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Marquette County Emergency Detention Overview



An informational overview of
the Emergency Detention
process in Marquette County



What is an Emergency Detention?

When an individual poses a significant threat to themselves or others, as evidenced by their statements and/or acts, an assessment is completed. If the individual cannot safely remain in the community and other crisis options are not appropriate, an Emergency Detention (ED) will be initiated to ensure safety for the individual and others in the community. If an ED is authorized, the individual will be taken into custody by law enforcement. The individual IS NOT under arrest.

Medical Clearance

Once an individual is taken into custody for an ED, medical clearance is necessary to ensure the individual has no underlying medical issues. Law enforcement will transport the person to the hospital, and once medical clearance is granted, the individual will be transported to an accepting psychiatric hospital.

Accepting Hospitals

Area hospitals utilized by Marquette County Human Services include:

- UW Hospital in Madison
- Meriter Hospital in Madison
- St. Mary's Hospital in Madison
- Fond Du Lac Health Care Center
- St. Agnes Hospital in Fond Du Lac
- Mercy Hospital in Oshkosh
- St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Appleton
- Winnebago Mental Health Institute in Oshkosh

What Happens at the Hospital?

An individual can remain in custody under an ED for 72 hours. The treating psychiatrist and hospital team will make recommendations to Marquette County Human Services and Corporation Counsel. **Possible outcomes are:**

- **Discharge from the treatment facility:** The individual has been assessed and is stable and safe to return to the community. If he or she requires follow up mental health treatment, services will be set up upon discharge.
- **Voluntary inpatient hospitalization:** The individual requires further treatment and is not ready for discharge to the community and agrees to stay in the hospital.

- **Court intervention:** The individual requires court intervention to comply with recommended mental health treatment.

Court Intervention

If the treatment team recommends court intervention, one of the following outcomes will occur.

- **A probable cause hearing:** A hearing is held to determine whether further involuntary treatment is necessary. At this hearing evidence is presented to a judge to determine whether there is probable cause to believe that the individual is mentally ill and in need of further involuntary treatment to ensure his or her safety.
- **A settlement agreement:** In this court order, a person formally agrees to comply with all mental health treatment recommendations and other stated rules for up to 90 days.
- **Civil Commitment:** This court process is used when a person with mental illness continues to refuse treatment and requires protection to remain safe. If continued involuntary treatment is necessary, the court will enter this order for 6 months.