

What to know about your deferral

You were petitioned for mental health treatment, and you agreed to defer your mental health hearing after speaking to your court-appointed attorney and someone from DWIHN, or your mental health outpatient provider. This means that you have voluntarily agreed to receive up to 180 days of assisted outpatient treatment or up to 60 days of hospitalization. If at any time during this deferral period you do not participate in the agreed upon mental health treatment, your mental health outpatient provider will contact the Wayne County Probate Court. A hearing will be held, and you may be ordered to go back to the hospital for treatment or an order may be entered for mental health treatment.

Your rights during the deferral period:

- You have the right to demand a hearing.
- You have the right to discuss your mental health treatment and mental health medication with your provider.
- You have the right to complain about services that you have or have not received.
- You have the right to participate in the least restrictive services found to be necessary for your mental health treatment.

If you have any questions or concerns during this time, you may contact the Behavioral Health Unit at: **BHUMgr@wcpc.us** or visit our website at: **www.wcpc.us/bhu**