

NOTICE OF RIGHTS DURING COURT-ORDERED EVALUATION

Respondent's Name: _____

The court received a petition alleging that you have a mental illness that causes you to be gravely disabled or likely to harm yourself or others. The court ordered that you be hospitalized at an evaluation facility for up to 72 hours so you can be evaluated by a mental health professional and a medical doctor. The time you are waiting for transport to the evaluation facility does not count toward the 72-hour time limit.

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

COMMUNICATION

The court appointed a lawyer from the Public Defender Agency (PDA) to represent you. You may also hire your own lawyer at your own expense. Contact the PDA at one of the numbers below:

- Anchorage (800) 478-4404 or (907) 334-4400
- Fairbanks (800) 478-1621 or (907) 458-6800
- Juneau (800) 478-4910 or (907) 465-4911
- Ketchikan (800) 478-6189 or (907) 228-8950
- Palmer (800) 478-5661 or (907) 707-1710

You have the right to immediately speak with your lawyer, your guardian (if you have one), your parents (if you are a minor), and another adult of your choice. Your parents or guardian will also be told about your rights. You can choose another adult to be told about your rights too.

TRANSPORT

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

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

You may file a request for a court hearing to have a judge review your detention. If your condition improves enough that the facility determines you no longer meet the legal criteria to hold you, they must dismiss your court case and allow you to leave if you wish.

If you are not transported within 7 days of the court order, the facility must ask the court for an extension to hold you longer. The facility can hold you for more than 7 days while waiting for the court hearing to happen.

EVALUATION AND COURT HEARING

Once you arrive at the crisis residential center or evaluation facility, you must be examined and evaluated within 72 hours. You must be released after this evaluation if the legal standard for holding you is not met. If the evaluators recommend that you stay longer for treatment, you can agree to it and stay voluntarily. If you do not agree, you have the right to a court hearing.

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

Notice to Parents or Guardians of Minor Respondents

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

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

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