



CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICT COURT OF MARYLAND FOR _____ City/County

Located at _____ Court Address Case No. _____

In the Matter of _____

**PETITION FOR EMERGENCY EVALUATION
(Maryland Code, Health General Article § 10-620 et seq.)**

The petitioner, _____, requests that this court order an emergency evaluation of _____ Name of Petitioner and in support of this petition states as follows: Name of Person to be Evaluated (Evaluatee)

1. Petitioner: Address _____
Cell Phone/Pager # _____ Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

If petitioner is a physician, psychologist, clinical social worker, licensed clinical professional counselor, clinical nurse specialist in psychiatric and mental health nursing, psychiatric nurse practitioner, licensed clinical marriage and family therapist, or health officer or designee of a health officer who has examined the evaluatee, then the petitioner's specialty is _____ and the petitioner's license number is _____. Relationship to or interest in evaluatee _____

2. Evaluatee: Address _____ DOB _____
Sex _____ Race _____ Ht. _____ Wt. _____ Hair _____ Eyes _____ Complexion _____
Other _____

3. If not petitioner, name of spouse, child, parent, or other relative, or other individual interested in the evaluatee:
Name _____ Relationship _____
Address _____
Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

4. A petition for emergency evaluation of the evaluatee was filed previously on _____ Date and was granted denied.

5. The evaluatee has been hospitalized in the past at the following facilities:
_____ When _____ Where _____ Diagnosis _____
_____ When _____ Where _____ Diagnosis _____

6. The evaluatee currently is receiving psychiatric treatment from:
_____ Name _____ Address _____ Phone _____
_____ Name _____ Address _____ Phone _____

7. The evaluatee has been prescribed the following medication for their mental disorder: _____

8. The evaluatee is is not taking the medication as prescribed OR I do not know whether the evaluatee is taking medication as prescribed.

9. The evaluatee is demonstrating the following behavior that leads me to conclude that they currently have a mental disorder: _____ (Attach additional sheets if necessary)

10. The evaluatee presents a danger to the life or safety of the evaluatee or others because: _____ (Attach additional sheets if necessary)

11. The evaluatee has access to the following firearms/weapons: _____

I solemnly affirm under the penalties of perjury that the contents of this document are true to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

_____ Date _____ Petitioner

_____ Fax _____ E-mail

TO THE PETITIONER: You may be required to appear before the court. You have made the statements above under penalties of perjury. If an evaluation is ordered, it would be helpful if you could accompany the evaluatee to the emergency facility and provide emergency facility authorities with all information that is pertinent to this petition. A petitioner who, in good faith and with reasonable grounds, submits or completes the Petition for Emergency Evaluation is not civilly or criminally liable for submitting or completing the petition.

A. Duties of Peace Officer

1. Caution to Petitioner. A peace officer shall explain to a physician, psychologist, clinical social worker, licensed clinical professional counselor, clinical nurse specialist in psychiatric and mental health nursing, psychiatric nurse practitioner, a licensed clinical marriage and family therapist, or a health officer or designee of a health officer, who presents a petition to the peace officer:
 - a. the serious nature of the petition; and
 - b. the meaning and content of the petition.
2. Delivery to Facility. To the extent practicable, a peace officer shall notify the emergency facility in advance that the peace officer is bringing an emergency evaluatee to the emergency facility. A peace officer shall bring an evaluatee to the nearest emergency facility if the officer has a petition that:
 - a. has been endorsed by a court within the last five (5) days; or
 - b. is signed and submitted by a physician, psychologist, clinical social worker, licensed clinical professional counselor, clinical nurse specialist in psychiatric and mental health nursing, psychiatric nurse practitioner, a licensed clinical marriage and family therapist, or a health officer or designee of a health officer, or peace officer.
3. Documentation of Delivery. A peace officer shall complete a Return of Service by Peace Officer form (CC-DC-027) and have an agent for the emergency facility sign the form.
4. Remaining with Evaluatee.
 - a. After a peace officer brings an evaluatee to an emergency facility, the officer need not stay unless, because the evaluatee is violent, emergency facility personnel ask the supervisor of the peace officer to have the peace officer stay.
 - b. A peace officer shall stay until the officer's supervisor responds to the request for assistance.
5. Return of Service. A peace officer shall file a completed Return of Service with the court issuing the Endorsement and Order immediately after an evaluatee is delivered to an emergency facility or immediately after expiration of the five-day period for taking the evaluatee into custody.

B. Duty of Supervisor. A supervisor shall allow a peace officer to stay with a violent evaluatee.

C. Duties of Emergency Facility

1. Documentation of Delivery. An agent of the emergency facility shall sign the Return of Service by Peace Officer form completed by a peace officer transporting an evaluatee to the emergency facility.
2. Examination. If emergency facility personnel ask that a peace officer stay, a physician shall examine the evaluatee as promptly as possible to determine whether the evaluatee meets the requirements for involuntary admission. In any event, a physician shall examine an evaluatee within six (6) hours after an officer brings the evaluatee to the emergency facility.
3. Release or Admission. Promptly after an examination, an evaluatee shall be released unless the evaluatee:
 - a. asks for voluntary admission; or
 - b. meets the requirements for involuntary admission.
4. Detention Period. An emergency evaluatee may not be kept at an emergency facility for more than thirty (30) hours.