shall have~~ HAS the right to a trial of all issues by  
8 a jury of six.

9 (d) At all times the burden ~~shall be~~ IS upon the person seeking  
10 imposition of a disability or deprivation of a legal right or opposing  
11 removal of a disability or deprivation to prove all essential elements by  
12 clear and convincing evidence.

13 (e) Pending a hearing, the court may issue an order temporarily  
14 imposing a disability or depriving the respondent of a legal right for a  
15 period of not more than ten days in conformity with the standards for  
16 issuance of ex parte temporary restraining orders in civil cases, but no  
17 individual habilitation or rehabilitation plan ~~shall be~~ IS required prior to  
18 the issuance of ~~such~~ THE order.

19 (f) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection (5), all  
20 proceedings ~~shall~~ MUST be held in conformance with the Colorado rules  
21 of civil procedure, but no costs ~~shall~~ MAY be assessed against the  
22 respondent.

23 ~~(5) Any person who, by reason of a judicial decree or order~~  
24 ~~entered by a court of this state prior to July 1, 1979, is under the~~  
25 ~~imposition of a legal disability or has been deprived of a legal right~~  
26 ~~pursuant to this section as it existed prior to July 1, 1979, shall be released~~  
27 ~~from such decree or order on December 31, 1979.~~

1           **27-65-128. Administration - rules.** The ~~department~~ BHA shall  
2 ~~make such~~ PROMULGATE ANY rules ~~as will~~ AND DEVELOP AND DISTRIBUTE  
3 ANY APPLICATIONS OR FORMS NECESSARY TO consistently enforce the  
4 provisions of this ~~article~~ ARTICLE 65. THE BHA SHALL PROACTIVELY  
5 TRAIN PROVIDERS, FACILITIES, COUNTIES, JUDGES, MAGISTRATES,  
6 INTERVENING PROFESSIONALS, AND CERTIFIED PEACE OFFICERS ON THE  
7 PROCEDURES UNDER THIS ARTICLE 65, WHICH TRAINING MUST INCLUDE AN  
8 UNDERSTANDING OF THE CRITERIA FOR INVOKING AN EMERGENCY MENTAL  
9 HEALTH HOLD PURSUANT TO SECTION 27-65-106, THE DEFINITION OF  
10 "GRAVELY DISABLED" AND HOW A PERSON WHO IS GRAVELY DISABLED  
11 MAY PRESENT PHYSICALLY AND PSYCHIATRICALY, AND SUGGESTED  
12 TEMPLATES AND RESOURCES TO BE USED BY FACILITIES TO MEET THE  
13 REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 27-65-106 (8)(a)(III) AND (8)(a)(VII).

14           **27-65-129. Payment for counsel.** In order to provide legal  
15 representation to persons eligible ~~therefor as provided in~~ FOR AN  
16 ATTORNEY PURSUANT TO this ~~article~~ ARTICLE 65, the judicial department  
17 ~~is authorized to~~ SHALL pay, out of ~~appropriations made therefor~~ MONEY  
18 APPROPRIATED by the general assembly, sums directly to THE appointed  
19 ~~counsel~~ ATTORNEY on a case-by-case basis or, on behalf of the state, to  
20 ~~make~~ SHALL PAY lump-sum grants to and contract with individual  
21 attorneys, legal partnerships, legal professional corporations, public  
22 interest law firms, or nonprofit legal services corporations.

23           **27-65-130. Advisory board - created - service standards and**  
24 **rules.** (1) [Formerly 27-65-131] (a) An advisory board, referred to IN  
25 THIS SECTION as the "board", ~~in this section,~~ to the ~~department~~ BHA is  
26 established for the purpose of assisting and advising the ~~executive~~  
27 ~~director~~ COMMISSIONER in accordance with ~~section 27-65-130~~

1 SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION in the development of service standards  
2 and rules. The board consists of ~~not less~~ NO FEWER than eleven ~~nor~~ BUT  
3 NOT more than fifteen members appointed by the governor, AS FOLLOWS:

4 (I) ~~The board includes~~ One representative ~~each~~ from the ~~office of~~  
5 ~~behavioral health~~; the department of human services;

6 (II) ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE BHA;

7 (III) ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM the department of public health  
8 and environment;

9 (IV) ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM the university of Colorado  
10 health sciences center; ~~and~~

11 (V) ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM a leading professional association  
12 of psychiatrists in this state; ~~at least~~

13 (VI) One member representing proprietary skilled health-care  
14 facilities;

15 (VII) One member representing nonprofit health-care facilities;

16 (VIII) One member representing the Colorado bar association;

17 (IX) One member representing consumers of services for persons  
18 with mental health disorders;

19 (X) One member representing families of persons with mental  
20 health disorders;

21 (XI) One member representing children's health-care facilities;  
22 and

23 (XII) Other persons from both the private and the public sectors  
24 who are recognized or known to be interested and informed in the area of  
25 the board's purpose and function.

26 (b) In making appointments to the board, the governor is  
27 encouraged to include representation by at least one member who is a

1 person with a disability, as defined in section 24-34-301 (2.5), a family  
2 member of a person with a disability, or a member of an advocacy group  
3 for persons with disabilities, provided that the other requirements of this  
4 section are met.

5 (2) **[Formerly 27-65-130]** The advisory board ~~created by section~~  
6 ~~27-65-131~~ is responsible for recommending standards and rules relevant  
7 to the provisions of this article 65 for the programs of mental health  
8 services to those patients in any health-care facility that has either  
9 separate facilities for the care, treatment, and rehabilitation of persons  
10 with mental health disorders or those health-care facilities that have as  
11 ~~their~~ THE HEALTH-CARE FACILITY'S only purpose the care and treatment  
12 of such persons.

13 **27-65-131. Data report.** (1) BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2025, AND  
14 EACH JANUARY 1 THEREAFTER, THE **BHA** SHALL ANNUALLY SUBMIT A  
15 REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE OUTCOMES AND  
16 EFFECTIVENESS OF THE INVOLUNTARY COMMITMENT SYSTEM DESCRIBED  
17 IN THIS ARTICLE 65, DISAGGREGATED BY REGION, INCLUDING ANY  
18 RECOMMENDATIONS TO IMPROVE THE SYSTEM AND OUTCOMES FOR  
19 PERSONS INVOLUNTARY COMMITTED OR CERTIFIED PURSUANT TO THIS  
20 ARTICLE 65. THE REPORT MUST INCLUDE AGGREGATED AND  
21 DISAGGREGATED NONIDENTIFYING INDIVIDUAL-LEVEL DATA. AT A  
22 MINIMUM, THE REPORT MUST INCLUDE:

23 (a) THE NUMBER OF SEVENTY-TWO-HOUR EMERGENCY MENTAL  
24 HEALTH HOLDS THAT OCCURRED IN THE STATE AND THE NUMBER OF  
25 PEOPLE PLACED ON A SEVENTY-TWO-HOUR EMERGENCY MENTAL HEALTH  
26 HOLD, INCLUDING:

27 (I) A SUMMARY OF THE REASON EACH PERSON WAS PLACED ON AN

- 1 EMERGENCY MENTAL HEALTH HOLD;
- 2 (II) DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION OF EACH PERSON PLACED ON AN  
3 EMERGENCY MENTAL HEALTH HOLD;
- 4 (III) DISPOSITION OF EACH PERSON PLACED ON AN EMERGENCY  
5 MENTAL HEALTH HOLD;
- 6 (IV) HOW OFTEN A FACILITY WAS REQUIRED TO ASK FOR  
7 ASSISTANCE FROM THE BHA TO FIND PLACEMENT FOR THE PERSON  
8 PURSUANT TO SECTION 27-65-106 AND IF PLACEMENT WAS FOUND, THE  
9 AVERAGE LENGTH OF TIME A PERSON HAD TO WAIT FOR THE PLACEMENT  
10 AND THE CHALLENGES ENCOUNTERED IN FINDING A PLACEMENT;
- 11 (V) HOW MANY SUBSEQUENT EMERGENCY MENTAL HEALTH HOLDS  
12 WERE PLACED PURSUANT TO SECTION 27-65-106 DUE TO A LACK OF  
13 APPROPRIATE PLACEMENT OPTIONS; AND
- 14 (VI) HOW EACH EMERGENCY MENTAL HEALTH HOLD ORIGINATED,  
15 WHETHER BY A CERTIFIED PEACE OFFICER; INTERVENING PROFESSIONAL,  
16 INCLUDING SPECIFIC PROFESSIONAL TYPE; OR A COURT ORDER;
- 17 (b) THE NUMBER AND CHARACTERISTICS OF EACH CERTIFICATION  
18 FOR SHORT-TERM TREATMENT, INCLUDING AN EXTENSION OF SHORT-TERM  
19 TREATMENT, AND LONG-TERM CARE AND TREATMENT THAT OCCURRED IN  
20 THE STATE, INCLUDING:
- 21 (I) THE NUMBER OF INPATIENT VERSUS OUTPATIENT  
22 CERTIFICATIONS;
- 23 (II) THE REASON FOR INITIATING EACH CERTIFICATION;
- 24 (III) THE NUMBER OF CERTIFICATIONS INITIATED BY A COURT  
25 ORDER, PROFESSIONAL PERSON, OR CERTIFIED PEACE OFFICER;
- 26 (IV) THE AVERAGE LENGTH OF EACH CERTIFICATION;
- 27 (V) THE DEMOGRAPHICS OF EACH INDIVIDUAL ON A CERTIFICATION

1 FOR SHORT-TERM TREATMENT;

2 (VI) THE SERVICES PROVIDED;

3 (VII) THE SERVICES NEEDED THAT WERE NOT AVAILABLE; AND

4 (VIII) ANY IDENTIFIED BARRIERS PREVENTING THE PROVISION OF

5 NEEDED SERVICES;

6 (c) THE OUTCOME OF EACH CERTIFICATION FOR SHORT-TERM

7 TREATMENT AND CERTIFICATION FOR LONG-TERM CARE AND TREATMENT;

8 (d) THE REASON EACH CERTIFICATION WAS DISCONTINUED,

9 DISAGGREGATED BY THOSE SUCCESSFULLY DISCHARGED, VOLUNTARILY

10 DISCHARGED, TRANSFERRED, NOT LOCATED, WITH TREATMENT

11 COMPLIANCE CONCERNS, UNABLE TO TRANSFER TO ANOTHER FACILITY OR

12 PROVIDER, FOR LACK OF PAYMENT TO TREATMENT PROVIDERS, AND FOR

13 ANY OTHER REASONS;

14 (e) THE PERSON'S HOUSING AND EMPLOYMENT STATUS WHEN

15 CERTIFICATION WAS DISCONTINUED;

16 (f) WHAT SERVICES WERE PROVIDED VERSUS WHAT SERVICES

17 WERE MOST FREQUENTLY NEEDED BY PEOPLE CERTIFIED ON AN

18 OUTPATIENT BASIS;

19 (g) BARRIERS AND OPPORTUNITIES WITH LOCAL PROVIDERS, THE

20 JUDICIAL BRANCH, AND LAW ENFORCEMENT; AND

21 (h) HOW MANY INDIVIDUALS WERE PLACED IN THE CUSTODY OF

22 THE BHA ON A CERTIFICATION FOR SHORT-TERM TREATMENT WHO WERE

23 CONCURRENTLY INVOLVED IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM, INCLUDING

24 THE OUTCOMES OF EACH PERSON AND ANY BARRIERS AND OPPORTUNITIES

25 THAT MAY EXIST TO BETTER SERVE THE POPULATION.

26 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend as added by**

27 **House Bill 22-1256** 27-65-106 as follows:

1           **27-65-106. Emergency mental health hold - screening -**  
2 **court-ordered evaluation - discharge instructions - respondent's**  
3 **rights.** (1) [~~Formerly 27-65-105 (1)~~] ~~Emergency procedure~~ AN  
4 EMERGENCY MENTAL HEALTH HOLD may be invoked under one of the  
5 following conditions:

6           (a) (I) When ~~any~~ A CERTIFIED PEACE OFFICER HAS PROBABLE  
7 CAUSE TO BELIEVE A person ~~appears to have~~ HAS a mental health disorder  
8 and, as a result of ~~such~~ THE mental health disorder, ~~appears to be~~ IS an  
9 imminent danger to THE PERSON'S SELF OR others ~~the person's self~~ or  
10 ~~appears to be~~ IS gravely disabled, THE CERTIFIED PEACE OFFICER MAY  
11 TAKE THE PERSON INTO PROTECTIVE CUSTODY AND TRANSPORT THE  
12 PERSON TO   A FACILITY DESIGNATED BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR AN  
13 EMERGENCY MENTAL HEALTH HOLD. IF SUCH A FACILITY IS NOT  
14 AVAILABLE, THE CERTIFIED PEACE OFFICER MAY TRANSPORT THE PERSON  
15 TO AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FACILITY. THE CERTIFIED PEACE  
16 OFFICER MAY REQUEST ASSISTANCE FROM A BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS  
17 RESPONSE TEAM FOR ASSISTANCE IN DETAINING AND TRANSPORTING THE  
18 PERSON OR AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PROVIDER IN  
19 TRANSPORTING THE PERSON; OR ~~then an intervening professional, or~~  
20 ~~certified officer, upon probable cause and with such assistance as may be~~  
21 ~~required, may take the person into custody, or cause the person to be~~  
22 ~~taken into custody, and placed in a facility designated or approved by the~~  
23 ~~executive director for a seventy-two-hour treatment and evaluation. If~~  
24 ~~such a facility is not available, the person may be taken to an emergency~~  
25 ~~medical services facility.~~

26    
27 (b) ~~Upon an affidavit sworn to or affirmed before a judge that~~



1 relates sufficient facts to establish that a person appears to have a mental  
2 health disorder and, as a result of the mental health disorder, appears to  
3 be an imminent danger to others or to the person's self or appears to be  
4 gravely disabled, the court may order the person described in the affidavit  
5 to be taken into custody and placed in a facility designated or approved  
6 by the executive director for a seventy-two-hour treatment and evaluation.  
7 Whenever in this article 65 a facility is to be designated or approved by  
8 the executive director, hospitals, if available, must be approved or  
9 designated in each county before other facilities are approved or  
10 designated. Whenever in this article 65 a facility is to be designated or  
11 approved by the executive director as a facility for a stated purpose and  
12 the facility to be designated or approved is a private facility, the consent  
13 of the private facility to the enforcement of standards set by the executive  
14 director is a prerequisite to the designation or approval.

15 [REDACTED]

16 (II) WHEN AN INTERVENING PROFESSIONAL REASONABLY BELIEVES  
17 THAT A PERSON APPEARS TO HAVE A MENTAL HEALTH DISORDER AND, AS  
18 A RESULT OF THE MENTAL HEALTH DISORDER, APPEARS TO BE AN  
19 IMMINENT DANGER TO THE PERSON'S SELF OR OTHERS OR APPEARS TO BE  
20 GRAVELY DISABLED, THE INTERVENING PROFESSIONAL MAY CAUSE THE  
21 PERSON TO BE TAKEN INTO PROTECTIVE CUSTODY AND TRANSPORTED TO  
22 [REDACTED] A FACILITY DESIGNATED BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR AN EMERGENCY  
23 MENTAL HEALTH HOLD. IF SUCH A FACILITY IS NOT AVAILABLE, THE  
24 CERTIFIED PEACE OFFICER MAY TRANSPORT THE PERSON TO AN  
25 EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FACILITY. THE INTERVENING  
26 PROFESSIONAL MAY REQUEST ASSISTANCE FROM A CERTIFIED PEACE  
27 OFFICER, [REDACTED] A SECURE TRANSPORTATION PROVIDER, OR A BEHAVIORAL

1 HEALTH CRISIS RESPONSE TEAM FOR ASSISTANCE IN DETAINING AND  
2 TRANSPORTING THE PERSON, OR ASSISTANCE FROM AN EMERGENCY  
3 MEDICAL SERVICES PROVIDER IN TRANSPORTING THE PERSON.

4 (d) (b) (I) ~~Any individual may petition~~ WHEN A PERSON PETITIONS  
5 the court in the county in which the respondent resides or is physically  
6 present REQUESTING AN EVALUATION OF THE RESPONDENT'S CONDITION  
7 AND alleging that ~~there is a person who~~ THE RESPONDENT appears to have  
8 a mental health disorder and, as a result of the mental health disorder,  
9 appears to be a danger to THE RESPONDENT'S SELF OR others ~~or to the~~  
10 ~~person's self~~ or appears to be gravely disabled. ~~and requesting an~~  
11 ~~evaluation of the person's condition.~~

12 (II) ANY PERSON WHO FILES A MALICIOUS OR FALSE PETITION FOR  
13 AN EVALUATION OF A RESPONDENT PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION IS SUBJECT  
14 TO CRIMINAL PROSECUTION.

15 (2) When a person is taken into custody pursuant to subsection (1)  
16 of this section, the person must not be detained in a jail, lockup, or other  
17 place used for the confinement of persons charged with or convicted of  
18 penal offenses. UNLESS OTHERWISE REQUIRED BY LAW, A CERTIFIED  
19 PEACE OFFICER MAY TRANSPORT THE PERSON TO AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL  
20 SERVICES FACILITY OR FACILITY DESIGNATED BY THE COMMISSIONER EVEN  
21 IF A WARRANT HAS BEEN ISSUED FOR THE PERSON'S ARREST IF THE  
22 CERTIFIED PEACE OFFICER BELIEVES IT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE  
23 PERSON. THE PERSON MUST NOT BE HELD ON AN EMERGENCY MENTAL  
24 HEALTH HOLD FOR LONGER THAN SEVENTY-TWO HOURS AFTER THE HOLD  
25 IS PLACED OR ORDERED. NOTHING IN THIS SECTION PROHIBITS AN  
26 EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FACILITY FROM INVOLUNTARILY HOLDING  
27 THE PERSON IN ORDER TO STABILIZE THE PERSON AS REQUIRED PURSUANT

1 TO THE FEDERAL "EMERGENCY MEDICAL TREATMENT AND LABOR ACT",  
2 42 U.S.C. SEC. 1395dd, OR IF THE TREATING PROFESSIONAL DETERMINES  
3 THAT THE INDIVIDUAL'S PHYSICAL OR MENTAL HEALTH DISORDER IMPAIRS  
4 THE PERSON'S ABILITY TO MAKE AN INFORMED DECISION TO REFUSE CARE  
5 AND THE PROVIDER DETERMINES THAT FURTHER CARE IS INDICATED.

6 (3) When a person is ~~taken into emergency custody by an~~  
7 ~~intervening professional or certified police officer~~ PLACED ON AN  
8 EMERGENCY MENTAL HEALTH HOLD pursuant to subsection (1) of this  
9 section and is presented to an emergency medical services facility or a  
10 facility ~~that is designated or approved~~ by the commissioner, the facility  
11 shall require ~~an~~ A BHA-APPROVED application in writing, stating the  
12 circumstances under which the person's condition was called to the  
13 attention of the intervening professional or certified peace officer and  
14 further stating sufficient facts, obtained from the intervening  
15 professional's or certified peace officer's personal observations or  
16 obtained from others whom the intervening professional or certified peace  
17 officer reasonably believes to be reliable, to establish that the person has  
18 a mental health disorder and, as a result of the mental health disorder, is  
19 an imminent danger to THE PERSON'S SELF OR others or ~~the person's self~~  
20 ~~is gravely disabled. or is in need of immediate evaluation for treatment.~~  
21 The application must indicate when the person was taken into custody and  
22 who brought the person's condition to the attention of the intervening  
23 professional or certified peace officer. A copy of the application must be  
24 furnished to the person being evaluated, and the application must be  
25 retained in accordance with section 27-65-123 (4).

26 (4) (a) The petition for a court-ordered evaluation FILED  
27 PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1)(b) OF THIS SECTION must contain the

1 following:

2 (I) The name and address of the petitioner and the petitioner's  
3 interest in the case;

4 (II) The name of the ~~person~~ RESPONDENT for whom evaluation is  
5 sought, ~~who is designated as the respondent~~, and, if known to the  
6 petitioner, the address, age, ~~sex~~ GENDER, marital status, ~~and~~ occupation,  
7 ~~of the respondent~~, AND ANY ANIMALS OR DEPENDENT CHILDREN IN THE  
8 RESPONDENT'S CARE;

9 (III) Allegations of fact indicating that the respondent may have  
10 a mental health disorder and, as a result of the mental health disorder, be  
11 a danger to THE RESPONDENT'S SELF OR others ~~the respondent's self~~ or be  
12 gravely disabled and showing reasonable grounds to warrant an  
13 evaluation;

14 (IV) The name and address of every person known or believed by  
15 the petitioner to be legally responsible for the care, support, and  
16 maintenance of the respondent, if available; AND

17 (V) The name, address, and telephone number of the attorney, if  
18 any, who has most recently represented the respondent. ~~If there is no~~  
19 ~~attorney, there shall be a statement as to whether, to the best knowledge~~  
20 ~~of the petitioner, the respondent meets the criteria established by the legal~~  
21 ~~aid agency operating in the county or city and county for it to represent~~  
22 ~~a client.~~

23 (b) Upon receipt of a petition satisfying the requirements of  
24 subsection (4)(a) of this section, IF THE COURT IS NOT SATISFIED THAT  
25 PROBABLE CAUSE EXISTS TO ISSUE AN ORDER FOR AN EVALUATION, the  
26 court shall ~~designate~~ IDENTIFY a facility ~~approved~~ DESIGNATED by the  
27 ~~commissioner~~, an intervening professional, or ~~A~~ certified peace officer to

1 provide screening of the respondent to determine whether ~~there is~~  
2 probable cause EXISTS to believe the allegations.

3 (c) Following THE screening DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (4)(b) OF  
4 THIS SECTION, the facility, intervening professional, or certified peace  
5 officer designated by the court shall file a report with the court AND MAY  
6 INITIATE AN EMERGENCY MENTAL HEALTH HOLD AT THE TIME OF  
7 SCREENING. The report must include a recommendation as to whether  
8 ~~there is~~ probable cause EXISTS to believe that the respondent has a mental  
9 health disorder and, as a result of the mental health disorder, is a danger  
10 to THE RESPONDENT'S SELF OR others ~~the respondent's self~~ or is gravely  
11 disabled and whether the respondent will voluntarily receive evaluation  
12 or treatment. The screening report submitted to the court pursuant to this  
13 subsection (4)(c) is confidential in accordance with section 27-65-123 and  
14 must be furnished to the respondent or the respondent's attorney or  
15 personal representative.

16 (d) Whenever it appears, by petition and screening pursuant to this  
17 section, to the satisfaction of the court that probable cause exists to  
18 believe that the respondent has a mental health disorder and, as a result  
19 of the mental health disorder, is a danger to THE RESPONDENT'S SELF OR  
20 others ~~the respondent's self~~ or is gravely disabled and that efforts have  
21 been made to secure the cooperation of the respondent ~~who~~ BUT THE  
22 RESPONDENT has refused or failed to accept evaluation voluntarily, the  
23 court shall issue an order for evaluation authorizing a certified peace  
24 officer or secure transportation provider to take the respondent into  
25 custody and transport the respondent to a facility designated by the  
26 **commissioner** for ~~seventy-two-hour treatment and evaluation~~ AN  
27 EMERGENCY MENTAL HEALTH HOLD. At the time of ~~taking~~ the respondent

1 IS TAKEN into custody, a copy of the petition and the order for evaluation  
2 must be given to the respondent and promptly thereafter to ~~any~~ THE one  
3 LAY person designated by the respondent and to the person in charge of  
4 the ~~seventy-two-hour treatment and evaluation~~ facility named in the order  
5 or the person's designee. IF THE RESPONDENT REFUSES TO ACCEPT A COPY  
6 OF THE PETITION AND THE ORDER FOR EVALUATION, SUCH REFUSAL MUST  
7 BE DOCUMENTED IN THE PETITION AND THE ORDER FOR EVALUATION.

8 (5) ~~If the seventy-two-hour treatment and evaluation facility~~  
9 ~~admits the person, it~~ WHEN A PERSON IS TRANSPORTED TO AN EMERGENCY  
10 MEDICAL SERVICES FACILITY OR A FACILITY DESIGNATED BY THE  
11 COMMISSIONER, THE FACILITY may detain the person under an emergency  
12 mental health hold for evaluation ~~and treatment~~ for a period not to exceed  
13 seventy-two hours ~~excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays if~~  
14 ~~evaluation and treatment services are not available on those days. For the~~  
15 ~~purposes of this subsection (4), evaluation and treatment services are not~~  
16 ~~deemed to be available merely because a professional person is on call~~  
17 ~~during weekends or holidays~~ FROM THE TIME THE EMERGENCY MENTAL  
18 HEALTH HOLD WAS PLACED OR ORDERED. NOTHING IN THIS SECTION  
19 PROHIBITS AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FACILITY FROM  
20 INVOLUNTARILY HOLDING THE PERSON IN ORDER TO STABILIZE THE  
21 PERSON AS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO THE FEDERAL "EMERGENCY MEDICAL  
22 TREATMENT AND LABOR ACT", 42 U.S.C. SEC. 1395dd, OR IF THE  
23 TREATING PROFESSIONAL DETERMINES THAT THE INDIVIDUAL'S PHYSICAL  
24 OR MENTAL HEALTH DISORDER IMPAIRS THE PERSON'S ABILITY TO MAKE  
25 AN INFORMED DECISION TO REFUSE CARE AND THE PROVIDER DETERMINES  
26 THAT FURTHER CARE IS INDICATED. If, in the opinion of the ~~professional~~  
27 person in charge of the evaluation, the person can be properly cared for

1 without being detained, the person shall be provided services on a  
2 voluntary basis. IF THE PERSON IN CHARGE OF THE EVALUATION  
3 DETERMINES THE PERSON SHOULD BE RELEASED, THE PERSON IN CHARGE  
4 OF THE EVALUATION MAY TERMINATE THE EMERGENCY MENTAL HEALTH  
5 HOLD. ■ ■

6 (6) (a) Each person ~~admitted to a seventy-two-hour treatment and~~  
7 ~~evaluation facility under the provisions of this article shall~~ DETAINED FOR  
8 AN EMERGENCY MENTAL HEALTH HOLD PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION SHALL  
9 receive an evaluation as soon as possible after the person is ~~admitted~~  
10 PRESENTED TO THE FACILITY and shall receive such treatment and care as  
11 the person's condition requires for the full period that the person is held.  
12 ~~The person shall be released before seventy-two hours have elapsed if, in~~  
13 ~~the opinion of the professional person in charge of the evaluation, the~~  
14 ~~person no longer requires evaluation or treatment. Persons who have been~~  
15 ~~detained for seventy-two-hour evaluation and treatment shall~~ THE  
16 EVALUATION MAY INCLUDE AN ASSESSMENT TO DETERMINE IF THE PERSON  
17 CONTINUES TO MEET THE CRITERIA FOR AN EMERGENCY MENTAL HEALTH  
18 HOLD AND REQUIRES FURTHER MENTAL HEALTH CARE IN A FACILITY  
19 DESIGNATED BY THE COMMISSIONER. THE EVALUATION MUST STATE  
20 WHETHER THE PERSON SHOULD be released, referred for further care and  
21 treatment on a voluntary basis, or certified for SHORT-TERM treatment  
22 pursuant to section 27-65-109.

23 (b) EACH EVALUATION MUST BE COMPLETED USING A  
24 STANDARDIZED FORM APPROVED BY THE COMMISSIONER AND MAY BE  
25 COMPLETED BY A PROFESSIONAL PERSON; A LICENSED ADVANCED  
26 PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE WITH TRAINING IN PSYCHIATRIC NURSING;  
27 OR A LICENSED PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT, A LICENSED CLINICAL SOCIAL

1 WORKER, A LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR, OR A LICENSED  
2 MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST WHO HAS TWO YEARS OF EXPERIENCE  
3 IN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SAFETY AND RISK ASSESSMENT WORKING IN A  
4 HEALTH-CARE SETTING.

5 (c) IF THE PERSON CONDUCTING AN EVALUATION PURSUANT TO  
6 SUBSECTION (6)(a) OF THIS SECTION IS NOT A PROFESSIONAL PERSON AND  
7 THE EVALUATING PERSON RECOMMENDS THE DETAINED PERSON BE  
8 CERTIFIED FOR SHORT-TERM TREATMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION  
9 27-65-109, THE EVALUATING PERSON SHALL NOTIFY THE FACILITY OF THE  
10 RECOMMENDATION. A CERTIFICATION MAY ONLY BE INITIATED BY A  
11 PROFESSIONAL PERSON.

12 (7) (a) IF A PERSON IS EVALUATED AT AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL  
13 SERVICES FACILITY AND THE EVALUATING PROFESSIONAL DETERMINES  
14 THAT THE PERSON CONTINUES TO MEET THE CRITERIA FOR AN EMERGENCY  
15 MENTAL HEALTH HOLD PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION,  
16 THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FACILITY SHALL IMMEDIATELY  
17 NOTIFY THE BHA IF THE FACILITY CANNOT LOCATE APPROPRIATE  
18 PLACEMENT. ONCE NOTIFIED, THE BHA SHALL SUPPORT THE EMERGENCY  
19 MEDICAL SERVICES FACILITY IN LOCATING AN APPROPRIATE PLACEMENT  
20 OPTION ON AN INPATIENT OR OUTPATIENT BASIS, WHICHEVER IS  
21 CLINICALLY APPROPRIATE.

22 (b) IF AN APPROPRIATE PLACEMENT OPTION CANNOT BE LOCATED  
23 PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (7)(a) OF THIS SECTION AND THE PERSON  
24 CONTINUES TO MEET THE CRITERIA FOR AN EMERGENCY MENTAL HEALTH  
25 HOLD PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION AND THE PERSON  
26 HAS BEEN MEDICALLY STABILIZED, THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES  
27 FACILITY MAY PLACE THE PERSON UNDER A SUBSEQUENT EMERGENCY



1 MENTAL HEALTH HOLD. IF THE FACILITY PLACES THE PERSON UNDER A  
2 SUBSEQUENT EMERGENCY MENTAL HEALTH HOLD, THE FACILITY SHALL  
3 IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY THE BHA, THE PERSON'S LAY PERSON, AND THE  
4 COURT, AND THE COURT SHALL IMMEDIATELY APPOINT AN ATTORNEY TO  
5 REPRESENT THE PERSON. THE FACILITY MAY NOTIFY THE COURT WHERE  
6 THE PERSON RESIDES BY MAIL. ONCE THE COURT IS NOTIFIED, THE  
7 EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FACILITY IS NOT REQUIRED TO TAKE ANY  
8 FURTHER ACTION TO PROVIDE THE PERSON WITH AN ATTORNEY UNLESS  
9 SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (10) OF THIS SECTION. THE EMERGENCY  
10 MEDICAL SERVICES FACILITY SHALL NOTIFY THE BHA AFTER EACH  
11 EMERGENCY MENTAL HEALTH HOLD IS PLACED. THE BHA IS RESPONSIBLE  
12 FOR ACTIVELY ASSISTING THE FACILITY IN LOCATING APPROPRIATE  
13 PLACEMENT FOR THE PERSON. IF THE PERSON HAS BEEN RECENTLY  
14 TRANSFERRED FROM AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FACILITY TO A  
15 FACILITY DESIGNATED BY THE COMMISSIONER AND THE DESIGNATED  
16 FACILITY IS ABLE TO DEMONSTRATE THAT THE FACILITY IS UNABLE TO  
17 COMPLETE THE EVALUATION BEFORE THE INITIAL EMERGENCY MENTAL  
18 HEALTH HOLD IS SET TO EXPIRE, THE DESIGNATED FACILITY MAY PLACE  
19 THE PERSON UNDER A SUBSEQUENT EMERGENCY MENTAL HEALTH HOLD  
20 AND SHALL IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY THE BHA AND LAY PERSON.

21 (c) THE BHA SHALL MAINTAIN DATA ON THE CHARACTERISTICS OF  
22 EACH PERSON PLACED ON A SUBSEQUENT EMERGENCY MENTAL HEALTH  
23 HOLD PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (7)(b) OF THIS SECTION. THE BHA MAY  
24 CONTRACT WITH ENTITIES COORDINATING CARE OR WITH PROVIDERS  
25 SERVING WITHIN THE SAFETY NET SYSTEM DEVELOPED PURSUANT TO  
26 SECTION 27-63-105 TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBSECTION (7).

27 (8) (a) THE FACILITY SHALL PROVIDE EACH PERSON DETAINED FOR

1 AN EMERGENCY MENTAL HEALTH HOLD DISCHARGE INSTRUCTIONS. THE  
2 DISCHARGE INSTRUCTIONS MUST BE COMPLETED FOR EVERY PERSON,  
3 REGARDLESS OF THE PERSON'S DISCHARGE STATUS, BEFORE THE PERSON  
4 IS RELEASED. IF THE DETAINED PERSON REFUSES TO ACCEPT THE  
5 DISCHARGE INSTRUCTIONS, THE REFUSAL MUST BE DOCUMENTED IN THE  
6 PERSON'S MEDICAL RECORD. AT A MINIMUM, THE DISCHARGE  
7 INSTRUCTIONS MUST INCLUDE:

8 (I) A SUMMARY OF WHY THE PERSON WAS DETAINED OR  
9 EVALUATED FOR AN EMERGENCY MENTAL HEALTH HOLD; DETAILED  
10 INFORMATION AS TO WHY THE EVALUATING PROFESSIONAL DETERMINED  
11 THE PERSON NO LONGER MEETS THE CRITERIA FOR AN EMERGENCY  
12 MENTAL HEALTH HOLD OR CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO SECTION  
13 27-65-109; AND WHETHER THE PERSON MAY RECEIVE SERVICES ON A  
14 VOLUNTARY BASIS PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (6) OF THIS SECTION;

15 (II) IF THE PERSON'S MEDICATIONS WERE CHANGED OR THE PERSON  
16 WAS NEWLY PRESCRIBED MEDICATIONS DURING THE EMERGENCY MENTAL  
17 HEALTH HOLD, A CLINICALLY APPROPRIATE SUPPLY OF MEDICATIONS, AS  
18 DETERMINED BY THE JUDGMENT OF A LICENSED HEALTH-CARE PROVIDER,  
19 FOR THE PERSON UNTIL THE PERSON CAN ACCESS ANOTHER PROVIDER OR  
20 FOLLOW-UP APPOINTMENT;

21 (III) A SAFETY PLAN FOR THE PERSON AND, IF APPLICABLE, THE  
22 PERSON'S LAY PERSON WHERE INDICATED BY THE PERSON'S MENTAL  
23 HEALTH DISORDER OR MENTAL OR EMOTIONAL STATE;

24 (IV) NOTIFICATION TO THE PERSON'S PRIMARY CARE PROVIDER, IF  
25 APPLICABLE;

26 (V) A REFERRAL TO APPROPRIATE SERVICES, IF SUCH SERVICES  
27 EXIST IN THE COMMUNITY, IF THE PERSON IS DISCHARGED WITHOUT FOOD,

1 HOUSING, OR ECONOMIC SECURITY. ANY REFERRALS AND LINKAGES MUST  
2 BE DOCUMENTED IN THE PERSON'S MEDICAL RECORD.

3 (VI) THE PHONE NUMBER TO CALL OR TEXT THE COLORADO CRISIS  
4 SERVICES HOTLINE AND INFORMATION ON THE AVAILABILITY OF PEER  
5 SUPPORT SERVICES;

6 (VII) INFORMATION ON HOW TO ESTABLISH A PSYCHIATRIC  
7 ADVANCE DIRECTIVE IF ONE IS NOT PRESENTED;

8 (VIII) MEDICATIONS THAT WERE CHANGED DURING THE  
9 EMERGENCY MENTAL HEALTH HOLD, INCLUDING ANY MEDICATIONS THAT  
10 THE PERSON WAS TAKING OR THAT WERE PREVIOUSLY PRESCRIBED UPON  
11 ADMISSION, AND WHICH MEDICATIONS, IF ANY, WERE CHANGED OR  
12 DISCONTINUED AT THE TIME OF DISCHARGE;

13 (IX) A LIST OF ANY SCREENING OR DIAGNOSTIC TESTS CONDUCTED  
14 DURING THE EMERGENCY MENTAL HEALTH HOLD, IF REQUESTED;

15 (X) A SUMMARY OF THERAPEUTIC TREATMENTS PROVIDED DURING  
16 THE EMERGENCY MENTAL HEALTH HOLD, IF REQUESTED;

17 (XI) ANY LABORATORY WORK, INCLUDING BLOOD SAMPLES OR  
18 IMAGING THAT WAS COMPLETED OR ATTEMPTED, IF REQUESTED;

19 (XII) THE PERSON'S VITAL SIGNS UPON DISCHARGE FROM THE  
20 EMERGENCY MENTAL HEALTH HOLD, IF REQUESTED;

21 (XIII) A COPY OF ANY PSYCHIATRIC ADVANCE DIRECTIVE  
22 PRESENTED TO THE FACILITY, IF APPLICABLE; AND

23 (XIV) HOW TO CONTACT THE DISCHARGING FACILITY IF NEEDED.

24 (b) THE FACILITY SHALL DOCUMENT IN THE PERSON'S MEDICAL  
25 RECORD WHETHER THE PERSON ACCEPTED THE DISCHARGE INSTRUCTIONS.  
26 THE FACILITY SHALL PROVIDE THE DISCHARGE INSTRUCTIONS TO THE  
27 PERSON'S PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN IF THE PERSON IS UNDER EIGHTEEN

1 YEARS OF AGE, AND TO THE PERSON'S LAY PERSON, WHEN POSSIBLE.

2 (c) UPON DISCHARGE, THE FACILITY SHALL DISCUSS WITH THE  
3 PERSON, THE PERSON'S PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN, OR THE PERSON'S  
4 LAY PERSON THE STATEWIDE CARE COORDINATION INFRASTRUCTURE  
5 ESTABLISHED IN SECTION 27-60-204 TO FACILITATE A FOLLOW-UP  
6 APPOINTMENT FOR THE PERSON WITHIN SEVEN CALENDAR DAYS AFTER THE  
7 DISCHARGE. FACILITIES SHALL COMPLY WITH THIS SUBSECTION (8)(c)  
8 WHEN THE STATEWIDE CARE COORDINATION INFRASTRUCTURE CREATED  
9 IN SECTION 27-60-204 IS FULLY OPERATIONAL, AS DETERMINED BY THE  
10 BHA. THE BHA SHALL IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY FACILITIES WHEN THE  
11 STATEWIDE CARE COORDINATION INFRASTRUCTURE IS AVAILABLE TO  
12 ASSIST PERSONS WITH DISCHARGE.

13 (d) (I) THE FACILITY SHALL, AT A MINIMUM, ATTEMPT TO FOLLOW  
14 UP WITH THE PERSON, THE PERSON'S PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN, OR THE  
15 PERSON'S LAY PERSON AT LEAST FORTY-EIGHT HOURS AFTER DISCHARGE.  
16 THE FACILITY IS ENCOURAGED TO UTILIZE PEER SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS,  
17 AS DEFINED IN SECTION 27-60-108 (2)(b), WHEN PERFORMING FOLLOW-UP  
18 CARE WITH INDIVIDUALS AND IN DEVELOPING A CONTINUING CARE PLAN  
19 PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (8)(a)(I) OF THIS SECTION. THE FACILITY MAY  
20 FACILITATE FOLLOW-UP CARE THROUGH CONTRACTS WITH  
21 COMMUNITY-BASED BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROVIDERS OR THE COLORADO  
22 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS HOTLINE. IF THE FACILITY FACILITATES  
23 FOLLOW-UP CARE THROUGH A THIRD-PARTY CONTRACT, THE FACILITY  
24 SHALL OBTAIN AUTHORIZATION FROM THE PERSON TO PROVIDE FOLLOW-UP  
25 CARE.

26 (II) IF THE PERSON IS ENROLLED IN MEDICAID, THE FACILITY IS NOT  
27 REQUIRED TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBSECTION (8)(d) AND

1 INSTEAD, THE FACILITY SHALL NOTIFY THE PERSON'S RELEVANT MANAGED  
2 CARE ENTITY, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 25.5-5-403, OF THE PERSON'S  
3 DISCHARGE AND NEED FOR ONGOING FOLLOW-UP CARE PRIOR TO THE  
4 PERSON'S DISCHARGE.

5 (III) IF THE FACILITY CONTRACTS WITH A SAFETY NET PROVIDER,  
6 AS DEFINED IN SECTION 27-50-101, TO PROVIDE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH  
7 SERVICES TO A PERSON ON OR FOLLOWING AN EMERGENCY MENTAL  
8 HEALTH HOLD, THE FACILITY SHALL WORK WITH THE SAFETY NET  
9 PROVIDER IN ORDER TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBSECTION  
10 (8)(d).

11 (e) THE FACILITY SHALL ENCOURAGE THE PERSON TO DESIGNATE  
12 A FAMILY MEMBER, FRIEND, OR OTHER PERSON AS A LAY PERSON TO  
13 PARTICIPATE IN THE PERSON'S DISCHARGE PLANNING AND SHALL NOTIFY  
14 THE PERSON THAT THE PERSON IS ABLE TO RESCIND THE AUTHORIZATION  
15 OF A LAY PERSON AT ANY TIME. IF THE PERSON DESIGNATES A LAY PERSON  
16 AND HAS PROVIDED NECESSARY AUTHORIZATION, THE FACILITY SHALL  
17 ATTEMPT TO INVOLVE THE LAY PERSON IN THE PERSON'S DISCHARGE  
18 PLANNING. THE FACILITY SHALL NOTIFY THE LAY PERSON THAT THE  
19 PERSON IS BEING DISCHARGED OR TRANSFERRED.

20 (9) (a) On or before ~~July 1, 2019~~ JULY 1, 2023, and each July 1  
21 thereafter, each emergency medical services facility that has ~~treated~~  
22 EVALUATED a person pursuant to this section shall provide an annual  
23 report to the BHA that includes only disaggregated and nonidentifying  
24 information concerning persons who were treated at an emergency  
25 medical services facility pursuant to this section. The report must comply  
26 with section 24-1-136 (9) and is exempt from section 24-1-136 (11)(a)(I).  
27 The report must contain the following:

- 1 (I) The names and counties of the facilities;
- 2 (II) The total number of persons treated pursuant to this section,  
3 including a summary of demographic information;
- 4 (III) A summary regarding the different reasons for which persons  
5 were treated pursuant to this section; and
- 6 (IV) A summary of the disposition of persons transferred to a  
7 designated facility.

8 (b) (I) Any information disaggregated and provided to the BHA  
9 pursuant to this subsection (9) is privileged and confidential. Such  
10 information must not be made available to the public except in an  
11 aggregate format that cannot be used to identify an individual facility.  
12 The information is not subject to civil subpoena and is not discoverable  
13 or admissible in any civil, criminal, or administrative proceeding against  
14 an emergency medical services facility or health-care professional. The  
15 information must be used only to assess statewide behavioral health  
16 services needs and to plan for sufficient levels of statewide behavioral  
17 health services. In the collection of data to accomplish COLLECTING THE  
18 DATA PURSUANT TO the requirements of this subsection (9), the BHA shall  
19 protect the confidentiality of patient records, in accordance with state and  
20 federal laws, and shall not disclose any public identifying or proprietary  
21 information of any hospital, hospital administrator, health-care  
22 professional, or employee of a health-care facility.

23 (II) Subsection (9)(b)(I) of this section does not apply to  
24 information that is otherwise available from a source outside of the data  
25 collection activities required pursuant to ~~subsection (7)(a)~~ SUBSECTION  
26 (9)(a) of this section.

27 (10) (a) A PERSON DETAINED FOR AN EMERGENCY MENTAL HEALTH

1 HOLD PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION HAS THE FOLLOWING RIGHTS:

2 (I) TO BE TOLD THE REASON FOR THE PERSON'S DETAINMENT  
3 AND THE LIMITATIONS OF THE PERSON'S DETAINMENT, INCLUDING A  
4 DESCRIPTION OF THE PERSON'S RIGHT TO REFUSE MEDICATION, UNLESS THE  
5 PERSON REQUIRES EMERGENCY MEDICATIONS, AND THAT THE DETAINMENT  
6 DOES NOT MEAN ALL TREATMENT DURING DETAINMENT IS MANDATORY;

7 (II) TO REQUEST A CHANGE TO VOLUNTARY STATUS;

8 (III) TO BE TREATED FAIRLY, WITH RESPECT AND RECOGNITION OF  
9 THE PERSON'S DIGNITY AND INDIVIDUALITY, BY ALL EMPLOYEES OF THE  
10 FACILITY WITH WHOM THE PERSON COMES IN CONTACT;

11 (IV) TO NOT BE DISCRIMINATED AGAINST ON THE BASIS OF AGE,  
12 RACE, ETHNICITY, RELIGION, CULTURE, SPOKEN LANGUAGE, PHYSICAL OR  
13 MENTAL DISABILITY, SOCIOECONOMIC STATUS, SEX, SEXUAL ORIENTATION,  
14 GENDER IDENTITY, OR GENDER EXPRESSION;

15 (V) TO RETAIN AND CONSULT WITH AN ATTORNEY AT ANY TIME;  
16 EXCEPT THAT, UNLESS SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (7)(b) OF THIS SECTION,  
17 THE FACILITY IS NOT REQUIRED TO RETAIN AN ATTORNEY ON BEHALF OF  
18 THE PERSON BUT MUST ALLOW THE PERSON TO CONTACT AN ATTORNEY;

19 (VI) TO CONTINUE THE PRACTICE OF RELIGION;

20 (VII) WITHIN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS AFTER THE PERSON'S  
21 REQUEST, TO SEE AND RECEIVE THE SERVICES OF A PATIENT  
22 REPRESENTATIVE WHO HAS NO DIRECT OR INDIRECT CLINICAL,  
23 ADMINISTRATIVE, OR FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE PERSON;

24 (VIII) TO HAVE REASONABLE ACCESS TO TELEPHONES OR OTHER  
25 COMMUNICATION DEVICES AND TO MAKE AND TO RECEIVE CALLS OR  
26 COMMUNICATIONS IN PRIVATE. FACILITY STAFF SHALL NOT OPEN, DELAY,  
27 INTERCEPT, READ, OR CENSOR MAIL OR OTHER COMMUNICATIONS OR USE

1 MAIL OR OTHER COMMUNICATIONS AS A METHOD TO ENFORCE  
2 COMPLIANCE WITH FACILITY STAFF.

3 (IX) TO WEAR THE PERSON'S OWN CLOTHES, KEEP AND USE THE  
4 PERSON'S OWN PERSONAL POSSESSIONS AND KEEP AND BE ALLOWED TO  
5 SPEND A REASONABLE SUM OF THE PERSON'S OWN MONEY. A FACILITY  
6 MAY TEMPORARILY RESTRICT A PERSON'S ACCESS TO PERSONAL CLOTHING  
7 OR PERSONAL POSSESSIONS, UNTIL A SAFETY ASSESSMENT IS COMPLETED.  
8 IF THE FACILITY RESTRICTS A PERSON'S ACCESS TO PERSONAL CLOTHING  
9 OR PERSONAL POSSESSIONS, THE FACILITY SHALL HAVE A DISCUSSION WITH  
10 THE PERSON ABOUT WHY THE PERSON'S PERSONAL CLOTHING OR PERSONAL  
11 POSSESSIONS ARE BEING RESTRICTED. A LICENSED MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL  
12 OR A LICENSED BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL SHALL CONDUCT A  
13 SAFETY ASSESSMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THE LICENSED PROFESSIONAL  
14 SHALL DOCUMENT IN THE PERSON'S MEDICAL RECORD THE SPECIFIC  
15 REASONS WHY IT IS NOT SAFE FOR THE PERSON TO POSSESS THE PERSON'S  
16 PERSONAL CLOTHING OR PERSONAL POSSESSIONS. THE FACILITY SHALL  
17 PERIODICALLY CONDUCT ADDITIONAL SAFETY ASSESSMENTS TO  
18 DETERMINE WHETHER THE PERSON MAY POSSESS THE PERSON'S PERSONAL  
19 CLOTHING OR PERSONAL POSSESSIONS, WITH THE GOAL OF RESTORING THE  
20 PERSON'S RIGHTS ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.

21 (X) TO KEEP AND USE THE PERSON'S CELL PHONE, UNLESS ACCESS  
22 TO THE CELL PHONE CAUSES THE PERSON TO DESTABILIZE OR CREATES A  
23 DANGER TO THE PERSON'S SELF OR OTHERS, AS DETERMINED BY A  
24 PROVIDER, FACILITY STAFF MEMBER, OR SECURITY PERSONNEL INVOLVED  
25 IN THE PERSON'S CARE;

26 (XI) TO HAVE THE PERSON'S INFORMATION AND RECORDS  
27 DISCLOSED TO FAMILY MEMBERS AND A LAY PERSON PURSUANT TO



1 SECTION 27-65-123;

2 (XII) TO HAVE THE PERSON'S TREATMENT RECORDS REMAIN  
3 CONFIDENTIAL, EXCEPT AS REQUIRED BY LAW;

4 (XIII) TO NOT BE FINGERPRINTED, UNLESS REQUIRED BY LAW;

5 (XIV) TO NOT BE PHOTOGRAPHED, EXCEPT UPON ADMISSION FOR  
6 IDENTIFICATION AND ADMINISTRATIVE PURPOSES. ANY PHOTOGRAPHS  
7 MUST BE CONFIDENTIAL AND MUST NOT BE RELEASED BY THE FACILITY  
8 EXCEPT PURSUANT TO A COURT ORDER. NONMEDICAL PHOTOGRAPHS MUST  
9 NOT BE TAKEN OR USED WITHOUT APPROPRIATE CONSENT OR  
10 AUTHORIZATION.

11 (XV) TO HAVE APPROPRIATE ACCESS TO ADEQUATE WATER,  
12 HYGIENE PRODUCTS, AND FOOD AND TO HAVE THE PERSON'S NUTRITIONAL  
13 NEEDS MET IN A MANNER THAT IS CONSISTENT WITH RECOGNIZED DIETARY  
14 PRACTICES;

15 (XVI) TO HAVE PERSONAL PRIVACY TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE  
16 DURING THE COURSE OF TREATMENT; AND

17 (XVII) TO HAVE THE ABILITY TO MEET WITH VISITORS IN  
18 ACCORDANCE WITH THE FACILITY'S CURRENT VISITOR GUIDELINES.

19 (b) A PERSON'S RIGHTS UNDER THIS SUBSECTION (10) MAY ONLY  
20 BE DENIED IF ACCESS TO THE ITEM, PROGRAM, OR SERVICE CAUSES THE  
21 PERSON TO DESTABILIZE OR CREATES A DANGER TO THE PERSON'S SELF OR  
22 OTHERS, AS DETERMINED BY A LICENCED PROVIDER INVOLVED IN THE  
23 PERSON'S CARE. DENIAL OF ANY RIGHT MUST BE ENTERED INTO THE  
24 PERSON'S TREATMENT RECORD AND MUST BE MADE AVAILABLE, UPON  
25 REQUEST, TO THE PERSON, THE PERSON'S LEGAL GUARDIAN, OR THE  
26 PERSON'S ATTORNEY.

27 (c) A FACILITY SHALL NOT INTENTIONALLY RETALIATE OR

1 DISCRIMINATE AGAINST A DETAINED PERSON OR EMPLOYEE FOR  
2 CONTACTING OR PROVIDING INFORMATION TO ANY OFFICIAL OR TO AN  
3 EMPLOYEE OF ANY STATE PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY AGENCY OR FOR  
4 INITIATING, PARTICIPATING IN, OR TESTIFYING IN A GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE  
5 OR IN AN ACTION FOR ANY REMEDY AUTHORIZED PURSUANT TO THIS  
6 SECTION. ANY FACILITY THAT VIOLATES THIS SUBSECTION (10) COMMITS  
7 AN UNCLASSIFIED MISDEMEANOR AND SHALL BE FINED NOT MORE THAN  
8 ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS.

9 (d) ANY PERSON WHOSE RIGHTS ARE DENIED OR VIOLATED  
10 PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION HAS THE RIGHT TO FILE A COMPLIANT AGAINST  
11 THE FACILITY WITH THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADMINISTRATION AND THE  
12 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT.

13 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 27-65-109, **amend**  
14 **as added by House Bill 22-1256** (1), (2), (3), (4), (6), (7), (8), and (10)  
15 as follows:

16 **27-65-109. Certification for short-term treatment - procedure.**

17 (1) If A person ~~detained pursuant to section 27-65-106 has received an~~  
18 ~~evaluation, the person~~ may be certified for not more than three months for  
19 short-term treatment under the following conditions:

20 (a) The professional staff of the ~~agency or facility providing~~  
21 ~~seventy-two-hour treatment and evaluation has analyzed the person's~~  
22 ~~condition~~ DETAINING THE PERSON ON AN EMERGENCY MENTAL HEALTH  
23 HOLD HAS EVALUATED THE PERSON and has found the person has a mental  
24 health disorder and, as a result of the mental health disorder, is a danger  
25 to ~~others or to~~ the person's self or others or is gravely disabled;

26  
27 (b) The person has been advised of the availability of, but has not

1 accepted, voluntary treatment; but, if reasonable grounds exist to believe  
2 that the person will not remain in a voluntary treatment program, the  
3 person's acceptance of voluntary treatment does not preclude certification;  
4 and

5 (c) The facility OR COMMUNITY PROVIDER that will provide  
6 short-term treatment has been designated ~~or approved~~ by the  
7 commissioner to provide such treatment; AND

8 (d) THE PERSON, THE PERSON'S LEGAL GUARDIAN, AND THE  
9 PERSON'S LAY PERSON, IF APPLICABLE, HAVE BEEN ADVISED OF THE  
10 PERSON'S RIGHT TO AN ATTORNEY AND TO CONTEST THE CERTIFICATION  
11 FOR SHORT-TERM TREATMENT.

12 (2) The notice of certification must be signed by a professional  
13 person ~~on the staff of the evaluation facility~~ who participated in the  
14 evaluation. and THE NOTICE OF CERTIFICATION must:

15 (a) State facts sufficient to establish reasonable grounds to believe  
16 that the ~~person~~ RESPONDENT has a mental health disorder and, as a result  
17 of the mental health disorder, is a danger to ~~others or to the person's self~~  
18 THE RESPONDENT'S SELF OR OTHERS or is gravely disabled;

19 (b) Be filed with the court within forty-eight hours, excluding  
20 Saturdays, Sundays, and court holidays, ~~of~~ AFTER the date of certification;  
21 and

22 (c) Be filed with the court in the county in which the respondent  
23 resided or was physically present immediately prior to being taken into  
24 custody; AND

25 (d) PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS IF THE CERTIFICATION SHOULD  
26 TAKE PLACE ON AN INPATIENT OR OUTPATIENT BASIS.

27 (3) Within twenty-four hours after certification, copies of the

1 certification must be personally delivered to the respondent, THE BHA,  
2 and a copy must be kept by the ~~evaluation~~ EVALUATING facility as part of  
3 the respondent's record, IF APPLICABLE. The FACILITY OR COURT SHALL  
4 ASK THE respondent ~~must also be asked~~ to designate ~~one other person~~ A  
5 LAY PERSON whom the respondent wishes TO BE informed regarding  
6 certification. If the respondent is incapable of making such a designation  
7 at the time the certification is delivered, ~~he or she~~ THE RESPONDENT must  
8 be asked to designate ~~such~~ A LAY person as soon as the respondent is  
9 capable. In addition to the copy of the certification, the respondent must  
10 be given a written notice that a hearing upon the respondent's certification  
11 for short-term treatment may be had before the court or a jury upon  
12 written request directed to the court pursuant to subsection (6) of this  
13 section.

14 (4) Upon certification of the respondent, the facility designated for  
15 short-term treatment has custody of the respondent.

16 (6) The respondent ~~for short-term treatment~~ or the respondent's  
17 attorney may at any time file a written request that the certification for  
18 short-term treatment or the treatment be reviewed by the court or that the  
19 treatment be on an outpatient basis. If review is requested, the court shall  
20 hear the matter within ten days after the request, and the court shall give  
21 notice to the respondent and the respondent's attorney and the ~~certifying~~  
22 ~~and treating professional person~~ of the time and place ~~thereof~~ OF THE  
23 HEARING. The hearing must be held in accordance with section  
24 27-65-113. At the conclusion of the hearing, the court may enter or  
25 confirm the certification for short-term treatment, discharge the  
26 respondent, or enter any other appropriate order. ~~subject to available~~  
27 ~~appropriations.~~

1           (7) Records and papers in proceedings ~~under~~ PURSUANT TO this  
2 section must be maintained separately by the clerks of the several courts.  
3 Upon the release of any respondent in accordance with section 27-65-112,  
4 the facility shall notify the clerk of the court within five days after the  
5 release, and the clerk shall ~~forthwith~~ IMMEDIATELY seal the record in the  
6 case and omit the name of the respondent from the index of cases in the  
7 court until and unless the respondent becomes subject to an order of  
8 CERTIFICATION FOR long-term care and treatment pursuant to section  
9 27-65-110 or until and unless the court orders ~~them~~ THE RECORDS opened  
10 for good cause shown. In the event a petition is filed pursuant to section  
11 27-65-110, the certification record may be opened and become a part of  
12 the record in the long-term care and treatment case and the name of the  
13 respondent indexed.

14           (8) Whenever it appears to the court, by reason of a report by the  
15 treating professional person OR THE BHA or any other report satisfactory  
16 to the court, that a respondent detained for evaluation and treatment or  
17 certified for SHORT-TERM treatment should be transferred to another  
18 facility for treatment and the safety of the respondent or the public  
19 requires that the respondent be transported by a secure transportation  
20 provider or ~~a sheriff~~ A CERTIFIED PEACE OFFICER, the court may issue an  
21 order directing ~~the sheriff or the sheriff's~~ ~~designee,~~ THE LAW  
22 ENFORCEMENT AGENCY WHERE THE RESPONDENT RESIDES OR SECURE  
23 TRANSPORTATION PROVIDER to deliver the respondent to the designated  
24 facility.

25           (10) If the professional person in charge of the evaluation and  
26 treatment believes that a period longer than three months is necessary ~~for~~  
27 ~~treatment of~~ TO TREAT the respondent, the professional person shall file

1 with the court an extended certification AT LEAST THIRTY DAYS PRIOR TO  
2 THE EXPIRATION DATE OF THE ORIGINAL CERTIFICATION. An extended  
3 certification for treatment ~~is~~ MUST NOT BE for a period of more than three  
4 months. The respondent is entitled to a hearing on the extended  
5 certification under the same conditions as an original certification. The  
6 attorney initially representing the respondent shall continue to represent  
7 the respondent, unless the court appoints another attorney.

8 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend as added by**  
9 **House Bill 22-1256** 27-65-112 as follows:

10 **27-65-112. Termination of certification for short-term and**  
11 **long-term treatment.** (1) An original or extended certification for  
12 short-term treatment ISSUED PURSUANT TO SECTION 27-65-109, or an order  
13 OR EXTENSION FOR CERTIFICATION for long-term care and treatment ~~or any~~  
14 ~~extension thereof~~ PURSUANT TO SECTION 27-65-110 terminates as soon as  
15 ~~in the opinion of~~ the professional person in charge of treatment of the  
16 respondent AND THE **BHA** DETERMINE the respondent has received  
17 sufficient benefit from ~~such~~ THE treatment for the respondent to leave  
18 END **INVOLUNTARY** TREATMENT. Whenever a certification or extended  
19 certification is terminated pursuant to this section, the professional person  
20 in charge of providing treatment shall ~~so~~ notify the court in writing within  
21 five days after THE termination. ~~The professional person may also~~  
22 ~~prescribe day care, night care, or any other similar mode of treatment~~  
23 ~~prior to termination.~~

24 (2) Before termination, ~~an escaped~~ A respondent WHO LEAVES A  
25 FACILITY may be returned to the facility by order of the court without a  
26 hearing or by the superintendent or director of the facility without ~~order~~  
27 ~~of~~ A court ORDER. After termination, a respondent may be returned to the

1 facility only in accordance with this article 65.

2 **SECTION 5.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend as added by**  
3 **House Bill 22-1256** 27-65-119 as follows:

4 **27-65-119. [Formerly 27-65-117] Rights of respondents**  
5 **certified for short-term treatment or long-term care and treatment.**

6 (1) Each ~~person receiving evaluation, care or treatment pursuant to any~~  
7 ~~provision of this article~~ RESPONDENT CERTIFIED FOR SHORT-TERM  
8 TREATMENT OR LONG-TERM CARE AND TREATMENT ON AN INPATIENT  
9 BASIS PURSUANT TO SECTIONS **27-65-109** AND 27-65-110 has the  
10 following rights and shall be advised of such rights by the facility:

11 (a) TO BE TREATED FAIRLY, WITH RESPECT AND RECOGNITION OF  
12 THE RESPONDENT'S DIGNITY AND INDIVIDUALITY, BY ALL EMPLOYEES OF  
13 THE FACILITY WITH WHOM THE RESPONDENT COMES IN CONTACT;

14 (b) TO NOT BE DISCRIMINATED AGAINST ON THE BASIS OF AGE,  
15 RACE, ETHNICITY, RELIGION, CULTURE, SPOKEN LANGUAGE, PHYSICAL OR  
16 MENTAL DISABILITY, SOCIOECONOMIC STATUS, SEX, SEXUAL ORIENTATION,  
17 GENDER IDENTITY, OR GENDER EXPRESSION;

18 (c) TO RETAIN AND CONSULT WITH AN ATTORNEY AT ANY TIME;

19 (d) TO MEET WITH OR CALL A PERSONAL CLINICIAN, SPIRITUAL  
20 ADVISOR, COUNSELOR, CRISIS HOTLINE, FAMILY MEMBER, WORKPLACE,  
21 CHILD CARE PROVIDER, OR SCHOOL AT ALL REASONABLE TIMES;

22 (e) TO CONTINUE THE PRACTICE OF RELIGION;

23 (f) WITHIN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS AFTER THE RESPONDENT'S  
24 REQUEST, TO SEE AND RECEIVE THE SERVICES OF A PATIENT  
25 REPRESENTATIVE WHO HAS NO DIRECT OR INDIRECT CLINICAL,  
26 ADMINISTRATIVE, OR FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE PERSON;

27 (a) (g) To receive and send sealed correspondence, ~~No incoming~~

1 ~~or outgoing correspondence shall be opened, delayed, held, or censored~~  
2 ~~by the personnel of the facility~~ AS WELL AS TO BE GIVEN THE ASSISTANCE  
3 OF FACILITY STAFF IF THE RESPONDENT IS UNABLE TO WRITE, PREPARE, OR  
4 MAIL CORRESPONDENCE. FACILITY STAFF SHALL NOT OPEN, DELAY,  
5 INTERCEPT, READ, OR CENSOR MAIL OR OTHER COMMUNICATIONS OR USE  
6 MAIL OR OTHER COMMUNICATIONS AS A METHOD TO ENFORCE  
7 COMPLIANCE WITH FACILITY STAFF;

8 (h) TO HAVE THE RESPONDENT'S BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ORDERS FOR  
9 SCOPE OF TREATMENT OR PSYCHIATRIC ADVANCE DIRECTIVE REVIEWED  
10 AND CONSIDERED BY THE COURT AS THE PREFERRED TREATMENT OPTION  
11 FOR INVOLUNTARY ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATIONS UNLESS, BY CLEAR  
12 AND CONVINCING EVIDENCE, THE RESPONDENT'S DIRECTIVE DOES NOT  
13 QUALIFY AS EFFECTIVE PARTICIPATION IN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH  
14 DECISION-MAKING;

15 (i) TO HAVE REASONABLE ACCESS TO TELEPHONES OR OTHER  
16 COMMUNICATION DEVICES AND TO MAKE AND RECEIVE CALLS OR  
17 COMMUNICATIONS IN PRIVATE;

18 ~~(d)~~ (j) To have frequent and convenient opportunities to meet with  
19 visitors; ~~Each person may~~

20 (k) To see ~~the person's~~ THE RESPONDENT'S attorney, clergy person,  
21 or physician at any time;

22 ~~(e)~~ (l) To wear ~~the person's~~ THE RESPONDENT'S own clothes, keep  
23 and use ~~his or her~~ THE RESPONDENT'S own personal possessions,  
24 INCLUDING THE PERSON'S CELL PHONE, and keep and be allowed to spend  
25 a reasonable sum of ~~the person's~~ THE RESPONDENT'S own money;

26 (m) TO HAVE THE RESPONDENT'S INFORMATION AND RECORDS  
27 DISCLOSED TO FAMILY MEMBERS AND A LAY PERSON PURSUANT TO



1 SECTION 27-65-123;

2 (n) TO HAVE THE RESPONDENT'S TREATMENT RECORDS REMAIN  
3 CONFIDENTIAL, EXCEPT AS REQUIRED BY LAW;

4 (o) TO HAVE APPROPRIATE ACCESS TO ADEQUATE WATER, HYGIENE  
5 PRODUCTS, AND FOOD AND TO HAVE THE RESPONDENT'S NUTRITIONAL  
6 NEEDS MET IN A MANNER THAT IS CONSISTENT WITH RECOGNIZED DIETARY  
7 PRACTICES;

8 (p) TO HAVE PERSONAL PRIVACY TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE DURING  
9 THE COURSE OF TREATMENT; AND

10 (q) TO HAVE ACCESS TO A REPRESENTATIVE WITHIN THE FACILITY  
11 WHO PROVIDES ASSISTANCE TO FILE A GRIEVANCE.

12 (2) A ~~person's~~ RESPONDENT'S rights under subsection (1) of this  
13 section may be denied ~~for good cause only by the professional person~~  
14 ~~providing treatment~~ IF ACCESS TO THE ITEM, PROGRAM, OR SERVICE  
15 WOULD ENDANGER THE SAFETY OF THE RESPONDENT OR ANOTHER PERSON  
16 IN CLOSE PROXIMITY AND MAY ONLY BE DENIED BY A PERSON INVOLVED  
17 IN THE RESPONDENT'S CARE. Denial of any right ~~must in all cases~~ MUST be  
18 entered into the ~~person's~~ RESPONDENT'S treatment record. Information  
19 pertaining to a denial of rights contained in the ~~person's~~ RESPONDENT'S  
20 treatment record must be made available, upon request, to the ~~person~~  
21 RESPONDENT, THE RESPONDENT'S LEGAL GUARDIAN, or ~~the person's~~ THE  
22 RESPONDENT'S attorney.

23 (3) ~~No person~~ A RESPONDENT admitted to or in a facility ~~shall~~  
24 MUST NOT be fingerprinted unless required by other provisions of law.

25 (4) A ~~person~~ RESPONDENT may be photographed upon admission  
26 for identification and the administrative purposes of the facility. The  
27 photographs are confidential and must not be released by the facility

1       except pursuant to court order. ~~No other~~ Nonmedical photographs ~~may~~  
2       SHALL NOT be taken or used without appropriate consent or authorization.

3               (5) Any ~~person~~ RESPONDENT receiving evaluation or treatment  
4       under any of the provisions of this article 65 is entitled to a written copy  
5       AND VERBAL DESCRIPTION IN A LANGUAGE OR MODALITY ACCESSIBLE TO  
6       THE PERSON of all the ~~person's~~ rights enumerated in this section, and a  
7       minor child ~~shall~~ MUST receive written notice of the minor's rights as  
8       provided in section 27-65-104 (6)(g). A list of the rights must be  
9       prominently posted in all evaluation and treatment facilities IN THE  
10       PREDOMINANT LANGUAGES OF THE COMMUNITY AND EXPLAINED IN A  
11       LANGUAGE OR MODALITY ACCESSIBLE TO THE RESPONDENT. THE FACILITY  
12       SHALL ASSIST THE RESPONDENT IN EXERCISING THE RIGHTS ENUMERATED  
13       IN THIS SECTION.

14               (6) A FACILITY SHALL NOT INTENTIONALLY RETALIATE OR  
15       DISCRIMINATE AGAINST A PERSON OR EMPLOYEE FOR CONTACTING OR  
16       PROVIDING INFORMATION TO ANY OFFICIAL OR TO AN EMPLOYEE OF ANY  
17       STATE PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY AGENCY, OR FOR INITIATING,  
18       PARTICIPATING IN, OR TESTIFYING IN A GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE OR IN AN  
19       ACTION FOR ANY REMEDY AUTHORIZED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION. ANY  
20       FACILITY THAT VIOLATES THIS SUBSECTION (6) COMMITS AN UNCLASSIFIED  
21       MISDEMEANOR AND SHALL BE FINED NOT MORE THAN ONE THOUSAND  
22       DOLLARS.

23               (7) ANY RESPONDENT WHOSE RIGHTS ARE DENIED OR  
24       VIOLATED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION HAS THE RIGHT TO FILE A  
25       COMPLIANT AGAINST THE FACILITY WITH THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH  
26       ADMINISTRATION AND THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND  
27       ENVIRONMENT.

1           **SECTION 6.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 7-60-132, **amend**  
2 (1)(a) as follows:

3           **7-60-132. Dissolution by decree of court.** (1) On application by  
4 or for a partner, the court shall decree a dissolution if:

5           (a) A partner has been determined by the court to be mentally  
6 incompetent to such a degree that the partner is incapable of performing  
7 the partner's part of the partnership contract or a court of competent  
8 jurisdiction has made such a finding pursuant to part 3 or part 4 of article  
9 14 of title 15 or ~~section 27-65-109 (4)~~ SECTION 27-65-110 (4) or  
10 27-65-127; ~~C.R.S.;~~

11           **SECTION 7.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-215-115, **amend**  
12 (7) as follows:

13           **12-215-115. Discipline of licensees - suspension, revocation,**  
14 **denial, and probation - grounds - definitions.** (7) In the event any  
15 person holding a license to practice chiropractic in this state is determined  
16 to be mentally incompetent or insane by a court of competent jurisdiction  
17 and a court enters, pursuant to part 3 or 4 of article 14 of title 15 or  
18 ~~section 27-65-109 (4)~~ SECTION 27-65-110 (4) or 27-65-127, an order  
19 specifically finding that the mental incompetency or insanity is of such a  
20 degree that the person holding a license is incapable of continuing to  
21 practice chiropractic, ~~his or her~~ THE PERSON'S license shall automatically  
22 be suspended by the board, and, anything in this article 215 to the  
23 contrary notwithstanding, the suspension ~~shall~~ MUST continue until the  
24 licensee is found by the court to be competent to practice chiropractic.

25           **SECTION 8.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-240-125, **amend**  
26 (7) as follows:

27           **12-240-125. Disciplinary action by board - rules.** (7) If any

1 licensee is determined to be mentally incompetent or insane by a court of  
2 competent jurisdiction and a court enters, pursuant to part 3 or 4 of article  
3 14 of title 15 or ~~section 27-65-109 (4)~~ SECTION 27-65-110 (4) or  
4 27-65-127, an order specifically finding that the mental incompetency or  
5 insanity is of such a degree that the licensee is incapable of continuing to  
6 practice medicine, practice as a physician assistant, or practice as an  
7 anesthesiologist assistant, the board shall automatically suspend ~~his or her~~  
8 THE LICENSEE'S license, and, anything in this article 240 to the contrary  
9 notwithstanding, the suspension must continue until the licensee is found  
10 by the court to be competent to practice medicine, practice as a physician  
11 assistant, or practice as an anesthesiologist assistant.

12 **SECTION 9.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-245-203.5,  
13 **amend** (1) as follows:

14 **12-245-203.5. Minors - consent for outpatient psychotherapy**  
15 **services - immunity - definition.** (1) As used in this section, unless the  
16 context otherwise requires, "mental health professional" includes a  
17 professional person as defined in section 27-65-102 ~~(17)~~ (27); a mental  
18 health professional licensed pursuant to part 3, 4, 5, 6, or 8 of this article  
19 245; a licensed professional counselor candidate; a psychologist  
20 candidate; or a school social worker licensed by the department of  
21 education.

22 **SECTION 10.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-245-216, **amend**  
23 (2) and (4)(b) as follows:

24 **12-245-216. Mandatory disclosure of information to clients.**  
25 (2) If the client is a ~~child~~ MINOR who is consenting to mental health  
26 services pursuant to ~~section 27-65-103~~ SECTION 27-65-104, disclosure  
27 ~~shall~~ MUST be made to the ~~child~~ MINOR. If the client is a ~~child~~ MINOR

1 whose parent or legal guardian is consenting to mental health services,  
2 disclosure ~~shall~~ MUST be made to the MINOR'S parent or legal guardian.

3 (4) The disclosure of information required by subsection (1) of  
4 this section is not required when psychotherapy is being administered in  
5 any of the following circumstances:

6 (b) Pursuant to a court order or involuntary procedures pursuant  
7 to ~~sections 27-65-105 to 27-65-109~~ SECTIONS 27-65-106 TO 27-65-110;

8 **SECTION 11.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-255-119, **amend**  
9 (7) as follows:

10 **12-255-119. Disciplinary procedures of the board - inquiry**  
11 **and hearings panels - mental and physical examinations - definitions**  
12 **- rules.** (7) In case any nurse is determined to be mentally incompetent  
13 or insane by a court of competent jurisdiction and a court enters, pursuant  
14 to part 3 or 4 of article 14 of title 15 or ~~section 27-65-109 (4)~~ SECTION  
15 27-65-110 (4) or 27-65-127, an order specifically finding that the mental  
16 incompetency or insanity is of such a degree that the nurse is incapable  
17 of continuing the practice of nursing, the ~~nurse's license~~ BOARD shall  
18 automatically ~~be suspended by the board~~ SUSPEND THE NURSE'S LICENSE,  
19 and, notwithstanding any provision of this part 1 to the contrary, the  
20 suspension ~~shall~~ MUST continue until the nurse is found by the court to be  
21 competent to continue the practice of nursing.

22 **SECTION 12.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-290-113, **amend**  
23 (8) as follows:

24 **12-290-113. Disciplinary action by board.** (8) If a person  
25 holding a license to practice podiatry in this state is determined to be  
26 mentally incompetent or insane by a court of competent jurisdiction and  
27 a court enters, pursuant to part 3 or 4 of article 14 of title 15 or ~~section~~

1     ~~27-65-109(4)~~ SECTION 27-65-110 (4) or 27-65-127, an order specifically  
2     finding that the mental incompetency or insanity is of such a degree that  
3     the person holding a license is incapable of continuing to practice  
4     podiatry, the ~~license~~ BOARD shall automatically ~~be suspended by the board~~  
5     SUSPEND THE LICENSE, and, anything in this article 290 to the contrary  
6     notwithstanding, the suspension ~~shall~~ MUST continue until the licensee is  
7     found by the court to be competent to practice podiatry.

8             **SECTION 13.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-315-112, **amend**  
9     (1)(v) as follows:

10            **12-315-112. Discipline of licensees.** (1) Upon receipt of a signed  
11     complaint by a complainant or upon its own motion, the board may  
12     proceed to a hearing in conformity with section 12-315-113. After a  
13     hearing, and by a concurrence of a majority of members, the board may  
14     take disciplinary or other action as authorized in section 12-20-404  
15     against an applicant or a licensed veterinarian for any of the following  
16     reasons:

17            (v) A determination that the individual is mentally incompetent by  
18     a court of competent jurisdiction and the court has entered, pursuant to  
19     part 3 or 4 of article 14 of title 15 or ~~section 27-65-109(4)~~ SECTION  
20     27-65-110 (4) or 27-65-127, an order specifically finding that the mental  
21     incompetency is of such a degree that the individual is incapable of  
22     continuing to practice veterinary medicine;

23            **SECTION 14.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 13-5-142, **amend**  
24     (1)(c) and (3)(b)(III) as follows:

25            **13-5-142. National instant criminal background check system**  
26     **- reporting.** (1) On and after March 20, 2013, the state court  
27     administrator shall send electronically the following information to the

1 Colorado bureau of investigation created pursuant to section 24-33.5-401,  
2 referred to in this section as the "bureau":

3 (c) The name of each person with respect to whom the court has  
4 entered an order for involuntary certification for short-term treatment of  
5 a mental health disorder pursuant to ~~section 27-65-107~~ SECTION  
6 27-65-109, for extended certification for treatment of a mental health  
7 disorder pursuant to ~~section 27-65-108~~ SECTION 27-65-109 (10), or for  
8 long-term care and treatment of a mental health disorder pursuant to  
9 ~~section 27-65-109~~ SECTION 27-65-110.

10 (3) The state court administrator shall take all necessary steps to  
11 cancel a record made by the state court administrator in the national  
12 instant criminal background check system if:

13 (b) No less than three years before the date of the written request:

14 (III) The record in the case was sealed pursuant to ~~section~~  
15 ~~27-65-107 (7)~~ SECTION 27-65-109 (7), or the court entered an order  
16 discharging the person from certification in the nature of habeas corpus  
17 pursuant to ~~section 27-65-113~~ SECTION 27-65-115, if the record in the  
18 national instant criminal background check system is based on a court  
19 order for involuntary certification for short-term treatment of a mental  
20 health disorder.

21 **SECTION 15.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 13-5-142.5, **amend**  
22 (2)(a)(III) as follows:

23 **13-5-142.5. National instant criminal background check**  
24 **system - judicial process for awarding relief from federal**  
25 **prohibitions - legislative declaration. (2) Eligibility.** A person may  
26 petition for relief pursuant to this section if:

27 (a) (III) The court has entered an order for the person's involuntary

1 certification for short-term treatment of a mental health disorder pursuant  
2 to ~~section 27-65-107~~ SECTION 27-65-109, for extended certification for  
3 treatment of a mental health disorder pursuant to ~~section 27-65-108~~  
4 SECTION 27-65-109 (10), or for long-term care and treatment of a mental  
5 health disorder pursuant to ~~section 27-65-109~~ SECTION 27-65-110; and

6 **SECTION 16.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 13-5-142.8  
7 as follows:

8 **13-5-142.8. Notice by professional persons.** Under sections  
9 13-9-123 (1), 13-9-124 (2), 13-5-142 (1), and 13-5-142.5 (2), an order for  
10 involuntary certification for short-term treatment of a mental health  
11 disorder pursuant to ~~section 27-65-107~~ shall SECTION 27-65-109 MUST  
12 also include a notice filed by a professional person pursuant to ~~section~~  
13 ~~27-65-107~~ SECTION 27-65-109, and an order for extended certification for  
14 treatment of mental health disorder pursuant to ~~section 27-65-108~~ shall  
15 SECTION 27-65-109 (10) MUST also include a notice filed by a professional  
16 person pursuant to ~~section 27-65-108~~ SECTION 27-65-109 (10).

17 **SECTION 17.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 13-9-123, **amend**  
18 (1)(c) and (3)(b)(III) as follows:

19 **13-9-123. National instant criminal background check system**  
20 **- reporting.** (1) On and after March 20, 2013, the state court  
21 administrator shall send electronically the following information to the  
22 Colorado bureau of investigation created pursuant to section 24-33.5-401,  
23 referred to in this section as the "bureau":

24 (c) The name of each person with respect to whom the court has  
25 entered an order for involuntary certification for short-term treatment of  
26 a mental health disorder pursuant to ~~section 27-65-107~~ SECTION  
27 27-65-109, for extended certification for treatment of a mental health



1 disorder pursuant to ~~section 27-65-108~~ SECTION 27-65-109 (10), or for  
2 long-term care and treatment of a mental health disorder pursuant to  
3 ~~section 27-65-109~~ SECTION 27-65-110.

4 (3) The state court administrator shall take all necessary steps to  
5 cancel a record made by the state court administrator in the national  
6 instant criminal background check system if:

7 (b) No less than three years before the date of the written request:

8 (III) The record in the case was sealed pursuant to ~~section~~  
9 ~~27-65-107 (7)~~ SECTION 27-65-109 (7), or the court entered an order  
10 discharging the person from certification in the nature of habeas corpus  
11 pursuant to ~~section 27-65-113~~ SECTION 27-65-115, if the record in the  
12 national instant criminal background check system is based on a court  
13 order for involuntary certification for short-term treatment of a mental  
14 health disorder.

15 **SECTION 18.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 13-9-124, **amend**  
16 (2)(a)(III) as follows:

17 **13-9-124. National instant criminal background check system**  
18 **- judicial process for awarding relief from federal prohibitions -**  
19 **legislative declaration. (2) Eligibility.** A person may petition for relief  
20 pursuant to this section if:

21 (a) (III) The court has entered an order for the person's involuntary  
22 certification for short-term treatment of a mental health disorder pursuant  
23 to ~~section 27-65-107~~ SECTION 27-65-109, for extended certification for  
24 treatment of a mental health disorder pursuant to ~~section 27-65-108~~  
25 SECTION 27-65-109 (10), or for long-term care and treatment of a mental  
26 health disorder pursuant to ~~section 27-65-109~~ SECTION 27-65-110; and

27 **SECTION 19.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 13-14.5-105,

1 **amend** (8)(a) as follows:

2 **13-14.5-105. Hearings on petition - grounds for order issuance.**

3 (8) (a) Before issuing an extreme risk protection order, the court shall  
4 consider whether the respondent meets the standard for a court-ordered  
5 evaluation for persons with mental health disorders pursuant to section  
6 27-65-106. If the court determines that the respondent meets the standard,  
7 then, in addition to issuing an extreme risk protection order, the court  
8 shall order mental health treatment and evaluation authorized pursuant to  
9 ~~section 27-65-106 (6)~~ SECTION 27-65-106 (4)(d).

10 **SECTION 20.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 13-20-401, **amend**  
11 (2) as follows:

12 **13-20-401. Definitions.** As used in this part 4, unless the context  
13 otherwise requires:

14 (2) "Patient" means the person upon whom a proposed  
15 electroconvulsive treatment is to be performed; except that nothing in this  
16 part 4 supersedes the provisions of article 65 of title 27 or any rule  
17 adopted by the ~~department of human services~~ BEHAVIORAL HEALTH  
18 ADMINISTRATION pursuant to ~~section 27-65-116 (2)~~ SECTION 27-65-118  
19 (2) with regard to the care and treatment of any person unable to exercise  
20 written informed consent or of a person with a mental health disorder.

21 **SECTION 21.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 15-18.7-201,  
22 **amend** (9)(b) as follows:

23 **15-18.7-201. Definitions.** As used in this part 2, unless the  
24 context otherwise requires:

25 (9) "Health-care provider" means:

26 (b) A professional person, as defined in section 27-65-102 ~~(17)~~  
27 ~~(27)~~;

1           **SECTION 22.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 15-18.7-202,  
2 **amend** (5), (6), and (7) as follows:

3           **15-18.7-202. Behavioral health orders for scope of treatment**  
4 **- form contents - effect.** (5) A behavioral health orders form may be  
5 admissible in a hearing pursuant to ~~section 27-65-111~~ SECTION 27-65-113  
6 for the purpose of establishing the adult's behavioral health treatment,  
7 medication, and alternative treatment history, decisions, and preferences  
8 to be made on behalf of the adult during an involuntary emergency  
9 procedure, certification, or commitment authorized pursuant to state law.

10           (6) Nothing in this part 2 means that an adult who has executed a  
11 behavioral health orders form has waived the right to a hearing before the  
12 court or jury pursuant to ~~section 27-65-111~~ SECTION 27-65-113.

13           (7) Nothing in this part 2 means that an adult who has executed a  
14 behavioral health orders form has consented to a petition for involuntary  
15 administration of medication authority pursuant to ~~section 27-65-111~~ (5)  
16 SECTION 27-65-113 (5).

17           **SECTION 23.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 16-8.5-105, **amend**  
18 (1)(a)(IV) and (6) as follows:

19           **16-8.5-105. Evaluations, locations, time frames, and report.**  
20 (1) (a) (IV) Nothing in this subsection (1)(a) limits the availability of a  
21 court-ordered evaluation for a person with a mental health disorder  
22 pursuant to ~~section 27-65-106~~ or invokes the **emergency** procedure FOR  
23 AN EMERGENCY MENTAL HEALTH HOLD set forth in ~~section 27-65-105~~  
24 SECTION 27-65-106.

25           (6) Whenever a competency evaluation is ordered upon the  
26 request of either party, the court may notify the county attorney or district  
27 attorney required to conduct proceedings pursuant to ~~section 27-65-111~~

1     ~~(6)~~ SECTION 27-65-113 (6) for the county in which the charges are  
2     pending and the court liaison hired pursuant to part 2 of article 11.9 of  
3     this title 16 of all court dates for return of the report on competency to  
4     ensure that all parties are on notice of the expected need for coordinated  
5     services and planning with consideration of possible civil certification.

6             **SECTION 24.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 16-8.5-111, **amend**  
7     (2)(a) as follows:

8             **16-8.5-111. Procedure after determination of competency or**  
9     **incompetency.** (2) If the final determination made pursuant to section  
10    16-8.5-103 is that the defendant is incompetent to proceed, the court has  
11    the following options:

12            (a) If the defendant is charged with an offense as outlined in  
13    section 16-8.5-116 (7) and the competency evaluation has determined that  
14    the defendant meets the standard for civil certification pursuant to article  
15    65 of title 27, the court may forgo any order of restoration and  
16    immediately order that proceedings be initiated by the county attorney or  
17    district attorney required to conduct proceedings pursuant to ~~section~~  
18    ~~27-65-111~~ (6) SECTION 27-65-113 (6) for the civil certification of the  
19    defendant and dismiss the charges without prejudice in the interest of  
20    justice once civil certification proceedings have been initiated.

21            **SECTION 25.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 16-8.5-116, **amend**  
22    (5), (6)(b), and (10) as follows:

23            **16-8.5-116. Certification - reviews - termination of**  
24    **proceedings - rules.** (5) The court shall forward a copy of each report  
25    and summary received pursuant to subsections (2), (3), and (4) of this  
26    section to the county attorney or district attorney required to conduct  
27    proceedings pursuant to ~~section 27-65-111~~ (6) SECTION 27-65-113 (6) for

1 the county in which the case is pending and to the court liaison.

2 (6) Notwithstanding the time periods provided in subsections (7),  
3 (8), and (9) of this section and to ensure compliance with relevant  
4 constitutional principles, for any offense for which the defendant remains  
5 confined as a result of a determination of incompetency to proceed if the  
6 court determines, based on available evidence, that there is not a  
7 substantial probability that the defendant will be restored to competency  
8 within the reasonably foreseeable future, the court may order the  
9 defendant's release from commitment pursuant to this article 8.5 through  
10 one or more of the following means:

11 (b) The court may, in coordination with the county attorney or  
12 district attorney required to conduct proceedings pursuant to ~~section~~  
13 ~~27-65-111 (6)~~ SECTION 27-65-113 (6) for the county in which the  
14 defendant is charged, order the commencement of certification  
15 proceedings pursuant to the provisions of article 65 of title 27 if the  
16 defendant meets the requirements for certification pursuant to article 65  
17 of title 27;

18 (10) Prior to the dismissal of charges pursuant to subsection (1),  
19 (6), (7), (8), or (9) of this section, the court shall identify whether the  
20 defendant meets the requirements for certification pursuant to article 65  
21 of title 27, or for the provision of services pursuant to article 10.5 of title  
22 27, or whether the defendant will agree to a voluntary commitment. If the  
23 court finds the requirements for certification or provision of services are  
24 met or the defendant does not agree to a voluntary commitment, the court  
25 may stay the dismissal for twenty-one days and notify the department and  
26 county attorney or district attorney required to conduct proceedings  
27 pursuant to ~~section 27-65-111 (6)~~ 27-65-113 (6) in the relevant

1 jurisdiction of the pending dismissal so as to provide the department and  
2 the county attorney or district attorney with the opportunity to pursue  
3 certification proceedings or the provision of necessary services.

4 **SECTION 26.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 18-1.3-204, **amend**  
5 (2)(a)(II) as follows:

6 **18-1.3-204. Conditions of probation - interstate compact**  
7 **probation transfer cash fund - creation.** (2) (a) When granting  
8 probation, the court may, as a condition of probation, require that the  
9 defendant:

10 (II) Undergo available medical or psychiatric treatment and  
11 remain in a specified institution if required for that purpose. In any case  
12 where inpatient psychiatric treatment is indicated, the court shall proceed  
13 in accordance with article 65 of title 27 ~~C.R.S.~~, and require the defendant  
14 to comply with the recommendation of the professional person in charge  
15 of the evaluation required pursuant to section ~~27-65-105~~ or 27-65-106.  
16 ~~C.R.S.~~

17 **SECTION 27.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 18-6.5-102, **amend**  
18 (11)(e) as follows:

19 **18-6.5-102. Definitions.** As used in this article 6.5, unless the  
20 context otherwise requires:

21 (11) "Person with a disability" means any person who:

22 (e) ~~Is a person with~~ HAS a mental health disorder, as ~~the term is~~  
23 defined in section 27-65-102; ~~(11.5);~~

24 **SECTION 28.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 19-1-115, **amend**  
25 (8)(a) as follows:

26 **19-1-115. Legal custody - guardianship - placement out of the**  
27 **home - petition for review for need of placement.** (8) (a) Whenever it

1 appears necessary that the placement of a child out of the home will be  
2 for longer than ninety days, the placement is voluntary and not  
3 court-ordered, and the placement involves the direct expenditure of funds  
4 appropriated by the general assembly to the department of human  
5 services, a petition for review of need for placement shall be filed by the  
6 department or agency with which the child has been placed before the  
7 expiration of ninety days in the placement. A decree providing for  
8 voluntary placement of a child with an agency in which public moneys  
9 are MONEY IS expended shall MUST be renewable in circumstances where  
10 WHEN there is documentation that the child has an emotional, a physical,  
11 or an intellectual disability that necessitates care and treatment for a  
12 longer duration than ninety days as provided pursuant to this paragraph  
13 (a) SUBSECTION (8)(a). The court shall not transfer or require  
14 relinquishment of legal custody of, or otherwise terminate the parental  
15 rights with respect to, a child who has an emotional, a physical, or an  
16 intellectual disability and who was voluntarily placed out of the home for  
17 the purposes of obtaining special treatment or care solely because the  
18 parent or legal guardian is unable to provide the treatment or care.  
19 Whenever a child fifteen years of age or older consents to placement in  
20 a mental health facility pursuant to ~~section 27-65-103, C.R.S.~~, SECTION  
21 27-65-104, the review ~~under section 27-65-103 (5), C.R.S.~~ shall  
22 PURSUANT TO SECTION 27-65-104 (4) MUST be conducted in lieu of and  
23 shall MUST fulfill the requirements for review under this paragraph (a)  
24 SUBSECTION (8)(a).

25 **SECTION 29.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 19-2.5-102, **amend**  
26 (34) as follows:

27 **19-2.5-102. Definitions.** In addition to the terms defined in

1 section 19-1-103, as used in this article 2.5, unless the context otherwise  
2 requires:

3 (34) "Mental health hospital placement prescreening" means a  
4 face-to-face mental health examination conducted by a mental health  
5 professional to determine whether a child should be placed in a facility  
6 for evaluation pursuant to section ~~27-65-105~~ or 27-65-106. The  
7 prescreening may include consultation with other mental health  
8 professionals and review of all available records on the child.

9 **SECTION 30.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 19-2.5-305, **amend**  
10 **as it exists until July 1, 2024,** (3)(b)(I); and **amend** (3)(b)(II), (3)(b)(III),  
11 and (3)(b)(IV) as follows:

12 **19-2.5-305. Detention and shelter - hearing - time limits -**  
13 **findings - review - confinement with adult offenders - restrictions.**

14 (3) (b) (I) If it appears that a juvenile being held in detention or  
15 temporary shelter may have an intellectual and developmental disability,  
16 as described in article 10.5 of title 27, the court or detention personnel  
17 shall refer the juvenile to the nearest community-centered board for an  
18 eligibility determination. If it appears that a juvenile being held in a  
19 detention or temporary shelter facility pursuant to this article 2.5 may  
20 have a mental health disorder, as provided in ~~sections 27-65-105~~ and  
21 SECTION 27-65-106, the intake personnel or other appropriate personnel  
22 shall contact a mental health professional to do a mental health hospital  
23 placement prescreening on the juvenile. The court must be notified of the  
24 contact and may take appropriate action. If a mental health hospital  
25 placement prescreening is requested, it must be conducted in an  
26 appropriate place accessible to the juvenile and the mental health  
27 professional. A request for a mental health hospital placement



1 prescreening must not extend the time within which a detention hearing  
2 must be held pursuant to this section. If a detention hearing has been set  
3 but has not yet occurred, the mental health hospital placement  
4 prescreening must be conducted prior to the hearing; except that the  
5 prescreening must not extend the time within which a detention hearing  
6 must be held.

7 (II) If a juvenile has been ordered detained pending an  
8 adjudication, disposition, or other court hearing, and the juvenile  
9 subsequently appears to have a mental health disorder, as described in  
10 section ~~27-65-105~~ or 27-65-106, the intake personnel or other appropriate  
11 personnel shall contact the court with a recommendation for a mental  
12 health hospital placement prescreening. A mental health hospital  
13 placement prescreening must be conducted at any appropriate place  
14 accessible to the juvenile and the mental health professional within  
15 twenty-four hours ~~of~~ AFTER the request, excluding Saturdays, Sundays,  
16 and legal holidays.

17 (III) When the mental health professional finds, as a result of the  
18 prescreening, that the juvenile may have a mental health disorder, the  
19 mental health professional shall recommend to the court that the juvenile  
20 be evaluated pursuant to section ~~27-65-105~~ or 27-65-106.

21 (IV) Nothing in this subsection (3)(b) precludes the use of  
22 ~~emergency~~ procedures FOR AN EMERGENCY MENTAL HEALTH HOLD  
23 pursuant to ~~section 27-65-105 (1)~~ SECTION 27-65-106 (1)(a).

24 **SECTION 31.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 19-2.5-305, **amend**  
25 **as it will become effective July 1, 2024,** (3)(b)(I) as follows:

26 **19-2.5-305. Detention and shelter - hearing - time limits -**  
27 **findings - review - confinement with adult offenders - restrictions.**

1 (3) (b) (I) If it appears that a juvenile being held in detention or  
2 temporary shelter may have an intellectual and developmental disability,  
3 as described in article 10.5 of title 27, the court or detention personnel  
4 shall refer the juvenile to the nearest case management agency, as defined  
5 in section 25.5-6-1702, for an eligibility determination. If it appears that  
6 a juvenile being held in a detention or temporary shelter facility pursuant  
7 to this article 2.5 may have a mental health disorder, as provided in  
8 ~~sections 27-65-105 and~~ SECTION 27-65-106, the intake personnel or other  
9 appropriate personnel shall contact a mental health professional to do a  
10 mental health hospital placement prescreening on the juvenile. The court  
11 must be notified of the contact and may take appropriate action. If a  
12 mental health hospital placement prescreening is requested, it must be  
13 conducted in an appropriate place accessible to the juvenile and the  
14 mental health professional. A request for a mental health hospital  
15 placement prescreening must not extend the time within which a  
16 detention hearing must be held pursuant to this section. If a detention  
17 hearing has been set but has not yet occurred, the mental health hospital  
18 placement prescreening must be conducted prior to the hearing; except  
19 that the prescreening must not extend the time within which a detention  
20 hearing must be held.

21 **SECTION 32.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 19-2.5-1114,  
22 **amend** (1) as follows:

23 **19-2.5-1114. Sentencing - placement based on special needs of**  
24 **the juvenile.** (1) Except as otherwise required by section 19-2.5-1127 for  
25 an aggravated juvenile offender, the court may order that the juvenile be  
26 examined or treated by a physician, surgeon, psychiatrist, or psychologist  
27 or that the juvenile receive other special care and may place the juvenile

1 in a hospital or other suitable facility for such purposes; except that a  
2 juvenile may not be placed in a mental health facility operated by the  
3 department of human services until the juvenile has received a mental  
4 health placement prescreening resulting in a recommendation that the  
5 juvenile be placed in a facility for an evaluation pursuant to section  
6 ~~27-65-105~~ or 27-65-106, or a hearing has been held by the court after  
7 notice to all parties, including the department of human services. An  
8 order for a ~~seventy-two-hour treatment and evaluation~~ EMERGENCY  
9 MENTAL HEALTH HOLD must not be entered unless a hearing is held and  
10 evidence indicates that the prescreening report is inadequate, incomplete,  
11 or incorrect and that competent professional evidence is presented by a  
12 mental health professional that indicates that the juvenile has a behavioral  
13 or mental health disorder. The court shall make, prior to the hearing,  
14 orders regarding temporary custody of the juvenile as are deemed  
15 appropriate.

16 **SECTION 33.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 19-2.5-1525,  
17 **amend** (3)(b)(III) as follows:

18 **19-2.5-1525. Juveniles committed to department of human**  
19 **services - evaluation and placement.** (3) (b) (III) If the evaluation  
20 report states that the juvenile has a mental health disorder, as described  
21 in ~~sections 27-65-105~~ and SECTION 27-65-106, the department of human  
22 services shall initiate proceedings pursuant to article 65 of title 27 and  
23 notify the court.

24 **SECTION 34.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 19-2.5-1532,  
25 **amend** (3)(a) as follows:

26 **19-2.5-1532. Juveniles committed to department of human**  
27 **services - transfers.** (3) (a) A juvenile committed to the department of

1 human services may be transferred temporarily to any state treatment  
2 facility for persons with behavioral or mental health disorders or  
3 intellectual and developmental disabilities for purposes of diagnosis,  
4 evaluation, and emergency treatment; except that a juvenile may not be  
5 transferred to a state treatment facility for persons with mental health  
6 disorders until the juvenile has received a mental health hospital  
7 placement prescreening resulting in a recommendation that the juvenile  
8 be placed in a facility for evaluation pursuant to section ~~27-65-105~~ or  
9 27-65-106. A juvenile committed to the department of human services as  
10 an aggravated juvenile offender pursuant to section 19-2.5-1127 or  
11 violent juvenile offender pursuant to section 19-2.5-1126 (1)(c) must not  
12 be transferred until the treatment facility has a secure setting in which to  
13 house the juvenile. The period of temporary transfer pursuant to this  
14 subsection (3)(a) must not exceed sixty days.

15 **SECTION 35.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 19-3-401, **amend**  
16 (3)(c)(II) and (3)(c)(III) as follows:

17 **19-3-401. Taking children into custody.** (3) (c) The court orders  
18 required by subsections (3)(a) and (3)(b) of this section are not required  
19 in the following circumstances:

20 (II) When the newborn child's only identifiable birth parent has  
21 been determined by a physician, registered nurse, or qualified mental  
22 health professional to meet the criteria specified in ~~section 27-65-105~~  
23 SECTION 27-65-106 for custody, treatment, and evaluation of a mental  
24 health disorder or grave disability;

25 (III) When both of the newborn child's birth parents have been  
26 determined by a physician, registered nurse, or qualified mental health  
27 professional to meet the criteria specified in ~~section 27-65-105~~ SECTION

1 27-65-106 for custody, treatment, and evaluation of a mental health  
2 disorder or grave disability; or

3 **SECTION 36.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 19-3-403, **amend**  
4 **as it exists until July 1, 2024,** (4)(a); and **amend** (4)(b), (4)(c), and (4)(d)  
5 as follows:

6 **19-3-403. Temporary custody - hearing - time limits -**  
7 **restriction - rules.** (4) (a) If it appears that any child being held in a  
8 shelter facility may have an intellectual and developmental disability, as  
9 provided in article 10.5 of title 27, the court shall refer the child to the  
10 nearest community-centered board for an eligibility determination. If it  
11 appears that any child being held in a shelter facility pursuant to the  
12 provisions of this article 3 may have a mental health disorder, as provided  
13 in ~~sections 27-65-105 and~~ SECTION 27-65-106, the intake personnel or  
14 other appropriate personnel shall contact a mental health professional to  
15 do a mental health disorder prescreening on the child. The court shall be  
16 notified of the contact and may take appropriate action. If a mental health  
17 disorder prescreening is requested, it ~~shall~~ MUST be conducted in an  
18 appropriate place accessible to the child and the mental health  
19 professional. A request for a mental health disorder prescreening must not  
20 extend the time within which a hearing is to be held pursuant to this  
21 section. If a hearing has been set but has not yet occurred, the mental  
22 health disorder prescreening ~~shall~~ MUST be conducted prior to the hearing;  
23 except that the prescreening must not extend the time within which a  
24 hearing is to be held pursuant to this section.

25 (b) If a child has been ordered detained pending an adjudication,  
26 disposition, or other court hearing and the child subsequently appears to  
27 have a mental health disorder, as provided in section ~~27-65-105 or~~

1 27-65-106, the intake personnel or other appropriate personnel shall  
2 contact the court with a recommendation for a mental health disorder  
3 prescreening. A mental health disorder prescreening ~~shall~~ MUST be  
4 conducted at any appropriate place accessible to the child and the mental  
5 health professional within twenty-four hours ~~of~~ AFTER the request,  
6 excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays.

7 (c) If the mental health professional finds, as a result of the  
8 prescreening, that the child may have a mental health disorder, the mental  
9 health professional shall recommend to the court that the child be  
10 evaluated pursuant to section ~~27-65-105~~ or 27-65-106, and the court shall  
11 proceed as provided in section 19-3-506.

12 (d) Nothing in this subsection (4) precludes the use of ~~emergency~~  
13 procedures FOR AN EMERGENCY MENTAL HEALTH HOLD pursuant to  
14 ~~section 27-65-105~~ SECTION 27-65-106.

15 **SECTION 37.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 19-3-403, **amend**  
16 **as it will become effective July 1, 2024,** (4)(a) as follows:

17 **19-3-403. Temporary custody - hearing - time limits -**  
18 **restriction - rules.** (4) (a) If it appears that any child being held in a  
19 shelter facility may have an intellectual and developmental disability, as  
20 provided in article 10.5 of title 27, the court shall refer the child to the  
21 nearest case management agency, as defined in section 25.5-6-1702, for  
22 an eligibility determination. If it appears that any child being held in a  
23 shelter facility pursuant to this article 3 may have a mental health  
24 disorder, as provided in ~~sections 27-65-105~~ and SECTION 27-65-106, the  
25 intake personnel or other appropriate personnel shall contact a mental  
26 health professional to do a mental health disorder prescreening on the  
27 child. The court must be notified of the contact and may take appropriate

1 action. If a mental health disorder prescreening is requested, it must be  
2 conducted in an appropriate place accessible to the child and the mental  
3 health professional. A request for a mental health disorder prescreening  
4 must not extend the time within which a hearing is to be held pursuant to  
5 this section. If a hearing has been set but has not yet occurred, the mental  
6 health disorder prescreening must be conducted prior to the hearing;  
7 except that the prescreening must not extend the time within which a  
8 hearing is to be held pursuant to this section.

9 **SECTION 38.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 19-3-506, **amend**  
10 (1)(b), (1)(c), and (3)(a) as follows:

11 **19-3-506. Child with a mental health disorder or an**  
12 **intellectual and developmental disability - procedure.** (1) (b) If it  
13 appears from the evidence presented at an adjudicatory hearing or  
14 otherwise that a child may have a mental health disorder, as defined in  
15 ~~sections 27-65-105 and 27-65-106~~ SECTION 27-65-102, and the child has  
16 not had a mental health disorder prescreening pursuant to section  
17 19-3-403 (4), the court shall order a prescreening to determine whether  
18 the child requires further evaluation. The prescreening ~~shall~~ MUST be  
19 conducted as expeditiously as possible, and a prescreening report must be  
20 provided to the court within twenty-four hours ~~of~~ AFTER the prescreening,  
21 excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays.

22 (c) If the mental health professional finds, based upon a  
23 prescreening done pursuant to this section or section 19-3-403 (4), that  
24 the child may have a mental health disorder, as defined in section  
25 27-65-102, the court shall review the prescreening report within  
26 twenty-four hours, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays, and  
27 order the child placed for an evaluation at a facility designated by the

1 ~~executive director~~ COMMISSIONER of the ~~department of human services~~  
2 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADMINISTRATION for a ~~seventy-two-hour treatment~~  
3 ~~and evaluation~~ EMERGENCY MENTAL HEALTH HOLD pursuant to section  
4 ~~27-65-105 or 27-65-106~~. On and after January 1, 1986, if the child to be  
5 placed is in a detention facility, the designated facility shall admit the  
6 child within twenty-four hours after the court orders an evaluation,  
7 excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays.

8 (3) (a) When the evaluation conducted pursuant to subsection (1)  
9 of this section states that the child has a mental health disorder, as defined  
10 in section 27-65-102, the court shall treat the evaluation report as a  
11 certification under ~~section 27-65-107~~ SECTION 27-65-109 and shall  
12 proceed pursuant to article 65 of title 27, assuming all of the powers  
13 granted to a court in such proceedings.

14 **SECTION 39.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 19-3-508, **amend**  
15 (1)(d)(I) and (3) as follows:

16 **19-3-508. Neglected or dependent child - disposition -**  
17 **concurrent planning.** (1) When a child has been adjudicated to be  
18 neglected or dependent, the court may enter a decree of disposition the  
19 same day, but in any event it shall do so within forty-five days unless the  
20 court finds that the best interests of the child will be served by granting  
21 a delay. In a county designated pursuant to section 19-1-123, if the child  
22 is under six years of age at the time a petition is filed in accordance with  
23 section 19-3-501 (2), the court shall enter a decree of disposition within  
24 thirty days after the adjudication and shall not grant a delay unless good  
25 cause is shown and unless the court finds that the best interests of the  
26 child will be served by granting the delay. It is the intent of the general  
27 assembly that the dispositional hearing be held on the same day as the



1 adjudicatory hearing, whenever possible. If a delay is granted, the court  
2 shall set forth the reasons why a delay is necessary and the minimum  
3 amount of time needed to resolve the reasons for the delay and shall  
4 schedule the hearing at the earliest possible time following the delay.  
5 When the proposed disposition is termination of the parent-child legal  
6 relationship, the hearing on termination must not be held on the same date  
7 as the adjudication, and the time limits set forth above for dispositional  
8 hearings do not apply. When the proposed disposition is termination of  
9 the parent-child legal relationship, the court may continue the  
10 dispositional hearing to the earliest available date for a hearing in  
11 accordance with the provisions of subsection (3)(a) of this section and  
12 part 6 of this article 3. When the decree does not terminate the  
13 parent-child legal relationship, the court shall approve an appropriate  
14 treatment plan that must include but not be limited to one or more of the  
15 following provisions of subsections (1)(a) to (1)(d) of this section:

16 (d) (I) The court may order that the child be examined or treated  
17 by a physician, surgeon, psychiatrist, or psychologist or that ~~he or she~~ THE  
18 CHILD receive other special care and may place the child in a hospital or  
19 other suitable facility for such purposes; except that the child may not be  
20 placed in a mental health facility operated by the department of human  
21 services until the child has received a behavioral or mental health disorder  
22 prescreening resulting in a recommendation that the child be placed in a  
23 facility for evaluation pursuant to ~~section 27-65-105 or~~ SECTION  
24 27-65-106, or a hearing has been held by the court after notice to all  
25 parties, including the department of human services. An order for a  
26 ~~seventy-two-hour treatment and evaluation~~ AN EMERGENCY MENTAL  
27 HEALTH HOLD must not be entered unless a hearing is held and evidence

1 indicates that the prescreening report is inadequate, incomplete, or  
2 incorrect and that competent professional evidence is presented by a  
3 mental health professional that indicates that a behavioral or mental  
4 health disorder is present in the child. The court shall make, prior to the  
5 hearing, such orders regarding temporary custody of the child as are  
6 deemed appropriate. described in ~~section 27-65-105~~ SECTION 27-65-106  
7 or a voluntary application for mental health services pursuant to section  
8 27-65-103 OR 27-65-104. The arrangements for care must be completed  
9 through the crisis response system or prearranged partnerships with other  
10 crisis intervention services.

11 (3) (a) ~~On or before January 1, 2018,~~ All walk-in centers  
12 throughout the state's crisis response system must be appropriately  
13 designated by the ~~executive director~~ COMMISSIONER OF THE BEHAVIORAL  
14 HEALTH ADMINISTRATION for a ~~seventy-two-hour treatment and~~  
15 ~~evaluation~~ AN EMERGENCY MENTAL HEALTH HOLD, adequately prepared,  
16 and properly staffed to accept an individual through the emergency  
17 mental health procedure outlined in ~~section 27-65-105~~ SECTION 27-65-106  
18 or a voluntary application for mental health services pursuant to section  
19 27-65-103 OR 27-65-104. Priority for individuals receiving emergency  
20 placement pursuant to ~~section 27-65-105~~ SECTION 27-65-106 is on  
21 treating high-acuity individuals in the least restrictive environment  
22 without the use of law enforcement.

23 (b) Increasing the ability of walk-in centers to accept individuals  
24 through the emergency mental health procedure outlined in ~~section~~  
25 ~~27-65-105~~ SECTION 27-65-106 or a voluntary application for mental  
26 health services pursuant to section 27-65-103 OR 27-65-104 may include,  
27 but is not limited to, purchasing, installing, and using telehealth

1 operations for mobile crisis evaluations in partnership with hospitals,  
2 clinics, law enforcement agencies, and other appropriate service  
3 providers.

4 **SECTION 40.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25-3-102.1, **amend**  
5 (1)(c) as follows:

6 **25-3-102.1. Deemed status for certain facilities.** (1) (c) Upon  
7 submission of a completed application for license renewal, the department  
8 of public health and environment shall accept proof of the accreditation  
9 in lieu of licensing inspections or other requirements. Nothing in this  
10 section exempts an accredited health facility from inspections or from  
11 other forms of oversight by the department as necessary to ensure public  
12 health and safety. NOTHING IN THIS SECTION PREVENTS THE DEPARTMENT  
13 OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT FROM CONDUCTING AN INSPECTION  
14 OF A HOSPITAL OR OTHER HEALTH FACILITY DESCRIBED IN SECTION  
15 25-3-101 TO INVESTIGATE A COMPLAINT REGARDING THE PROVISIONS OF  
16 SECTION 27-65-106, 27-65-107, 27-65-109, 27-65-110, OR 27-65-119 TO  
17 THE EXTENT THE COMPLAINT IS APPLICABLE TO HEALTH FACILITIES  
18 LICENSED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT.

19 **SECTION 41.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 27-60-104.5,  
20 **amend** (3)(e)(I) as follows:

21 **27-60-104.5. Behavioral health capacity tracking system -**  
22 **legislative declaration - definitions - rules.** (3) Pursuant to subsection  
23 (8) of this section, the state department shall implement a behavioral  
24 health capacity tracking system, which must include the following:

25 (e) Capacity reporting for the following facilities and treatment  
26 providers statewide:

27 (I) Facilities that provide evaluation and treatment to individuals

1 held under an emergency commitment pursuant to section 27-81-111, an  
2 involuntary commitment pursuant to section 27-81-112, or a civil  
3 commitment pursuant to ~~section 27-65-105~~ SECTION 27-65-106, including  
4 crisis stabilization units, acute treatment units, community mental health  
5 centers, and hospitals, including state mental health institutes;

6 **SECTION 42.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 27-62-101, **amend**  
7 (1)(a), (5), and (6)(a) as follows:

8 **27-62-101. Definitions.** As used in this article 62, unless the  
9 context otherwise requires:

10 (1) "At risk of out-of-home placement" means a child or youth  
11 who is eligible for medical assistance pursuant to articles 4, 5, and 6 of  
12 title 25.5 and the child or youth:

13 (a) Has been diagnosed as having a mental health disorder, as  
14 defined in section 27-65-102, (~~11.5~~); or a behavioral health disorder; and

15 (5) "Mental health professional" means an individual licensed as  
16 a mental health professional pursuant to article 245 of title 12 or a  
17 professional person, as defined in section 27-65-102 (~~17~~) (27).

18 (6) "Out-of-home placement" means a child or youth who is  
19 eligible for medical assistance pursuant to articles 4, 5, and 6 of title 25.5  
20 and the child or youth:

21 (a) Has been diagnosed as having a mental health disorder, as  
22 defined in section 27-65-102, (~~11.5~~); or a behavioral health disorder; and

23 **SECTION 43.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 27-66.5-102,  
24 **amend** (3)(a)(I), (3)(a)(II), (3)(a)(III), and (3)(a)(VI) as follows:

25 **27-66.5-102. Definitions.** As used in this article 66.5, unless the  
26 context otherwise requires:

27 (3) "High-risk individual" means a person who:

1 (a) Has a significant mental health or substance use disorder, as  
2 evidenced by:

3 (I) An emergency ~~procedure for a seventy-two-hour~~ MENTAL  
4 HEALTH hold pursuant to ~~section 27-65-105~~ SECTION 27-65-106;

5 (II) A certification for short-term treatment or extended short-term  
6 treatment pursuant to ~~section 27-65-107 or 27-65-108~~ SECTION  
7 27-65-109;

8 (III) Long-term care and treatment pursuant to ~~section 27-65-109~~  
9 SECTION 27-65-110;

10 (VI) Receiving voluntary behavioral health services pursuant to  
11 section 27-65-103, ~~27-65-104~~, 27-81-109, or 27-81-110; and

12 **SECTION 44.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 27-67-103, **amend**  
13 (2)(a) as follows:

14 **27-67-103. Definitions.** As used in this article 67, unless the  
15 context otherwise requires:

16 (2) "Child or youth at risk of out-of-home placement" means a  
17 child or youth who, although not otherwise categorically eligible for  
18 medicaid, meets the following criteria:

19 (a) The child or youth has been diagnosed as having a mental  
20 health disorder, as defined in section 27-65-102; ~~(11.5);~~

21 **SECTION 45.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 27-80-302, **amend**  
22 (1)(a) as follows:

23 **27-80-302. Definitions.** As used in this part 3, unless the context  
24 otherwise requires:

25 (1) "Health-care provider" or "provider" means:

26 (a) A professional person, as defined in section 27-65-102 ~~(17)~~  
27 ~~(27)~~;

1           **SECTION 46.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 27-80-303, **amend**  
2 (3)(c) as follows:

3           **27-80-303. Office of ombudsman for behavioral health access**  
4 **to care - creation - appointment of ombudsman - duties.** (3) The  
5 ombudsman shall:

6           (c) Receive and assist consumers and providers in reporting  
7 concerns and filing complaints with appropriate regulatory or oversight  
8 agencies relating to inappropriate care, ~~an emergency~~ A procedure ~~under~~  
9 ~~section 27-65-105~~ FOR AN EMERGENCY MENTAL HEALTH HOLD PURSUANT  
10 TO SECTION 27-65-106, a certification for short-term treatment ~~under~~  
11 ~~section 27-65-107~~ PURSUANT TO SECTION 27-65-109, or a certification for  
12 long-term care and treatment ~~under section 27-65-109~~ PURSUANT TO  
13 SECTION 27-65-110;

14           **SECTION 47.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 27-80-306, **amend**  
15 (4) as follows:

16           **27-80-306. Annual report.** (4) The ombudsman shall not include  
17 in the report required by this section any personally identifying  
18 information about an individual consumer or health-care provider or  
19 identifying information about a health-care facility licensed pursuant to  
20 section 25-1.5-103 or an emergency medical services facility, as defined  
21 in section 27-65-102. ~~(5.5).~~

22           **SECTION 48.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 30-28-115, **amend**  
23 (2)(b.5) as follows:

24           **30-28-115. Public welfare to be promoted - legislative**  
25 **declaration - construction.** (2) (b.5) The general assembly declares that  
26 the establishment of state-licensed group homes for the exclusive use of  
27 persons with behavioral or mental health disorders, as ~~that term is~~ defined

1 in section 27-65-102, is a matter of statewide concern and that a  
2 state-licensed group home for eight persons with behavioral or mental  
3 health disorders is a residential use of property for zoning purposes, as  
4 defined in section 31-23-301 (4). A group home for persons with  
5 behavioral or mental health disorders established pursuant to this  
6 subsection (2)(b.5) must not be located within seven hundred fifty feet of  
7 another such group home or of another group home as described in  
8 subsections (2)(a) and (2)(b) of this section, unless otherwise provided for  
9 by the county. A person must not be placed in a group home without  
10 being screened by either a professional person, as defined in section  
11 27-65-102, ~~(17)~~ (27), or any other ~~such~~ mental health professional  
12 designated by the director of a facility, which facility is approved by the  
13 ~~executive director~~ COMMISSIONER of the ~~department of human services~~  
14 ~~pursuant to section 27-90-102~~ BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADMINISTRATION.  
15 Persons determined to be not guilty by reason of insanity to a violent  
16 offense must not be placed in such group homes, and any person who has  
17 been convicted of a felony involving a violent offense is not eligible for  
18 placement in such group homes. ~~The provisions of~~ This subsection  
19 (2)(b.5) must be implemented, where appropriate, by the rules of the  
20 department of public health and environment concerning residential  
21 treatment facilities for persons with behavioral or mental health disorders.  
22 Nothing in this subsection (2)(b.5) exempts such group homes from  
23 compliance with any state, county, or municipal health, safety, and fire  
24 codes.

25 **SECTION 49.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 31-23-303, **amend**  
26 (2)(b.5) as follows:

27 **31-23-303. Legislative declaration.** (2) (b.5) The general

1 assembly declares that the establishment of state-licensed group homes  
2 for the exclusive use of persons with behavioral or mental health  
3 disorders, as ~~that term is~~ defined in section 27-65-102, is a matter of  
4 statewide concern and that a state-licensed group home for eight persons  
5 with behavioral or mental health disorders is a residential use of property  
6 for zoning purposes, as defined in section 31-23-301 (4). A group home  
7 for persons with behavioral or mental health disorders established  
8 pursuant to this subsection (2)(b.5) must not be located within seven  
9 hundred fifty feet of another such group home, unless otherwise provided  
10 for by the municipality. A person must not be placed in a group home  
11 without being screened by either a professional person, as defined in  
12 section 27-65-102 ~~(17)~~ (27), or any other such mental health professional  
13 designated by the director of a facility approved by the ~~executive director~~  
14 COMMISSIONER of the ~~department of human services pursuant to section~~  
15 ~~27-90-102~~ BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADMINISTRATION. Persons determined  
16 to be not guilty by reason of insanity to a violent offense must not be  
17 placed in such group homes, and any person who has been convicted of  
18 a felony involving a violent offense is not be eligible for placement in  
19 such group homes. ~~The provisions of~~ This subsection (2)(b.5) must be  
20 implemented, where appropriate, by the rules of the department of public  
21 health and environment concerning residential treatment facilities for  
22 persons with behavioral or mental health disorders. Nothing in this  
23 subsection (2)(b.5) exempts such group homes from compliance with any  
24 state, county, or municipal health, safety, and fire codes.

25 **SECTION 50.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 42-2-116, **amend**  
26 (5) as follows:

27 **42-2-116. Restricted license.** (5) The department is authorized



1 after examination to issue a restricted license to a person with a  
2 behavioral or mental health disorder or an intellectual and developmental  
3 disability, containing such restrictions as may be imposed upon said  
4 person by a court pursuant to part 3 or part 4 of article 14 of title 15 or  
5 ~~section 27-65-109 (4)~~ SECTION 27-65-110 (4) or 27-65-127.

6 **SECTION 51.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 42-2-125, **amend**  
7 (1)(h) as follows:

8 **42-2-125. Mandatory revocation of license and permit.** (1) The  
9 department shall immediately revoke the license or permit of any driver  
10 or minor driver upon receiving a record showing that the driver has:

11 (h) Been determined to be mentally incompetent by a court of  
12 competent jurisdiction and for whom a court has entered, pursuant to part  
13 3 or part 4 of article 14 of title 15 ~~C.R.S.~~, or ~~section 27-65-109 (4)~~  
14 SECTION 27-65-110(4) or 27-65-127, ~~C.R.S.~~, an order specifically finding  
15 that the mental incompetency is of such a degree that the person is  
16 incapable of safely operating a motor vehicle;

17 **SECTION 52.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25-3.5-103, **amend**  
18 (11.4)(b)(I) as follows:

19 **25-3.5-103. Definitions.** As used in this article 3.5, unless the  
20 context otherwise requires:

21 (11.4) (b) Secure transportation includes:

22 (I) For an individual being transported pursuant to ~~section~~  
23 ~~27-65-103 or 27-65-105 (1)~~ SECTION 27-65-104 OR 27-65-106 (1),  
24 transportation from the community to a facility designated by the  
25 ~~executive director~~ COMMISSIONER OF THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH  
26 ADMINISTRATION IN the department of human services for treatment and  
27 evaluation pursuant to article 65 of title 27;

1           **SECTION 53.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25.5-4-103, **amend**  
2 **as it exists until July 1, 2024,** (3) as follows:

3           **25.5-4-103. Definitions.** As used in this article 4 and articles 5  
4 and 6 of this title 25.5, unless the context otherwise requires:

5           (3) "Case management services" means services provided by  
6 community-centered boards, as defined by IN section 25.5-10-202, and  
7 community mental health centers and community mental health clinics,  
8 as defined by IN section 27-66-101, to assist persons with intellectual and  
9 developmental disabilities, as defined by IN section 25.5-10-202, and  
10 persons with mental health disorders, as defined by IN section 27-65-102,  
11 ~~(11.5)~~; by case management agencies, as defined in section 25.5-6-303  
12 (5), providing case management services, as defined in sections  
13 25.5-6-104 (2)(b) and 25.5-6-303 (6), to persons with a disability, persons  
14 who are elderly or blind, and long-term care clients, in gaining access to  
15 needed medical, social, educational, and other services.

16           **SECTION 54.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 26-20-103, **amend**  
17 (3) as follows:

18           **26-20-103. Basis for use of restraint or seclusion.** (3) In  
19 addition to the circumstances described in subsection (1) of this section,  
20 a facility, as defined in section 27-65-102, ~~(7)~~, that is designated by the  
21 ~~executive director of~~ COMMISSIONER OF THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH  
22 ADMINISTRATION IN the state department to provide treatment pursuant to  
23 ~~section 27-65-105, 27-65-106, 27-65-107, or 27-65-109~~ SECTION  
24 27-65-106, 27-65-108, 27-65-109, OR 27-65-110 to an individual with a  
25 mental health disorder, as defined in section 27-65-102, ~~(11.5)~~, may use  
26 seclusion to restrain an individual with a mental health disorder when the  
27 seclusion is necessary to eliminate a continuous and serious disruption of

1 the treatment environment.

2 **SECTION 55.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 27-60-104, **amend**  
3 (3) as follows:

4 **27-60-104. Behavioral health crisis response system - crisis**  
5 **service facilities - walk-in centers - mobile response units - report.**

6 (3) (a) ~~On or before January 1, 2018,~~ All walk-in centers throughout the  
7 state's crisis response system must be appropriately designated by the  
8 ~~executive director~~ COMMISSIONER for a ~~seventy-two-hour treatment and~~  
9 ~~evaluation~~ AN EMERGENCY MENTAL HEALTH HOLD, adequately prepared,  
10 and properly staffed to accept an individual through the ~~emergency~~  
11 ~~mental health~~ procedure outlined in ~~section 27-65-105~~ SECTION 27-65-106  
12 or a voluntary application for mental health services pursuant to ~~section~~  
13 ~~27-65-103~~ SECTION 27-65-103 OR 27-65-104. Priority for individuals  
14 ~~receiving emergency placement~~ PLACED UNDER AN EMERGENCY MENTAL  
15 HEALTH HOLD pursuant to ~~section 27-65-105~~ SECTION 27-65-106 is on  
16 treating high-acuity individuals in the least restrictive environment  
17 without the use of law enforcement

18 (b) Increasing the ability of walk-in centers to accept individuals  
19 through the AN emergency mental health ~~procedure~~ HOLD outlined in  
20 ~~section 27-65-105~~ SECTION 27-65-106 or a voluntary application for  
21 mental health services pursuant to ~~section 27-65-103~~ SECTION 27-65-103  
22 OR 27-65-104 may include, but is not limited to, purchasing, installing,  
23 and using telehealth operations for mobile crisis evaluations in  
24 partnership with hospitals, clinics, law enforcement agencies, and other  
25 appropriate service providers.

26 **SECTION 56.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **repeal of**  
27 **nonrelocated provisions in this act,** 27-65-102 (14), 27-65-105 (6),

1 27-65-106 (1), 27-65-106 (7), 27-65-106 (8), 27-65-106 (9), 27-65-106  
2 (10), 27-65-117 (1)(b), 27-65-117 (1)(c), 27-65-125, and 27-65-126.

3 **SECTION 57. Appropriation.** (1) For the 2022-23 state fiscal  
4 year, \$522,433 is appropriated to the department of human services. This  
5 appropriation is from the general fund. To implement this act, the  
6 department may use this appropriation as follows:

7 (a) \$345,007 for use by the behavioral health administration for  
8 program costs, which amount is based on an assumption that the  
9 administration will require an additional 4.5 FTE; and

10 (b) \$177,426 for the purchase of legal services.

11 (2) For the 2022-23 state fiscal year, \$177,426 is appropriated to  
12 the department of law. This appropriation is from reappropriated funds  
13 received from the department of human services under subsection (1)(b)  
14 of this section and is based on an assumption that the department of law  
15 will require an additional 1.0 FTE. To implement this act, the department  
16 of law may use this appropriation to provide legal services for the  
17 department of human services.

18 (3) For the 2022-23 state fiscal year, \$86,700 is appropriated to  
19 the judicial department. This appropriation is from the general fund. To  
20 implement this act, the department may use this appropriation for court  
21 costs, jury costs, and court-appointed counsel.

22 **SECTION 58. Act subject to petition - effective date.** Sections  
23 2 and 5 of this act take effect July 1, 2023, sections 27-65-108 and  
24 27-65-111, as enacted in section 1 of this act, and sections 3 and 4 of this  
25 act take effect July 1, 2024, and the remainder of this act takes effect at  
26 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the ninety-day period  
27 after final adjournment of the general assembly; except that, if a

1 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the  
2 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act  
3 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect  
4 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
5 November 2022 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
6 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor; except that  
7 sections 2 and 5 of this act take effect July 1, 2023, sections 27-65-108  
8 and 27-65-111, as enacted in section 1 of this act, and sections 3 and 4 of  
9 this act take effect July 1, 2024.