CARE Act OC



What is CARE Court?

Community
Assistance
Recovery &
Empowerment

Care Court is a "new civil court process" established to:

- Focus counties and other local governments on serving persons with untreated schizophrenia spectrum or other psychotic disorders.
- Provide behavioral health and other essential resources and services.
- Protect self-determination and civil liberties by providing legal counsel and promoting supported decision making.
- Intervene sooner in the lives of those in need to provide support.

Who does this program serve?

- Adults, 18 years or older.
- Diagnosed with a Schizophrenia Spectrum and Other Psychotic Disorders.
- Currently experiencing behaviors & symptoms associated with severe mental illness (SMI).
- Not clinically stabilized in on-going voluntary treatment.
- At least one of the following:
 - Unlikely to survive safely without supervision and condition is substantially deteriorating.
 - Needs Services & supports to prevent relapse or deterioration, leading to grave disability or harm to others.
- Participation in CARE Plan or Agreement is the least restrictive alternative.
- Likely to benefit from participating in a CARE Plan or Agreement.



How to file a petition

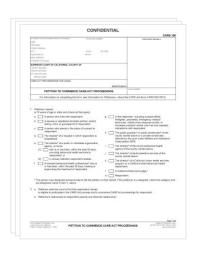
☐ Complete the petition form (CARE-100)

AND

☐ Completed Mental Health Declaration (CARE-101) from licensed behavioral health provider

<u>OR</u>

☐ Evidence the respondent was detained for at least two periods of intensive treatment, the most recent period being within the past 60 days





Who can petition?



Family/Home

- Persons with whom respondent resides.
- Spouse, parent, sibling, adult child, grandparents, or another individual in place of a parent.
- Respondent (i.e. self petition)

Community

- First responder (e.g., firefighter, paramedic, mobile crisis response, homeless outreach worker)
- Director of a Hospital, or designee, in which the respondent is hospitalized.
- Licensed behavioral health professional, or designee treating respondent for mental illness.
- Director of a public /charitable organization providing behavioral health services or whose institution respondent resides.

County

- County behavioral health director, or designee
- Public Guardian or designee.
- Director of adult protective services or designee.

Tribal Jurisdiction

- Director of a California Indian health services program, California tribal behavioral health department, or designee.
- Judge of a tribal court located in CA, or designee.

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• Role:

- Once prima facie is determined by the Court, ordered to locate respondent
- Outreach, Assessment & Linkage to respondent offer voluntary services to meet respondents needs (CARE Agreement)
- Provide clinical evaluation
- Determine with respondent & voluntary supporter (if respondent desires)
 and Court CARE Plan
- Provide progress reports to the Court every 60 days for CARE Agreement and CARE Plan