

## 4 Key Highlights of the Revised Mental Health Code

1. Focuses on Capacity and not Conduct
  - a. Traditional Standard: immediate risk of harm to self or others (suicide and violence)
  - b. Expanded Standard: broadened to include “substantial risk of harm due to impaired judgment”
  - c. Changed criteria to impaired judgment for need of treatment (401(c))
    - i. Adds mental harm to self
2. No longer requires existing noncompliance (401(d))
3. Clarifies that AOT may be ordered under 401(a), (b), (c), or (d)
  - a. May be used as a discharge tool
  - b. Hospitalization not required
4. One petition process