

What Happens Next?

The court is required to set a hearing date that is no more than three days after the court receives the petition. If the judge orders AOT for a Wayne County resident, the individual will be referred to Detroit Wayne Integrated Health Network (DWIHN), to be screened and linked to services. DWIHN must inform the court if the individual does not follow the court order.

What Happens If The Person Does Not Comply With The Court Order?

If the person does not follow the AOT court order, the judge can order the person be hospitalized for up to 10 days and the case may be monitored for up to 180 days. The judge can also have the person picked up by the police and transported to one of the DWIHN's screening centers for psychiatric hospitalization. The doctor at the screening center will decide if the person needs to be hospitalized.

Disclaimer: DWIHN does not discriminate or exclude people or treat them differently because of race, color, national origin, age, disability or sex.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Detroit Wayne Integrated Health Network
707 West Milwaukee St.
Detroit, MI 48202
www.dwihn.com

General Office
313.833.2500

Centralized Access Center
24-Hour Crisis/Information & Referral
Toll Free: 800.241.4949
Local Calls: 313.224.7000
TTY: 866.870.2599

CUSTOMER SERVICE
Consumer Affairs and Community Outreach

Toll Free: 888.490.9698
Local: 313.833.3232
TTY: 800.630.1044

Grievances & Appeals
Toll Free: 888.490.9698
Fax: 313.833.4280

Family Support Subsidy
Toll Free: 888.490.9698
Local: 313.344.9099
Fax: 313.833.4150

Office of Recipient Rights
Toll Free: 888.339.5595
TTY: 888.339.5588
Fax: 313.833.2043



KEVIN'S LAW



DWPHN'S MISSION

We are a safety net organization that provides access to a full array of services and supports to empower persons within the Detroit Wayne County Behavioral Health System.

What You Need To Know

Assisted outpatient treatment (AOT) law, also known as Kevin's Law was originally signed into law in 2004. Updates and expansions were made and signed into law on February 14, 2017.

The purpose of Kevin's law is to authorize courts and community mental health agencies to develop and utilize AOT programs, generally used in lieu of hospitalization for people who fail to comply with prescribed treatments.

Kevin's Law helps to provide protection and care for individuals who have mental illnesses and may be impaired in their judgement about the need for treatment. Family and friends of the individual can petition the court to order outpatient mental health care. This law allows judges to order outpatient treatment for people with untreated severe mental illnesses.

Kevin's Law Revisions

The revisions in the Michigan's Mental Health Code simplify the process of seeking court-ordered outpatient treatment for an individual. The updated law destigmatizes mental illness by allowing individuals who need help to qualify for treatment under AOT. The changes include:

1. Widespread use of AOT for behavioral health
2. Promoting early intervention before an individual reaches a crisis
3. Hospitalization is no longer required
4. One petition process

The changes make it easier to secure court-ordered mental health treatment for individuals who may be too sick to realize they need help. It allows families or guardians to seek court ordered treatment for individuals who have a serious mental illness before they reach a crisis stage and have to be hospitalized or do something dangerous to themselves or others.

Objectives

- Improve member's compliance
- Improve mental health and substance use care
- Reduce hospital readmissions
- Reduce homelessness, arrest and incarceration
- Protect and add to public safety
- Reduce number of visits to probate court

How To Obtain AOT For Someone

If you are 18 years or older and think someone you know is not following treatment for their mental illness, you can file a petition for Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) through the Wayne County Probate Court at the address and phone number listed below. After the petition is filed, a hearing is set where a judge would make a decision and may issue an order requiring the individual to obtain AOT.

The Wayne County Probate Court

Mental Health Division

Coleman A. Young Municipal Center,

2 Woodward Ave., Room #1305

Detroit, MI 48226

Local: 313.224.5706

Monday-Friday

8:00AM - 12:00PM & 1:30PM - 4:30PM

