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AN ACT

Amending the act of July 9, 1976 (P.L.817, No.143), entitled "An act relating to mental health procedures; providing for the 2 treatment and rights of mentally disabled persons, for 3 voluntary and involuntary examination and treatment and for determinations affecting those charged with crime or under 5 sentence," providing for assisted outpatient treatment 6 programs. 8 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows: 10 Section 1. The act of July 9, 1976 (P.L.817, No.143), known 11 as the Mental Health Procedures Act, is amended by adding an 12 article to read: 13 ARTICLE III-A 14 Assisted Outpatient Treatment 15 Section 301-A. Definitions. 16 The following words and phrases when used in this article 17 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the 18 context clearly indicates otherwise: "Assisted outpatient" or "patient." A person under a court 19 order to receive assisted outpatient treatment. 20

- 1 <u>"Assisted outpatient treatment." Any of the following</u>
- 2 categories of outpatient services which have been ordered by the
- 3 court pursuant to section 305-A:
- 4 (1) Case management services or assertive community
- 5 <u>treatment team services to provide care coordination.</u>
- 6 <u>(2) Medication.</u>
- 7 (3) Periodic blood tests or urinalysis to determine
- 8 <u>compliance with prescribed medications.</u>
- 9 <u>(4) Individual or group therapy.</u>
- 10 (5) Day or partial programming activities.
- 11 (6) Educational and vocational training or activities.
- 12 (7) Alcohol or substance abuse treatment and counseling
- and periodic tests for the presence of alcohol or illegal
- 14 <u>drugs for persons with a history of alcohol or substance</u>
- abuse.
- 16 (8) Supervision of living arrangements.
- 17 (9) Any other services within an individualized
- 18 treatment plan developed pursuant to Article I prescribed to
- 19 <u>treat the person's mental illness and to assist the person in</u>
- living and functioning in the community, or to attempt to
- 21 prevent a relapse or deterioration that may reasonably be
- 22 predicted to result in suicide or the need for
- 23 <u>hospitalization.</u>
- 24 "Assisted outpatient treatment program" or "program." A
- 25 system to arrange for and coordinate the provision of assisted
- 26 outpatient treatment, to monitor treatment compliance by
- 27 assisted outpatients, to evaluate the condition or needs of
- 28 assisted outpatients, to take appropriate steps to address the
- 29 needs of assisted outpatients and to ensure compliance with
- 30 court orders.

- 1 "Director." The director of a hospital licensed or operated
- 2 by the Department of Public Welfare which operates, directs and
- 3 <u>supervises an assisted outpatient treatment program, or the</u>
- 4 <u>county administrator which operates, directs and supervises an</u>
- 5 <u>assisted outpatient treatment program.</u>
- 6 "Program coordinator." An individual appointed under section
- 7 302-A(a) who is responsible for the oversight and monitoring of
- 8 <u>assisted outpatient treatment programs.</u>
- 9 "Subject of the petition" or "subject." A person who is
- 10 alleged in a petition, filed pursuant to the provisions of
- 11 <u>section 305-A, to meet the criteria for assisted outpatient</u>
- 12 treatment.
- 13 <u>Section 302-A. Program coordinators to be appointed.</u>
- 14 (a) Duty of secretary. -- The Secretary of Public Welfare
- 15 shall appoint program coordinators of assisted outpatient
- 16 treatment, who shall be responsible for the oversight and
- 17 monitoring of assisted outpatient treatment programs established
- 18 pursuant to section 305-A. County administrators shall work in
- 19 conjunction with the program coordinators to coordinate the
- 20 implementation of assisted outpatient treatment programs.
- 21 (b) Oversight and monitoring duties. -- The oversight and
- 22 monitoring role of the program coordinator of the assisted
- 23 <u>outpatient treatment program shall include each of the</u>
- 24 <u>following:</u>
- 25 (1) That each assisted outpatient receive the treatment
- 26 provided for in the court order issued pursuant to section
- 27 305-A.
- 28 (2) That existing services located in the assisted
- 29 outpatient's community be utilized whenever practicable.
- 30 (3) That a case manager or assertive community treatment

- 1 <u>team is designated for each assisted outpatient.</u>
- 2 (4) That a mechanism exist for a case manager, or
- 3 assertive community treatment team, to regularly report the
- 4 <u>assisted outpatient's compliance, or lack of compliance, with</u>
- 5 <u>treatment to the director of the assisted outpatient</u>
- 6 <u>treatment program.</u>
- 7 (5) That assisted outpatient treatment services be
- 8 <u>delivered in a timely manner.</u>
- 9 (c) Standards to be developed. -- The Secretary of Public
- 10 Welfare shall develop standards designed to ensure that case
- 11 managers or assertive community treatment teams have appropriate
- 12 training and have clinically manageable caseloads designed to
- 13 provide effective case management or other care coordination
- 14 <u>services for persons subject to a court order under section</u>
- 15 305-A.
- 16 (d) Corrective action to be taken. -- Upon review or receiving
- 17 notice that services are not being delivered in a timely manner,
- 18 the program coordinator shall require the director of the
- 19 <u>assisted outpatient treatment program to immediately commence</u>
- 20 corrective action and inform the program coordinator of the
- 21 corrective action taken. Failure of a director to take
- 22 corrective action shall be reported by the program coordinator
- 23 to the Secretary of Public Welfare as well as to the court which
- 24 ordered the assisted outpatient treatment.
- 25 <u>Section 303-A.</u> <u>Duties of county administrators.</u>
- 26 Each county administrator shall be responsible for the filing
- 27 <u>of petitions for assisted outpatient treatment pursuant to</u>
- 28 section 305-A, for the receipt and investigation of reports of
- 29 persons who are alleged to be in need of that treatment and for
- 30 coordinating the delivery of court-ordered services with program

- 1 coordinators, appointed by the Secretary of Public Welfare
- 2 pursuant to section 302-A(a). In discharge of the duties imposed
- 3 by section 305-A, directors of community services may provide
- 4 <u>services directly</u>, or may coordinate services with the offices
- 5 of the Secretary of Public Welfare or may contract with any
- 6 public or private provider to provide services for assisted
- 7 <u>outpatient treatment programs as may be necessary to carry out</u>
- 8 the duties imposed pursuant to this article.
- 9 <u>Section 304-A. Directors of assisted outpatient treatment</u>
- programs.
- 11 (a) General duties.--
- 12 (1) Directors of assisted outpatient treatment programs
- established pursuant to section 305-A shall provide a written
- report to the program coordinators, appointed by the
- 15 <u>Secretary of Public Welfare pursuant to section 302-A(a)</u>,
- within three days of the issuance of a court order. The
- 17 report shall demonstrate that mechanisms are in place to
- 18 ensure the delivery of services and medications as required
- by the court order and shall include, but not be limited to,
- the following:
- 21 (i) A copy of the court order.
- 22 (ii) A copy of the written treatment plan.
- 23 (iii) The identity of the case manager or assertive
- 24 community treatment team, including the name and contact
- 25 data of the organization which the case manager or
- assertive community treatment team member represents.
- 27 <u>(iv) The identity of providers of services.</u>
- 28 (v) The date on which services have commenced or
- will commence.
- 30 (2) The directors of assisted outpatient treatment

- 1 programs shall ensure the timely delivery of services
- 2 <u>described in section 305-A pursuant to any court order issued</u>
- 3 thereunder. Directors of assisted outpatient treatment
- 4 programs shall immediately commence corrective action upon
- 5 receiving notice from program coordinators that services are
- 6 not being provided in a timely manner, and the directors
- 7 <u>shall inform the program coordinator of the corrective action</u>
- 8 taken.
- 9 (b) Quarterly reports to program coordinators.--Directors of
- 10 assisted outpatient treatment programs shall submit quarterly
- 11 reports to the program coordinators regarding the assisted
- 12 <u>outpatient treatment program operated or administered by them.</u>
- 13 The report shall include the following information:
- 14 (1) The names of individuals served by the program.
- 15 (2) The percentage of petitions for assisted outpatient
- 16 <u>treatment that are granted by the court.</u>
- 17 (3) Any change in status of assisted outpatients,
- including, but not limited to, the number of individuals who
- 19 <u>have failed to comply with court-ordered assisted outpatient</u>
- 20 treatment.
- 21 (4) A description of material changes in written
- 22 <u>treatment plans of assisted outpatients.</u>
- 23 <u>(5) Any change in case managers.</u>
- 24 (6) A description of the categories of services which
- have been ordered by the court.
- 26 (7) Living arrangements of individuals served by the
- 27 program including the number, if any, who are homeless.
- 28 (8) Any other information as required by the Secretary
- of Public Welfare.
- 30 (9) Any recommendations to improve the program Statewide

- 1 or locally.
- 2 Section 305-A. Assisted outpatient treatment program.
- 3 (a) Director to obtain approval from secretary. -- A director
- 4 <u>may operate</u>, <u>direct and supervise an assisted outpatient</u>
- 5 treatment program as provided in this section upon approval by
- 6 the Secretary of Public Welfare. The county administrator shall
- 7 operate, direct and supervise an assisted outpatient treatment
- 8 program as provided in this section upon approval by the
- 9 <u>Secretary of Public Welfare. County administrators shall be</u>
- 10 permitted to satisfy the provisions of this article through the
- 11 operation of joint assisted outpatient treatment programs.
- 12 Nothing in this article shall be construed to preclude the
- 13 combination or coordination of efforts between and among
- 14 counties and hospitals in providing and coordinating assisted
- 15 <u>outpatient treatment.</u>
- 16 (b) Criteria for assisted outpatient treatment. -- A patient
- 17 may be ordered to obtain assisted outpatient treatment if the
- 18 court finds all of the following:
- 19 (1) The patient is 18 years of age or older.
- 20 (2) The patient is suffering from a mental illness.
- 21 (3) The patient is unlikely to survive safely in the
- 22 community without supervision, based on a clinical
- 23 determination.
- 24 (4) The patient has a history of lack of compliance with
- 25 treatment for mental illness that has:
- 26 (i) at least twice within the preceding 36 months
- been a significant factor in necessitating
- hospitalization, or receipt of services in a forensic or
- 29 other mental health unit of a correctional facility, not
- including any period during which the person was

1	hospitalized or imprisoned immediately preceding the
2	filing of the petition; or
3	(ii) resulted in one or more acts of serious violent
4	behavior toward self or others or threats of, or attempts
5	at, serious physical harm to self or others within the
6	preceding 48 months, not including any period in which
7	the person was hospitalized or imprisoned immediately
8	preceding the filing of the petition.
9	(5) The patient is, as a result of the patient's mental
10	illness, unlikely to voluntarily participate in the
11	recommended treatment pursuant to the treatment plan.
12	(6) In view of the patient's treatment history and
13	current behavior, the patient is in need of assisted
14	outpatient treatment in order to prevent a relapse or
15	deterioration which would be likely to pose a clear and
16	present danger of harm to others or to himself as determined
17	under section 301.
18	(7) It is likely that the patient will benefit from
19	assisted outpatient treatment.
20	(c) Petition to the court
21	(1) A petition for an order authorizing assisted
22	outpatient treatment may be filed in the court of common_
23	pleas of the county in which the subject of the petition is
24	present or reasonably believed to be present. A petition to
25	obtain an order authorizing assisted outpatient treatment may
26	be initiated only by the following persons:
27	(i) a person 18 years of age or older with whom the
28	subject of the petition resides;
29	(ii) the parent, spouse, sibling 18 years of age or
30	older or child 18 years of age or older of the subject of

Τ	the petition;
2	(iii) the director of the facility in which the
3	subject of the petition is hospitalized;
4	(iv) the director of any public or charitable
5	organization, agency or home providing mental health
6	services to the subject of the petition in whose
7	institution the subject of the petition resides;
8	(v) a qualified psychiatrist who is either
9	supervising the treatment of or treating the subject of
10	the petition for a mental illness;
11	(vi) the county administrator or his designee; or
12	(vii) a parole officer or probation officer assigned
13	to supervise the subject of the petition.
14	(2) The petition shall state:
15	(i) Each of the criteria for assisted outpatient
16	treatment as set forth in subsection (b).
17	(ii) The facts which support the petitioner's belief
18	that the person who is the subject of the petition meets
19	each criterion, provided that the hearing on the petition
20	need not be limited to the stated facts.
21	(iii) That the subject of the petition is present,
22	or is reasonably believed to be present, within the
23	county where the petition is filed.
24	(3) The petition shall be accompanied by an affirmation
25	or affidavit of a physician, who shall not be the petitioner,
26	and shall state that either:
27	(i) The physician has personally examined the person
28	who is the subject of the petition not more than ten days
29	prior to the submission of the petition, recommends
30	assisted outpatient treatment for the subject of the

petition and is willing and able to testify at the
hearing on the petition.

(ii) Not more than ten days prior to the filing of the petition, the physician or his designee has made appropriate attempts to elicit the cooperation of the subject of the petition but has not been successful in persuading the subject to submit to an examination, that the physician has reason to suspect that the subject of the petition meets the criteria for assisted outpatient treatment and that the physician is willing and able to examine the subject of the petition and testify at the hearing on the petition.

- 13 (d) Right to counsel.--The subject of the petition shall
- 14 have the right to be represented by counsel at all stages of a
- 15 proceeding commenced under this section. The subject of the
- 16 petition shall be represented either by counsel of his selection
- 17 or if unrepresented and unable to afford counsel as determined
- 18 by the court, by court-appointed counsel.
- 19 <u>(e) Hearing.--</u>

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- 20 (1) Upon receipt by the court of the petition submitted
- 21 pursuant to subsection (c), the court shall fix the date for
- 22 a hearing at a time not later than three days from the date
- 23 <u>the petition is received by the court, excluding Saturdays,</u>
- 24 Sundays and holidays. Adjournments shall be permitted only
- for good cause shown. In granting adjournments, the court
- 26 shall consider the need for further examination by a
- 27 physician or the potential need to provide assisted
- 28 <u>outpatient treatment expeditiously.</u>
- 29 (2) The court shall cause the subject of the petition,
- the petitioner, the physician whose affirmation or affidavit

1 accompanied the petition, the appropriate director and such

2 <u>other persons as the court may determine to be advised. The</u>

3 subject of the petition shall have the opportunity to provide

4 <u>in writing names and parties to be notified of the hearing</u>

5 <u>which shall be considered by the court.</u>

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- (3) Upon the date for the hearing, or upon such other date to which the proceeding may be adjourned, the court shall hear testimony and if it be deemed advisable and the subject of the petition is available, examine the subject alleged to be in need of assisted outpatient treatment in or out of court.
- (4) If the subject of the petition does not appear at the hearing and appropriate attempts to elicit the attendance of the subject have failed, the court may conduct the hearing in the subject's absence. If the hearing is conducted without the subject of the petition present, the court shall set forth the factual basis for conducting the hearing without the presence of the subject of the petition.
- (5) The court may not order assisted outpatient

 treatment unless an examining physician, who has personally
 examined the subject of the petition within the time period
 commencing ten days before the filing of the petition,
 testifies in person at the hearing.
- 24 <u>(6) If the subject of the petition has refused to be</u>
 25 <u>examined by a physician, the court may request the subject to</u>
- 26 <u>consent to an examination by a physician appointed by the</u>
- 27 <u>court. If the subject of the petition does not consent and</u>
- the court finds reasonable cause to believe that the
- 29 allegations in the petition are true, the court may order law
- 30 enforcement officers or of a sheriff's department to take the

1 <u>subject of the petition into custody and transport him to a</u>

2 <u>hospital for examination by a physician. Retention of the</u>

3 subject of the petition under the order shall not exceed 24

4 <u>hours.</u>

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- (7) The examination of the subject of the petition may be performed by the physician whose affirmation or affidavit accompanied the petition, if the physician is privileged by the hospital or otherwise authorized by the hospital to do so. If the examination is performed by another physician of the hospital, the examining physician shall be authorized to consult with the physician whose affirmation or affidavit accompanied the petition regarding the issues of whether the allegations in the petition are true and whether the subject meets the criteria for assisted outpatient treatment.
- (8) A physician who testifies pursuant to paragraph (5) 15 16 shall state the facts which support the allegation that the subject meets each of the criteria for assisted outpatient 17 18 treatment, and the treatment is the least restrictive 19 alternative, the recommended assisted outpatient treatment 20 and the rationale for the recommended assisted outpatient 21 treatment. If the recommended assisted outpatient treatment 22 includes medication, the physician's testimony shall describe 23 the types or classes of medication which should be 24 authorized, shall describe the beneficial and detrimental 25 physical and mental effects of the medication and shall 26 recommend whether the medication should be self-administered or administered by authorized personnel. 27
 - (9) The subject of the petition shall be afforded an opportunity to present evidence, to call witnesses on behalf of the subject and to cross-examine adverse witnesses.

1	<u>(f)</u>	Written individualized treatment plan
2		(1) (i) The court may not order assisted outpatient
3		treatment unless an examining physician appointed by the
4		appropriate director develops and provides to the court a
5		proposed written individualized treatment plan. The
6		written individualized treatment plan shall include case
7		management services or assertive community treatment
8		teams to provide care coordination and all categories of
9		services which the physician recommends that the subject
10		of the petition should receive.
11		(ii) If the written individualized treatment plan
12		includes medication, it shall state whether the
13		medication should be self-administered or administered by
14		authorized personnel, and shall specify type and dosage
15		range of medication most likely to provide maximum
16		benefit for the subject.
17		(iii) If the written individualized treatment plan
18		includes alcohol or substance abuse counseling and
19		treatment, the plan may include a provision requiring
20		relevant testing for either alcohol or illegal substances
21		provided the physician's clinical basis for recommending
22		the plan provides sufficient facts for the court to find:
23		(A) That the person has a history of alcohol or
24		substance abuse that is clinically related to the
25		mental illness.
26		(B) That the testing is necessary to prevent a
27		relapse or deterioration which would be likely to
28		result in serious harm to the person or others.
29		(iv) In developing the plan, the physician shall
30		provide the following persons with an opportunity to

_	actively participate in the acveropment of the plant the
2	subject of the petition; the treating physician; and upon
3	the request of the patient, an individual significant to
4	the patient including any relative, close friend or
5	individual otherwise concerned with the welfare of the
6	patient. If the petitioner is a director, the plan shall
7	be provided to the court no later than the date of the
8	hearing on the petition.
9	(2) The court shall not order assisted outpatient
10	treatment unless a physician testifies to explain the written
11	proposed treatment plan. The testimony shall state:
12	(i) The categories of assisted outpatient treatment
13	recommended.
14	(ii) The rationale for each category.
15	(iii) Facts which establish that the treatment is
16	the least restrictive alternative.
17	(iv) If the recommended assisted outpatient
18	treatment includes medication, the types or classes of
19	medication recommended, the beneficial and detrimental
20	physical and mental effects of the medication and whether
21	the medication should be self-administered or
22	administered by an authorized professional.
23	If the petitioner is a director the testimony shall be given at
24	the hearing on the petition.
25	(g) Disposition
26	(1) If after hearing all relevant evidence the court
27	finds that the subject of the petition does not meet the
28	criteria for assisted outpatient treatment, the court shall
29	dismiss the petition.
30	(2) If after hearing all relevant evidence the court

- 1 <u>finds by clear and convincing evidence that the subject of</u>
- 2 <u>the petition meets the criteria for assisted outpatient</u>
- 3 <u>treatment and there is no appropriate and feasible less</u>
- 4 <u>restrictive alternative, the court shall be authorized to</u>
- 5 <u>order the subject to receive assisted outpatient treatment</u>
- for an initial period not to exceed six months. In fashioning
- 7 the order, the court shall specifically make findings by
- 8 <u>clear and convincing evidence that the proposed treatment is</u>
- 9 the least restrictive treatment appropriate and feasible for
- 10 the subject. The order shall state the categories of assisted
- 11 <u>outpatient treatment which the subject is to receive. The</u>
- 12 <u>court may not order treatment that has not been recommended</u>
- by the examining physician and included in the written
- 14 <u>treatment plan for assisted outpatient treatment as required</u>
- by subsection (f).
- 16 (3) If after hearing all relevant evidence the court
- finds by clear and convincing evidence that the subject of
- 18 the petition meets the criteria for assisted outpatient
- 19 treatment and the court has yet to be provided with a written
- individualized treatment plan and testimony pursuant to
- 21 <u>subsection (f), the court shall order the county</u>
- 22 administrator to provide the court with the plan and
- 23 testimony no later than the third day, excluding Saturdays,
- 24 Sundays and holidays, immediately following the date of the
- 25 order. Upon receiving the plan and testimony, the court may
- order assisted outpatient treatment as provided in paragraph
- 27 (2).
- 28 (4) A court may order the patient to self-administer
- 29 psychotropic drugs or accept the administration of the drugs
- 30 by authorized personnel as part of an assisted outpatient

1 <u>treatment program. The order may specify the type and dosage</u>

2 range of psychotropic drugs, and the order shall be effective

- 3 for the duration of the assisted outpatient treatment.
- 4 (5) If the petitioner is the director of a hospital that
- 5 operates an assisted outpatient treatment program, the court
- 6 order shall direct the hospital director to provide or
- 7 <u>arrange for all categories of assisted outpatient treatment</u>
- 8 <u>for the assisted outpatient throughout the period of the</u>
- 9 <u>order. For all other persons, the order shall require the</u>
- director of community services of the appropriate local
- 11 governmental unit to provide or arrange for all categories of
- 12 <u>assisted outpatient treatment for the assisted outpatient</u>
- throughout the period of the order.
- 14 (6) The director or his designee shall apply to the
- court for approval before instituting a proposed material
- 16 <u>change in the assisted outpatient treatment order unless the</u>
- 17 change is contemplated in the order. Nonmaterial changes may
- 18 be instituted by the assisted outpatient treatment program
- 19 <u>without court approval. For the purposes of this paragraph, a</u>
- 20 material change shall mean an addition or deletion of a
- 21 category of assisted outpatient treatment from the order of
- 22 the court, or any deviation without the patient's consent
- 23 from the terms of an existing order relating to the
- 24 administration of psychotropic drugs.
- 25 (h) Applications for additional periods of treatment.--If
- 26 the director determines that the condition of the patient
- 27 requires further assisted outpatient treatment, the director
- 28 shall apply prior to the expiration of the period of assisted
- 29 outpatient treatment ordered by the court for a second or
- 30 subsequent order authorizing continued assisted outpatient

- 1 treatment for a period not to exceed one year from the date of
- 2 the order. The procedures for obtaining any order pursuant to
- 3 this subsection shall be in accordance with this section,
- 4 provided that the time period included in subsection (b) (4) (i)
- 5 and (ii) shall not be applicable in determining the
- 6 appropriateness of additional periods of assisted outpatient
- 7 treatment. Any court order requiring periodic blood tests or
- 8 <u>urinalysis</u> for the presence of alcohol or illegal drugs shall be
- 9 <u>subject to review after six months by the physician who</u>
- 10 developed the written individualized treatment plan or another
- 11 physician designated by the director, and the physician shall be
- 12 authorized to terminate the blood tests or urinalysis without
- 13 <u>further action by the court.</u>
- 14 (i) Application for order to stay, vacate or modify.--In
- 15 addition to any other right or remedy available by law with
- 16 respect to the order for assisted outpatient treatment, the
- 17 patient, the patient's counsel or anyone acting on the patient's
- 18 behalf may apply on notice to the appropriate director and the
- 19 original petitioner to the court to stay, vacate or modify the
- 20 order.
- 21 (j) Appeals. -- Review of an order issued pursuant to this
- 22 section shall be conducted in like manner as specified in
- 23 section 303.
- 24 (k) Failure to comply with the assisted outpatient
- 25 <u>treatment.--</u>
- 26 (1) (i) Where, in the clinical judgment of a physician,
- 27 <u>the assisted outpatient has failed or refused to comply</u>
- with the assisted outpatient treatment and efforts were
- 29 made to solicit compliance and such assisted outpatient
- may be in need of involuntary admission to a hospital or

immediate observation, care and treatment pursuant to

section 302 or 303, the physician may request the

director of community services, the director's designee

or any physician designated by the director of community

services to take the assisted outpatient to an

appropriate hospital for an examination to determine if

the assisted outpatient has a mental illness for which

hospitalization is necessary.

(ii) If the assisted outpatient refuses to take

medication as required by the court order or refuses to

take or fails a blood test, urinalysis or alcohol or drug

test as required by the court order, the physician may

consider the refusal or failure when determining whether

the assisted outpatient is in need of an examination to

determine whether the assisted outpatient has a mental

illness for which hospitalization is necessary.

- (2) Upon the request of the physician, the director or the director's designee may direct law enforcement officers or the sheriff's department to take into custody and transport the patient to the hospital operating the assisted outpatient treatment program or to any hospital authorized by the director of community services to receive such patients.

 The law enforcement officials shall carry out the directive.
 - (3) (i) Upon the request of the physician, the director or the director's designee, the court may authorize the patient to be taken into custody and transported to the hospital operating the assisted outpatient treatment program or to any other hospital authorized by the county administrator to receive such patients in accordance with section 306.

1	(ii) The patient may be retained for observation,
2	care and treatment and further examination in the
3	hospital for up to 72 hours to permit a physician to
4	determine whether the patient has a mental illness and is
5	in need of involuntary care and treatment in a hospital
6	pursuant to this act.
7	(iii) Any continued involuntary retention in the
8	hospital beyond the initial 72-hour period shall be in
9	accordance with this act relating to the involuntary
10	admission and retention of a person.
11	(iv) If at any time during the 72-hour period the
12	person is determined not to meet the involuntary
13	admission and retention provisions of this act and does
14	not agree to stay in the hospital as a voluntary or
15	informal patient, he shall be released.
16	(v) Failure to comply with an order of assisted
17	outpatient treatment shall not be grounds for involuntary
18	civil commitment or a finding of contempt of court.
19	(1) False petition A person making a false statement or
20	providing false information or false testimony in a petition or
21	hearing under this section is subject to criminal prosecution
22	pursuant to 18 Pa.C.S. § 4903 (relating to false swearing).
23	(m) Construction Nothing in this section shall be
24	construed to affect the ability of the director of a hospital to
25	receive, admit or retain patients who otherwise meet the
26	provisions of this act regarding receipt, retention or
27	admission.
28	(n) Educational materials The Department of Public
29	Welfare, in consultation with the county administrator, shall
30	prepare educational and training materials on the use of this

- 1 section, which shall be made available to county providers of
- 2 <u>services</u>, <u>judges</u>, <u>court personnel</u>, <u>law enforcement officials and</u>
- 3 the general public.
- 4 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.