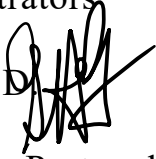


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FROM: Glenn A. Grant, J.A.D. 

SUBJ: Civil Commitments – Protocol for Applications Pursuant to
N.J.S.A. 30:4-27.9a – Updated Attachment F (Order for
Continued Hold of Patient)

DATE: April 24, 2024

SUPPLEMENT TO
DIRECTIVE #01-24
[Questions or comments may be directed to
(609) 815-2900, ext. 54900]

Directive #01-24 promulgated the protocol pursuant to N.J.S.A. 30:4-27.9a for a general hospital (rather than a psychiatric hospital) or an emergency department within a general hospital to submit an emergent application to the court for a temporary court order permitting the continued hold of an individual for up to an additional 72 hours beyond the initial 72-hour period typically allowed in civil commitment matters.

Among the several documents and templates appended to that directive was a template “Order for Continued Hold of Patient” (Attachment F to the directive). This Supplement to Directive #01-24 provides an updated replacement version of that template Order for Continued Hold of Patient. Assignment Judges are asked to provide copies of this directive supplement to those judges handling civil commitments.

Questions related to this Directive should be directed to the Civil Practice Division in the Administrative Office of the Courts at (609) 815-2900 x54900 or by email to civilwebsites.mbx@njcourts.gov.

Attachment (Updated Attachment F: “Order for Continued Hold of Patient”)



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PREPARED BY THE COURT

IN THE MATTER OF THE
COMMITMENT OF [PATIENT'S
INITIALS].

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW
JERSEY
LAW DIVISION: CIVIL PART
COUNTY OF [COUNTY]

Docket No. _____ - _____ - _____

CIVIL ACTION

ORDER FOR THE CONTINUED
HOLD OF [PATIENT'S INITIALS]

THIS MATTER, having been presented by [HOSPITAL NAME] (“the Hospital”) to the court on an emergent application for the continued hold of [PATIENT NAME], pursuant to N.J.S.A. § 30:4-27.9a, and the Hospital having notified the Office of the Public Defender and provided a copy of the emergent application and all supporting documents to the Office of the Public Defender; and

WHEREAS, the Hospital [**demonstrated**] [**did not demonstrate**] that, to date, it has exhausted all reasonable efforts to place [PATIENT NAME] in a short-term care or psychiatric facility, or special psychiatric hospital; and

WHEREAS, the Hospital [**has demonstrated**] [**has not demonstrated**] that there is a substantial likelihood that, by reason of mental illness, [PATIENT NAME] will be dangerous to the person’s own self or others based upon the certification of

two psychiatrists who have examined [PATIENT NAME] and deemed [PATIENT NAME] is in need of involuntary commitment; and

WHEREAS, the Hospital [**has**] [**has not**] shown that it is currently and will continue to provide appropriate treatment that meets the standard of care for [PATIENT NAME]; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the Public Defender has been appointed as counsel to represent the patient; and **WHEREAS**, (Check one):

A. _____ the application was decided by the court on documentary presentations; **or**

B. _____ counsel having requested a hearing, the Court conducted a hearing on the record on _____, 20__; and

WHEREAS, the Court having determined that the standard for continued hold of [PATIENT NAME] [**has**] [**has not**] been met;

NOW THEREFORE, it is on this _____ day of _____, 20__ ,

ORDERED as follows: (Check one):

1. _____ [PATIENT NAME] shall be discharged from the Hospital no later than 72 hours from the execution of the screening certificate;

or

_____ [PATIENT NAME] shall continue to be held at the Hospital until no later than [DATE AND TIME] (Date and Specific

Time No More Than 144 Hours from Screening Certificate)], which is [#] hours from execution of the screening certificate.

A) The Hospital shall continue to exercise all due diligence to locate and, as soon as possible, transport and place [PATIENT NAME] in an appropriate short-term care or psychiatric facility, or special psychiatric hospital pending an application for a temporary order of commitment.

B) During the period of confinement authorized hereby, the Hospital shall continue to protect the rights of [PATIENT NAME].

2. The Hospital shall forthwith serve a copy of this Order upon the Office of the Public Defender, the County Adjuster, and County Counsel.

Judge Signature

Print or Stamp Judge Name