

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

Persons can file a petition for treatment under the Mental Health Code requesting that the individual to be ordered to participate in Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) (i.e., alternative) only. Pursuant to changes to the Mental Health Code effective March 28, 2019, the term alternative treatment has been replaced by AOT throughout the statute. An AOT only petition is a request that the person receive outpatient treatment only. The separate definition for finding an individual meets the AOT criteria has been eliminated; they must be found to be a person requiring treatment under the same standards as any other person who is the subject of a mental health petition.

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 box 8.b only, indicating that AOT (without hospitalization) is the sole treatment option sought.

Note: During the public health crisis, the petition will be filed via email (mentalhealth@wcpc.us, fax [313 967-4013], or mail.

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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