

**SERVING AS ASSIGNED COUNSEL
IN ASSISTED OUTPATIENT TREATMENT ONLY PROCEEDINGS
IN WAYNE COUNTY PROBATE COURT**

Persons can now file a petition under the Mental Health Code for an individual to be determined to require Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) – i.e.:

An individual who has mental illness, whose understanding of the need for treatment is impaired to the point that he or she is unlikely to voluntarily participate in or adhere to treatment that has been determined necessary to prevent a relapse or harmful deterioration of his or her condition, and whose noncompliance with treatment has been a factor in the individual's placement in a psychiatric hospital, prison, or jail at least 2 times within the last 48 months or whose noncompliance with treatment has been a factor in the individual's committing 1 or more acts, attempts, or threats of serious violent behavior within the last 48 months. An individual under this subdivision is only eligible to receive assisted outpatient treatment.

MCL 330.1401(1)(d).

Procedure

1. Petitioner will complete and file form PCM 201, Petition for Mental Health Treatment, at the Mental Health/Intake Area, Room 1307 of the Coleman A. Young Municipal Center. They will check boxes 3.d. and 8.b only, indicating that AOT is the sole treatment option sought.
2. The Petitioner will be referred to their local Community Mental Health Agency(CMH). A call will be placed from the Mental Health Services Department to the local CMH agency to alert the appropriate person that a referral has been made for the completion of the clinical certification/plan of service form. (CMH will provide a history of hospitalizations and information to support petition criteria, where possible.)
3. **Appointment of an attorney.** The office of the Judge scheduled for the Mental Health (MI) docket in two weeks will be contacted by the Mental Health Services Department for an attorney to be appointed to represent the subject of the petition.
4. The petition will be set for hearing on an MI docket that will be conducted four weeks after the filing of the AOT petition, allowing extra time for the attorney to locate and serve the respondent.
5. The petitioner will be notified/served by the attorney.

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