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**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Hunter G. Goodman, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6445** as passed by Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

HUNTER G. GOODMAN

**Secretary**

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**By Senate Health Care (originally sponsored by Senators Braun and Angel)**

READ FIRST TIME 02/05/16.

1            AN ACT Relating to clarifying the role of physician assistants in  
2 the delivery of mental health services; amending RCW 71.05.215,  
3 71.05.217, 71.05.230, 71.05.290, 71.05.300, 71.05.360, 71.05.660,  
4 71.06.040, 71.12.540, 71.32.110, 71.32.140, 71.32.250, 71.32.260,  
5 71.34.020, 71.34.355, 71.34.720, 71.34.730, 71.34.750, 71.34.770,  
6 18.71A.030, and 18.57A.030; and reenacting and amending RCW  
7 71.05.020, 71.05.210, and 71.24.025.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

9            **Sec. 1.** RCW 71.05.020 and 2015 c 269 s 14 and 2015 c 250 s 2 are  
10 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

11            The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter  
12 unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

13            (1) "Admission" or "admit" means a decision by a physician,  
14 physician assistant, or psychiatric advanced registered nurse  
15 practitioner that a person should be examined or treated as a patient  
16 in a hospital;

17            (2) "Antipsychotic medications" means that class of drugs  
18 primarily used to treat serious manifestations of mental illness  
19 associated with thought disorders, which includes, but is not limited  
20 to atypical antipsychotic medications;

1 (3) "Attending staff" means any person on the staff of a public  
2 or private agency having responsibility for the care and treatment of  
3 a patient;

4 (4) "Commitment" means the determination by a court that a person  
5 should be detained for a period of either evaluation or treatment, or  
6 both, in an inpatient or a less restrictive setting;

7 (5) "Conditional release" means a revocable modification of a  
8 commitment, which may be revoked upon violation of any of its terms;

9 (6) "Crisis stabilization unit" means a short-term facility or a  
10 portion of a facility licensed by the department of health and  
11 certified by the department of social and health services under RCW  
12 71.24.035, such as an evaluation and treatment facility or a  
13 hospital, which has been designed to assess, diagnose, and treat  
14 individuals experiencing an acute crisis without the use of long-term  
15 hospitalization;

16 (7) "Custody" means involuntary detention under the provisions of  
17 this chapter or chapter 10.77 RCW, uninterrupted by any period of  
18 unconditional release from commitment from a facility providing  
19 involuntary care and treatment;

20 (8) "Department" means the department of social and health  
21 services;

22 (9) "Designated chemical dependency specialist" means a person  
23 designated by the county alcoholism and other drug addiction program  
24 coordinator designated under RCW 70.96A.310 to perform the commitment  
25 duties described in chapters 70.96A and 70.96B RCW;

26 (10) "Designated crisis responder" means a mental health  
27 professional appointed by the county or the behavioral health  
28 organization to perform the duties specified in this chapter;

29 (11) "Designated mental health professional" means a mental  
30 health professional designated by the county or other authority  
31 authorized in rule to perform the duties specified in this chapter;

32 (12) "Detention" or "detain" means the lawful confinement of a  
33 person, under the provisions of this chapter;

34 (13) "Developmental disabilities professional" means a person who  
35 has specialized training and three years of experience in directly  
36 treating or working with persons with developmental disabilities and  
37 is a psychiatrist, physician assistant working with a supervising  
38 psychiatrist, psychologist, psychiatric advanced registered nurse  
39 practitioner, or social worker, and such other developmental

1 disabilities professionals as may be defined by rules adopted by the  
2 secretary;

3 (14) "Developmental disability" means that condition defined in  
4 RCW 71A.10.020(5);

5 (15) "Discharge" means the termination of hospital medical  
6 authority. The commitment may remain in place, be terminated, or be  
7 amended by court order;

8 (16) "Evaluation and treatment facility" means any facility which  
9 can provide directly, or by direct arrangement with other public or  
10 private agencies, emergency evaluation and treatment, outpatient  
11 care, and timely and appropriate inpatient care to persons suffering  
12 from a mental disorder, and which is certified as such by the  
13 department. The department may certify single beds as temporary  
14 evaluation and treatment beds under RCW 71.05.745. A physically  
15 separate and separately operated portion of a state hospital may be  
16 designated as an evaluation and treatment facility. A facility which  
17 is part of, or operated by, the department or any federal agency will  
18 not require certification. No correctional institution or facility,  
19 or jail, shall be an evaluation and treatment facility within the  
20 meaning of this chapter;

21 (17) "Gravely disabled" means a condition in which a person, as a  
22 result of a mental disorder: (a) Is in danger of serious physical  
23 harm resulting from a failure to provide for his or her essential  
24 human needs of health or safety; or (b) manifests severe  
25 deterioration in routine functioning evidenced by repeated and  
26 escalating loss of cognitive or volitional control over his or her  
27 actions and is not receiving such care as is essential for his or her  
28 health or safety;

29 (18) "Habilitative services" means those services provided by  
30 program personnel to assist persons in acquiring and maintaining life  
31 skills and in raising their levels of physical, mental, social, and  
32 vocational functioning. Habilitative services include education,  
33 training for employment, and therapy. The habilitative process shall  
34 be undertaken with recognition of the risk to the public safety  
35 presented by the person being assisted as manifested by prior charged  
36 criminal conduct;

37 (19) "History of one or more violent acts" refers to the period  
38 of time ten years prior to the filing of a petition under this  
39 chapter, excluding any time spent, but not any violent acts

1 committed, in a mental health facility or in confinement as a result  
2 of a criminal conviction;

3 (20) "Imminent" means the state or condition of being likely to  
4 occur at any moment or near at hand, rather than distant or remote;

5 (21) "In need of assisted outpatient mental health treatment"  
6 means that a person, as a result of a mental disorder: (a) Has been  
7 committed by a court to detention for involuntary mental health  
8 treatment at least twice during the preceding thirty-six months, or,  
9 if the person is currently committed for involuntary mental health  
10 treatment, the person has been committed to detention for involuntary  
11 mental health treatment at least once during the thirty-six months  
12 preceding the date of initial detention of the current commitment  
13 cycle; (b) is unlikely to voluntarily participate in outpatient  
14 treatment without an order for less restrictive alternative  
15 treatment, in view of the person's treatment history or current  
16 behavior; (c) is unlikely to survive safely in the community without  
17 supervision; (d) is likely to benefit from less restrictive  
18 alternative treatment; and (e) requires less restrictive alternative  
19 treatment to prevent a relapse, decompensation, or deterioration that  
20 is likely to result in the person presenting a likelihood of serious  
21 harm or the person becoming gravely disabled within a reasonably  
22 short period of time. For purposes of (a) of this subsection, time  
23 spent in a mental health facility or in confinement as a result of a  
24 criminal conviction is excluded from the thirty-six month  
25 calculation;

26 (22) "Individualized service plan" means a plan prepared by a  
27 developmental disabilities professional with other professionals as a  
28 team, for a person with developmental disabilities, which shall  
29 state:

30 (a) The nature of the person's specific problems, prior charged  
31 criminal behavior, and habilitation needs;

32 (b) The conditions and strategies necessary to achieve the  
33 purposes of habilitation;

34 (c) The intermediate and long-range goals of the habilitation  
35 program, with a projected timetable for the attainment;

36 (d) The rationale for using this plan of habilitation to achieve  
37 those intermediate and long-range goals;

38 (e) The staff responsible for carrying out the plan;

39 (f) Where relevant in light of past criminal behavior and due  
40 consideration for public safety, the criteria for proposed movement

1 to less-restrictive settings, criteria for proposed eventual  
2 discharge or release, and a projected possible date for discharge or  
3 release; and

4 (g) The type of residence immediately anticipated for the person  
5 and possible future types of residences;

6 (23) "Information related to mental health services" means all  
7 information and records compiled, obtained, or maintained in the  
8 course of providing services to either voluntary or involuntary  
9 recipients of services by a mental health service provider. This may  
10 include documents of legal proceedings under this chapter or chapter  
11 71.34 or 10.77 RCW, or somatic health care information;

12 (24) "Judicial commitment" means a commitment by a court pursuant  
13 to the provisions of this chapter;

14 (25) "Legal counsel" means attorneys and staff employed by county  
15 prosecutor offices or the state attorney general acting in their  
16 capacity as legal representatives of public mental health service  
17 providers under RCW 71.05.130;

18 (26) "Less restrictive alternative treatment" means a program of  
19 individualized treatment in a less restrictive setting than inpatient  
20 treatment that includes the services described in RCW 71.05.585;

21 (27) "Likelihood of serious harm" means:

22 (a) A substantial risk that: (i) Physical harm will be inflicted  
23 by a person upon his or her own person, as evidenced by threats or  
24 attempts to commit suicide or inflict physical harm on oneself; (ii)  
25 physical harm will be inflicted by a person upon another, as  
26 evidenced by behavior which has caused such harm or which places  
27 another person or persons in reasonable fear of sustaining such harm;  
28 or (iii) physical harm will be inflicted by a person upon the  
29 property of others, as evidenced by behavior which has caused  
30 substantial loss or damage to the property of others; or

31 (b) The person has threatened the physical safety of another and  
32 has a history of one or more violent acts;

33 (28) "Medical clearance" means a physician or other health care  
34 provider has determined that a person is medically stable and ready  
35 for referral to the designated mental health professional;

36 (29) "Mental disorder" means any organic, mental, or emotional  
37 impairment which has substantial adverse effects on a person's  
38 cognitive or volitional functions;

39 (30) "Mental health professional" means a psychiatrist,  
40 psychologist, physician assistant working with a supervising

1 psychiatrist, psychiatric advanced registered nurse practitioner,  
2 psychiatric nurse, or social worker, and such other mental health  
3 professionals as may be defined by rules adopted by the secretary  
4 pursuant to the provisions of this chapter;

5 (31) "Mental health service provider" means a public or private  
6 agency that provides mental health services to persons with mental  
7 disorders as defined under this section and receives funding from  
8 public sources. This includes, but is not limited to, hospitals  
9 licensed under chapter 70.41 RCW, evaluation and treatment facilities  
10 as defined in this section, community mental health service delivery  
11 systems or community mental health programs as defined in RCW  
12 71.24.025, facilities conducting competency evaluations and  
13 restoration under chapter 10.77 RCW, and correctional facilities  
14 operated by state and local governments;

15 (32) "Peace officer" means a law enforcement official of a public  
16 agency or governmental unit, and includes persons specifically given  
17 peace officer powers by any state law, local ordinance, or judicial  
18 order of appointment;

19 (33) "Private agency" means any person, partnership, corporation,  
20 or association that is not a public agency, whether or not financed  
21 in whole or in part by public funds, which constitutes an evaluation  
22 and treatment facility or private institution, or hospital, which is  
23 conducted for, or includes a department or ward conducted for, the  
24 care and treatment of persons who are mentally ill;

25 (34) "Professional person" means a mental health professional and  
26 shall also mean a physician, physician assistant, psychiatric  
27 advanced registered nurse practitioner, registered nurse, and such  
28 others as may be defined by rules adopted by the secretary pursuant  
29 to the provisions of this chapter;

30 (35) "Psychiatric advanced registered nurse practitioner" means a  
31 person who is licensed as an advanced registered nurse practitioner  
32 pursuant to chapter 18.79 RCW; and who is board certified in advanced  
33 practice psychiatric and mental health nursing;

34 (36) "Psychiatrist" means a person having a license as a  
35 physician and surgeon in this state who has in addition completed  
36 three years of graduate training in psychiatry in a program approved  
37 by the American medical association or the American osteopathic  
38 association and is certified or eligible to be certified by the  
39 American board of psychiatry and neurology;

1 (37) "Psychologist" means a person who has been licensed as a  
2 psychologist pursuant to chapter 18.83 RCW;

3 (38) "Public agency" means any evaluation and treatment facility  
4 or institution, or hospital which is conducted for, or includes a  
5 department or ward conducted for, the care and treatment of persons  
6 with mental illness, if the agency is operated directly by, federal,  
7 state, county, or municipal government, or a combination of such  
8 governments;

9 (39) "Registration records" include all the records of the  
10 department, behavioral health organizations, treatment facilities,  
11 and other persons providing services to the department, county  
12 departments, or facilities which identify persons who are receiving  
13 or who at any time have received services for mental illness;

14 (40) "Release" means legal termination of the commitment under  
15 the provisions of this chapter;

16 (41) "Resource management services" has the meaning given in  
17 chapter 71.24 RCW;

18 (42) "Secretary" means the secretary of the department of social  
19 and health services, or his or her designee;

20 (43) "Serious violent offense" has the same meaning as provided  
21 in RCW 9.94A.030;

22 (44) "Social worker" means a person with a master's or further  
23 advanced degree from a social work educational program accredited and  
24 approved as provided in RCW 18.320.010;

25 (45) "Therapeutic court personnel" means the staff of a mental  
26 health court or other therapeutic court which has jurisdiction over  
27 defendants who are dually diagnosed with mental disorders, including  
28 court personnel, probation officers, a court monitor, prosecuting  
29 attorney, or defense counsel acting within the scope of therapeutic  
30 court duties;

31 (46) "Treatment records" include registration and all other  
32 records concerning persons who are receiving or who at any time have  
33 received services for mental illness, which are maintained by the  
34 department, by behavioral health organizations and their staffs, and  
35 by treatment facilities. Treatment records include mental health  
36 information contained in a medical bill including but not limited to  
37 mental health drugs, a mental health diagnosis, provider name, and  
38 dates of service stemming from a medical service. Treatment records  
39 do not include notes or records maintained for personal use by a  
40 person providing treatment services for the department, behavioral

1 health organizations, or a treatment facility if the notes or records  
2 are not available to others;

3 (47) "Triage facility" means a short-term facility or a portion  
4 of a facility licensed by the department of health and certified by  
5 the department of social and health services under RCW 71.24.035,  
6 which is designed as a facility to assess and stabilize an individual  
7 or determine the need for involuntary commitment of an individual,  
8 and must meet department of health residential treatment facility  
9 standards. A triage facility may be structured as a voluntary or  
10 involuntary placement facility;

11 (48) "Violent act" means behavior that resulted in homicide,  
12 attempted suicide, nonfatal injuries, or substantial damage to  
13 property;

14 (49) "Physician assistant" means a person licensed as a physician  
15 assistant under chapter 18.57A or 18.71A RCW.

16 **Sec. 2.** RCW 71.05.210 and 2015 c 269 s 7 and 2015 c 250 s 20 are  
17 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

18 (1) Each person involuntarily detained and accepted or admitted  
19 at an evaluation and treatment facility ((+1)):

20 (a) Shall, within twenty-four hours of his or her admission or  
21 acceptance at the facility, not counting time periods prior to  
22 medical clearance, be examined and evaluated by ((+a) a licensed  
23 physician who may be assisted by a physician assistant according to  
24 chapter 18.71A RCW and a mental health professional, (b) an advanced  
25 registered nurse practitioner according to chapter 18.79 RCW and a  
26 mental health professional, or (c) a licensed physician and a  
27 psychiatric advanced registered nurse practitioner)):

28 (i) One physician and a mental health professional;

29 (ii) One physician assistant and a mental health professional; or

30 (iii) One advanced registered nurse practitioner and a mental  
31 health professional; and

32 ((+2)) (b) Shall receive such treatment and care as his or her  
33 condition requires including treatment on an outpatient basis for the  
34 period that he or she is detained, except that, beginning twenty-four  
35 hours prior to a trial or hearing pursuant to RCW 71.05.215,  
36 71.05.240, 71.05.310, 71.05.320, 71.05.590, or 71.05.217, the  
37 individual may refuse psychiatric medications, but may not refuse:  
38 ((+a)) (i) Any other medication previously prescribed by a person  
39 licensed under Title 18 RCW; or ((+b)) (ii) emergency lifesaving

1 treatment, and the individual shall be informed at an appropriate  
2 time of his or her right of such refusal. The person shall be  
3 detained up to seventy-two hours, if, in the opinion of the  
4 professional person in charge of the facility, or his or her  
5 professional designee, the person presents a likelihood of serious  
6 harm, or is gravely disabled. A person who has been detained for  
7 seventy-two hours shall no later than the end of such period be  
8 released, unless referred for further care on a voluntary basis, or  
9 detained pursuant to court order for further treatment as provided in  
10 this chapter.

11 (2) If, after examination and evaluation, the mental health  
12 professional and licensed physician, physician assistant, or  
13 psychiatric advanced registered nurse practitioner determine that the  
14 initial needs of the person would be better served by placement in a  
15 chemical dependency treatment facility, then the person shall be  
16 referred to an approved treatment program defined under RCW  
17 70.96A.020.

18 (3) An evaluation and treatment center admitting or accepting any  
19 person pursuant to this chapter whose physical condition reveals the  
20 need for hospitalization shall assure that such person is transferred  
21 to an appropriate hospital for evaluation or admission for treatment.  
22 Notice of such fact shall be given to the court, the designated  
23 attorney, and the designated mental health professional and the court  
24 shall order such continuance in proceedings under this chapter as may  
25 be necessary, but in no event may this continuance be more than  
26 fourteen days.

27 **Sec. 3.** RCW 71.05.215 and 2008 c 156 s 2 are each amended to  
28 read as follows:

29 (1) A person found to be gravely disabled or presents a  
30 likelihood of serious harm as a result of a mental disorder has a  
31 right to refuse antipsychotic medication unless it is determined that  
32 the failure to medicate may result in a likelihood of serious harm or  
33 substantial deterioration or substantially prolong the length of  
34 involuntary commitment and there is no less intrusive course of  
35 treatment than medication in the best interest of that person.

36 (2) The department shall adopt rules to carry out the purposes of  
37 this chapter. These rules shall include:

38 (a) An attempt to obtain the informed consent of the person prior  
39 to administration of antipsychotic medication.

1 (b) For short-term treatment up to thirty days, the right to  
2 refuse antipsychotic medications unless there is an additional  
3 concurring medical opinion approving medication by a psychiatrist,  
4 physician assistant working with a supervising psychiatrist,  
5 psychiatric advanced registered nurse practitioner, or physician or  
6 physician assistant in consultation with a mental health professional  
7 with prescriptive authority.

8 (c) For continued treatment beyond thirty days through the  
9 hearing on any petition filed under RCW 71.05.217, the right to  
10 periodic review of the decision to medicate by the medical director  
11 or designee.

12 (d) Administration of antipsychotic medication in an emergency  
13 and review of this decision within twenty-four hours. An emergency  
14 exists if the person presents an imminent likelihood of serious harm,  
15 and medically acceptable alternatives to administration of  
16 antipsychotic medications are not available or are unlikely to be  
17 successful; and in the opinion of the physician, physician assistant,  
18 or psychiatric advanced registered nurse practitioner, the person's  
19 condition constitutes an emergency requiring the treatment be  
20 instituted prior to obtaining a second medical opinion.

21 (e) Documentation in the medical record of the attempt by the  
22 physician, physician assistant, or psychiatric advanced registered  
23 nurse practitioner to obtain informed consent and the reasons why  
24 antipsychotic medication is being administered over the person's  
25 objection or lack of consent.

26 **Sec. 4.** RCW 71.05.217 and 2008 c 156 s 3 are each amended to  
27 read as follows:

28 Insofar as danger to the individual or others is not created,  
29 each person involuntarily detained, treated in a less restrictive  
30 alternative course of treatment, or committed for treatment and  
31 evaluation pursuant to this chapter shall have, in addition to other  
32 rights not specifically withheld by law, the following rights, a list  
33 of which shall be prominently posted in all facilities, institutions,  
34 and hospitals providing such services:

35 (1) To wear his or her own clothes and to keep and use his or her  
36 own personal possessions, except when deprivation of same is  
37 essential to protect the safety of the resident or other persons;

38 (2) To keep and be allowed to spend a reasonable sum of his or  
39 her own money for canteen expenses and small purchases;

1 (3) To have access to individual storage space for his or her  
2 private use;

3 (4) To have visitors at reasonable times;

4 (5) To have reasonable access to a telephone, both to make and  
5 receive confidential calls;

6 (6) To have ready access to letter writing materials, including  
7 stamps, and to send and receive uncensored correspondence through the  
8 mails;

9 (7) Not to consent to the administration of antipsychotic  
10 medications beyond the hearing conducted pursuant to RCW  
11 71.05.320(~~(+3)~~) (4) or the performance of electroconvulsant therapy  
12 or surgery, except emergency lifesaving surgery, unless ordered by a  
13 court of competent jurisdiction pursuant to the following standards  
14 and procedures:

15 (a) The administration of antipsychotic medication or  
16 electroconvulsant therapy shall not be ordered unless the petitioning  
17 party proves by clear, cogent, and convincing evidence that there  
18 exists a compelling state interest that justifies overriding the  
19 patient's lack of consent to the administration of antipsychotic  
20 medications or electroconvulsant therapy, that the proposed treatment  
21 is necessary and effective, and that medically acceptable alternative  
22 forms of treatment are not available, have not been successful, or  
23 are not likely to be effective.

24 (b) The court shall make specific findings of fact concerning:  
25 (i) The existence of one or more compelling state interests; (ii) the  
26 necessity and effectiveness of the treatment; and (iii) the person's  
27 desires regarding the proposed treatment. If the patient is unable to  
28 make a rational and informed decision about consenting to or refusing  
29 the proposed treatment, the court shall make a substituted judgment  
30 for the patient as if he or she were competent to make such a  
31 determination.

32 (c) The person shall be present at any hearing on a request to  
33 administer antipsychotic medication or electroconvulsant therapy  
34 filed pursuant to this subsection. The person has the right: (i) To  
35 be represented by an attorney; (ii) to present evidence; (iii) to  
36 cross-examine witnesses; (iv) to have the rules of evidence enforced;  
37 (v) to remain silent; (vi) to view and copy all petitions and reports  
38 in the court file; and (vii) to be given reasonable notice and an  
39 opportunity to prepare for the hearing. The court may appoint a  
40 psychiatrist, physician assistant working with a supervising

1 psychiatrist, psychiatric advanced registered nurse practitioner,  
2 psychologist within their scope of practice, physician assistant, or  
3 physician to examine and testify on behalf of such person. The court  
4 shall appoint a psychiatrist, physician assistant working with a  
5 supervising psychiatrist, psychiatric advanced registered nurse  
6 practitioner, psychologist within their scope of practice, physician  
7 assistant, or physician designated by such person or the person's  
8 counsel to testify on behalf of the person in cases where an order  
9 for electroconvulsant therapy is sought.

10 (d) An order for the administration of antipsychotic medications  
11 entered following a hearing conducted pursuant to this section shall  
12 be effective for the period of the current involuntary treatment  
13 order, and any interim period during which the person is awaiting  
14 trial or hearing on a new petition for involuntary treatment or  
15 involuntary medication.

16 (e) Any person detained pursuant to RCW 71.05.320(~~(+3+)~~) (4), who  
17 subsequently refuses antipsychotic medication, shall be entitled to  
18 the procedures set forth in this subsection.

19 (f) Antipsychotic medication may be administered to a  
20 nonconsenting person detained or committed pursuant to this chapter  
21 without a court order pursuant to RCW 71.05.215(2) or under the  
22 following circumstances:

23 (i) A person presents an imminent likelihood of serious harm;

24 (ii) Medically acceptable alternatives to administration of  
25 antipsychotic medications are not available, have not been  
26 successful, or are not likely to be effective; and

27 (iii) In the opinion of the physician, physician assistant, or  
28 psychiatric advanced registered nurse practitioner with  
29 responsibility for treatment of the person, or his or her designee,  
30 the person's condition constitutes an emergency requiring the  
31 treatment be instituted before a judicial hearing as authorized  
32 pursuant to this section can be held.

33 If antipsychotic medications are administered over a person's  
34 lack of consent pursuant to this subsection, a petition for an order  
35 authorizing the administration of antipsychotic medications shall be  
36 filed on the next judicial day. The hearing shall be held within two  
37 judicial days. If deemed necessary by the physician, physician  
38 assistant, or psychiatric advanced registered nurse practitioner with  
39 responsibility for the treatment of the person, administration of  
40 antipsychotic medications may continue until the hearing is held;

1 (8) To dispose of property and sign contracts unless such person  
2 has been adjudicated an incompetent in a court proceeding directed to  
3 that particular issue;

4 (9) Not to have psychosurgery performed on him or her under any  
5 circumstances.

6 **Sec. 5.** RCW 71.05.230 and 2015 c 250 s 6 are each amended to  
7 read as follows:

8 A person detained or committed for seventy-two hour evaluation  
9 and treatment or for an outpatient evaluation for the purpose of  
10 filing a petition for a less restrictive alternative treatment order  
11 may be committed for not more than fourteen additional days of  
12 involuntary intensive treatment or ninety additional days of a less  
13 restrictive alternative to involuntary intensive treatment. A  
14 petition may only be filed if the following conditions are met:

15 (1) The professional staff of the agency or facility providing  
16 evaluation services has analyzed the person's condition and finds  
17 that the condition is caused by mental disorder and results in a  
18 likelihood of serious harm, results in the person being gravely  
19 disabled, or results in the person being in need of assisted  
20 outpatient mental health treatment, and are prepared to testify those  
21 conditions are met; and

22 (2) The person has been advised of the need for voluntary  
23 treatment and the professional staff of the facility has evidence  
24 that he or she has not in good faith volunteered; and

25 (3) The agency or facility providing intensive treatment or which  
26 proposes to supervise the less restrictive alternative is certified  
27 to provide such treatment by the department; and

28 (4) The professional staff of the agency or facility or the  
29 designated mental health professional has filed a petition with the  
30 court for a fourteen day involuntary detention or a ninety day less  
31 restrictive alternative. The petition must be signed either by:

32 (a) Two physicians;

33 (b) One physician and a mental health professional;

34 (c) ~~((Two psychiatric advanced registered nurse practitioners;))~~

35 One physician assistant and a mental health professional; or

36 (d) One psychiatric advanced registered nurse practitioner and a  
37 mental health professional(~~(; or~~

38 ~~(e) A physician and a psychiatric advanced registered nurse~~  
39 ~~practitioner)). The persons signing the petition must have examined~~

1 the person. If involuntary detention is sought the petition shall  
2 state facts that support the finding that such person, as a result of  
3 mental disorder, presents a likelihood of serious harm, or is gravely  
4 disabled and that there are no less restrictive alternatives to  
5 detention in the best interest of such person or others. The petition  
6 shall state specifically that less restrictive alternative treatment  
7 was considered and specify why treatment less restrictive than  
8 detention is not appropriate. If an involuntary less restrictive  
9 alternative is sought, the petition shall state facts that support  
10 the finding that such person, as a result of mental disorder,  
11 presents a likelihood of serious harm, is gravely disabled, or is in  
12 need of assisted outpatient mental health treatment, and shall set  
13 forth a plan for the less restrictive alternative treatment proposed  
14 by the facility in accordance with RCW 71.05.585; and

15 (5) A copy of the petition has been served on the detained or  
16 committed person, his or her attorney and his or her guardian or  
17 conservator, if any, prior to the probable cause hearing; and

18 (6) The court at the time the petition was filed and before the  
19 probable cause hearing has appointed counsel to represent such person  
20 if no other counsel has appeared; and

21 (7) The petition reflects that the person was informed of the  
22 loss of firearm rights if involuntarily committed; and

23 (8) At the conclusion of the initial commitment period, the  
24 professional staff of the agency or facility or the designated mental  
25 health professional may petition for an additional period of either  
26 ninety days of less restrictive alternative treatment or ninety days  
27 of involuntary intensive treatment as provided in RCW 71.05.290; and

28 (9) If the hospital or facility designated to provide less  
29 restrictive alternative treatment is other than the facility  
30 providing involuntary treatment, the outpatient facility so  
31 designated to provide less restrictive alternative treatment has  
32 agreed to assume such responsibility.

33 **Sec. 6.** RCW 71.05.290 and 2015 c 250 s 10 are each amended to  
34 read as follows:

35 (1) At any time during a person's fourteen day intensive  
36 treatment period, the professional person in charge of a treatment  
37 facility or his or her professional designee or the designated mental  
38 health professional may petition the superior court for an order  
39 requiring such person to undergo an additional period of treatment.

1 Such petition must be based on one or more of the grounds set forth  
2 in RCW 71.05.280.

3 (2) The petition shall summarize the facts which support the need  
4 for further commitment and shall be supported by affidavits based on  
5 an examination of the patient and signed by:

6 (a) Two (~~examining~~) physicians;

7 (b) One (~~examining~~) physician and (~~examining~~) a mental health  
8 professional;

9 (~~Two psychiatric advanced registered nurse practitioners;~~)  
10 One physician assistant and a mental health professional; or

11 (d) One psychiatric advanced registered nurse practitioner and a  
12 mental health professional(~~;~~~~or~~

13 ~~(e) An examining physician and an examining psychiatric advanced~~  
14 ~~registered nurse practitioner)).~~ The affidavits shall describe in  
15 detail the behavior of the detained person which supports the  
16 petition and shall explain what, if any, less restrictive treatments  
17 which are alternatives to detention are available to such person, and  
18 shall state the willingness of the affiant to testify to such facts  
19 in subsequent judicial proceedings under this chapter. If less  
20 restrictive alternative treatment is sought, the petition shall set  
21 forth a proposed plan for less restrictive alternative treatment in  
22 accordance with RCW 71.05.585.

23 (3) If a person has been determined to be incompetent pursuant to  
24 RCW 10.77.086(4), then the professional person in charge of the  
25 treatment facility or his or her professional designee or the  
26 designated mental health professional may directly file a petition  
27 for one hundred eighty day treatment under RCW 71.05.280(3). No  
28 petition for initial detention or fourteen day detention is required  
29 before such a petition may be filed.

30 **Sec. 7.** RCW 71.05.300 and 2014 c 225 s 84 are each amended to  
31 read as follows:

32 (1) The petition for ninety day treatment shall be filed with the  
33 clerk of the superior court at least three days before expiration of  
34 the fourteen-day period of intensive treatment. At the time of filing  
35 such petition, the clerk shall set a time for the person to come  
36 before the court on the next judicial day after the day of filing  
37 unless such appearance is waived by the person's attorney, and the  
38 clerk shall notify the designated mental health professional. The  
39 designated mental health professional shall immediately notify the

1 person detained, his or her attorney, if any, and his or her guardian  
2 or conservator, if any, the prosecuting attorney, and the behavioral  
3 health organization administrator, and provide a copy of the petition  
4 to such persons as soon as possible. The behavioral health  
5 organization administrator or designee may review the petition and  
6 may appear and testify at the full hearing on the petition.

7 (2) At the time set for appearance the detained person shall be  
8 brought before the court, unless such appearance has been waived and  
9 the court shall advise him or her of his or her right to be  
10 represented by an attorney, his or her right to a jury trial, and his  
11 or her loss of firearm rights if involuntarily committed. If the  
12 detained person is not represented by an attorney, or is indigent or  
13 is unwilling to retain an attorney, the court shall immediately  
14 appoint an attorney to represent him or her. The court shall, if  
15 requested, appoint a reasonably available licensed physician,  
16 physician assistant, psychiatric advanced registered nurse  
17 practitioner, psychologist, or psychiatrist, designated by the  
18 detained person to examine and testify on behalf of the detained  
19 person.

20 (3) The court may, if requested, also appoint a professional  
21 person as defined in RCW 71.05.020 to seek less restrictive  
22 alternative courses of treatment and to testify on behalf of the  
23 detained person. In the case of a person with a developmental  
24 disability who has been determined to be incompetent pursuant to RCW  
25 10.77.086(4), then the appointed professional person under this  
26 section shall be a developmental disabilities professional.

27 (4) The court shall also set a date for a full hearing on the  
28 petition as provided in RCW 71.05.310.

29 **Sec. 8.** RCW 71.05.360 and 2009 c 217 s 5 are each amended to  
30 read as follows:

31 (1)(a) Every person involuntarily detained or committed under the  
32 provisions of this chapter shall be entitled to all the rights set  
33 forth in this chapter, which shall be prominently posted in the  
34 facility, and shall retain all rights not denied him or her under  
35 this chapter except as chapter 9.41 RCW may limit the right of a  
36 person to purchase or possess a firearm or to qualify for a concealed  
37 pistol license.

38 (b) No person shall be presumed incompetent as a consequence of  
39 receiving an evaluation or voluntary or involuntary treatment for a

1 mental disorder, under this chapter or any prior laws of this state  
2 dealing with mental illness. Competency shall not be determined or  
3 withdrawn except under the provisions of chapter 10.77 or 11.88 RCW.

4 (c) Any person who leaves a public or private agency following  
5 evaluation or treatment for mental disorder shall be given a written  
6 statement setting forth the substance of this section.

7 (2) Each person involuntarily detained or committed pursuant to  
8 this chapter shall have the right to adequate care and individualized  
9 treatment.

10 (3) The provisions of this chapter shall not be construed to deny  
11 to any person treatment by spiritual means through prayer in  
12 accordance with the tenets and practices of a church or religious  
13 denomination.

14 (4) Persons receiving evaluation or treatment under this chapter  
15 shall be given a reasonable choice of an available physician,  
16 physician assistant, psychiatric advanced registered nurse  
17 practitioner, or other professional person qualified to provide such  
18 services.

19 (5) Whenever any person is detained for evaluation and treatment  
20 pursuant to this chapter, both the person and, if possible, a  
21 responsible member of his or her immediate family, personal  
22 representative, guardian, or conservator, if any, shall be advised as  
23 soon as possible in writing or orally, by the officer or person  
24 taking him or her into custody or by personnel of the evaluation and  
25 treatment facility where the person is detained that unless the  
26 person is released or voluntarily admits himself or herself for  
27 treatment within seventy-two hours of the initial detention:

28 (a) A judicial hearing in a superior court, either by a judge or  
29 court commissioner thereof, shall be held not more than seventy-two  
30 hours after the initial detention to determine whether there is  
31 probable cause to detain the person after the seventy-two hours have  
32 expired for up to an additional fourteen days without further  
33 automatic hearing for the reason that the person is a person whose  
34 mental disorder presents a likelihood of serious harm or that the  
35 person is gravely disabled;

36 (b) The person has a right to communicate immediately with an  
37 attorney; has a right to have an attorney appointed to represent him  
38 or her before and at the probable cause hearing if he or she is  
39 indigent; and has the right to be told the name and address of the

1 attorney that the mental health professional has designated pursuant  
2 to this chapter;

3 (c) The person has the right to remain silent and that any  
4 statement he or she makes may be used against him or her;

5 (d) The person has the right to present evidence and to cross-  
6 examine witnesses who testify against him or her at the probable  
7 cause hearing; and

8 (e) The person has the right to refuse psychiatric medications,  
9 including antipsychotic medication beginning twenty-four hours prior  
10 to the probable cause hearing.

11 (6) When proceedings are initiated under RCW 71.05.153, no later  
12 than twelve hours after such person is admitted to the evaluation and  
13 treatment facility the personnel of the evaluation and treatment  
14 facility or the designated mental health professional shall serve on  
15 such person a copy of the petition for initial detention and the  
16 name, business address, and phone number of the designated attorney  
17 and shall forthwith commence service of a copy of the petition for  
18 initial detention on the designated attorney.

19 (7) The judicial hearing described in subsection (5) of this  
20 section is hereby authorized, and shall be held according to the  
21 provisions of subsection (5) of this section and rules promulgated by  
22 the supreme court.

23 (8) At the probable cause hearing the detained person shall have  
24 the following rights in addition to the rights previously specified:

25 (a) To present evidence on his or her behalf;

26 (b) To cross-examine witnesses who testify against him or her;

27 (c) To be proceeded against by the rules of evidence;

28 (d) To remain silent;

29 (e) To view and copy all petitions and reports in the court file.

30 (9) Privileges between patients and physicians, physician  
31 assistants, psychologists, or psychiatric advanced registered nurse  
32 practitioners are deemed waived in proceedings under this chapter  
33 relating to the administration of antipsychotic medications. As to  
34 other proceedings under this chapter, the privileges shall be waived  
35 when a court of competent jurisdiction in its discretion determines  
36 that such waiver is necessary to protect either the detained person  
37 or the public.

38 The waiver of a privilege under this section is limited to  
39 records or testimony relevant to evaluation of the detained person  
40 for purposes of a proceeding under this chapter. Upon motion by the

1 detained person or on its own motion, the court shall examine a  
2 record or testimony sought by a petitioner to determine whether it is  
3 within the scope of the waiver.

4 The record maker shall not be required to testify in order to  
5 introduce medical or psychological records of the detained person so  
6 long as the requirements of RCW 5.45.020 are met except that portions  
7 of the record which contain opinions as to the detained person's  
8 mental state must be deleted from such records unless the person  
9 making such conclusions is available for cross-examination.

10 (10) Insofar as danger to the person or others is not created,  
11 each person involuntarily detained, treated in a less restrictive  
12 alternative course of treatment, or committed for treatment and  
13 evaluation pursuant to this chapter shall have, in addition to other  
14 rights not specifically withheld by law, the following rights:

15 (a) To wear his or her own clothes and to keep and use his or her  
16 own personal possessions, except when deprivation of same is  
17 essential to protect the safety of the resident or other persons;

18 (b) To keep and be allowed to spend a reasonable sum of his or  
19 her own money for canteen expenses and small purchases;

20 (c) To have access to individual storage space for his or her  
21 private use;

22 (d) To have visitors at reasonable times;

23 (e) To have reasonable access to a telephone, both to make and  
24 receive confidential calls, consistent with an effective treatment  
25 program;

26 (f) To have ready access to letter writing materials, including  
27 stamps, and to send and receive uncensored correspondence through the  
28 mails;

29 (g) To discuss treatment plans and decisions with professional  
30 persons;

31 (h) Not to consent to the administration of antipsychotic  
32 medications and not to thereafter be administered antipsychotic  
33 medications unless ordered by a court under RCW 71.05.217 or pursuant  
34 to an administrative hearing under RCW 71.05.215;

35 (i) Not to consent to the performance of electroconvulsant  
36 therapy or surgery, except emergency lifesaving surgery, unless  
37 ordered by a court under RCW 71.05.217;

38 (j) Not to have psychosurgery performed on him or her under any  
39 circumstances;

1 (k) To dispose of property and sign contracts unless such person  
2 has been adjudicated an incompetent in a court proceeding directed to  
3 that particular issue.

4 (11) Every person involuntarily detained shall immediately be  
5 informed of his or her right to a hearing to review the legality of  
6 his or her detention and of his or her right to counsel, by the  
7 professional person in charge of the facility providing evaluation  
8 and treatment, or his or her designee, and, when appropriate, by the  
9 court. If the person so elects, the court shall immediately appoint  
10 an attorney to assist him or her.

11 (12) A person challenging his or her detention or his or her  
12 attorney shall have the right to designate and have the court appoint  
13 a reasonably available independent physician, physician assistant,  
14 psychiatric advanced registered nurse practitioner, or licensed  
15 mental health professional to examine the person detained, the  
16 results of which examination may be used in the proceeding. The  
17 person shall, if he or she is financially able, bear the cost of such  
18 expert examination, otherwise such expert examination shall be at  
19 public expense.

20 (13) Nothing contained in this chapter shall prohibit the patient  
21 from petitioning by writ of habeas corpus for release.

22 (14) Nothing in this chapter shall prohibit a person committed on  
23 or prior to January 1, 1974, from exercising a right available to him  
24 or her at or prior to January 1, 1974, for obtaining release from  
25 confinement.

26 (15) Nothing in this section permits any person to knowingly  
27 violate a no-contact order or a condition of an active judgment and  
28 sentence or an active condition of supervision by the department of  
29 corrections.

30 **Sec. 9.** RCW 71.05.660 and 2013 c 200 s 21 are each amended to  
31 read as follows:

32 Nothing in this chapter or chapter 70.02, 70.96A, 71.34, or  
33 70.96B RCW shall be construed to interfere with communications  
34 between physicians, physician assistants, psychiatric advanced  
35 registered nurse practitioners, or psychologists and patients and  
36 attorneys and clients.

37 **Sec. 10.** RCW 71.06.040 and 2009 c 217 s 10 are each amended to  
38 read as follows:

1 At a preliminary hearing upon the charge of sexual psychopathy,  
2 the court may require the testimony of two duly licensed physicians,  
3 physician assistants, or psychiatric advanced registered nurse  
4 practitioners who have examined the defendant. If the court finds  
5 that there are reasonable grounds to believe the defendant is a  
6 sexual psychopath, the court shall order said defendant confined at  
7 the nearest state hospital for observation as to the existence of  
8 sexual psychopathy. Such observation shall be for a period of not to  
9 exceed ninety days. The defendant shall be detained in the county  
10 jail or other county facilities pending execution of such observation  
11 order by the department.

12 **Sec. 11.** RCW 71.12.540 and 2009 c 217 s 11 are each amended to  
13 read as follows:

14 The authorities of each establishment as defined in this chapter  
15 shall place on file in the office of the establishment the  
16 recommendations made by the department of health as a result of such  
17 visits, for the purpose of consultation by such authorities, and for  
18 reference by the department representatives upon their visits. Every  
19 such establishment shall keep records of every person admitted  
20 thereto as follows and shall furnish to the department, when  
21 required, the following data: Name, age, sex, marital status, date of  
22 admission, voluntary or other commitment, name of physician,  
23 physician assistant, or psychiatric advanced registered nurse  
24 practitioner, diagnosis, and date of discharge.

25 **Sec. 12.** RCW 71.24.025 and 2014 c 225 s 10 are each reenacted  
26 and amended to read as follows:

27 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in  
28 this section apply throughout this chapter.

29 (1) "Acutely mentally ill" means a condition which is limited to  
30 a short-term severe crisis episode of:

31 (a) A mental disorder as defined in RCW 71.05.020 or, in the case  
32 of a child, as defined in RCW 71.34.020;

33 (b) Being gravely disabled as defined in RCW 71.05.020 or, in the  
34 case of a child, a gravely disabled minor as defined in RCW  
35 71.34.020; or

36 (c) Presenting a likelihood of serious harm as defined in RCW  
37 71.05.020 or, in the case of a child, as defined in RCW 71.34.020.

1 (2) "Available resources" means funds appropriated for the  
2 purpose of providing community mental health programs, federal funds,  
3 except those provided according to Title XIX of the Social Security  
4 Act, and state funds appropriated under this chapter or chapter 71.05  
5 RCW by the legislature during any biennium for the purpose of  
6 providing residential services, resource management services,  
7 community support services, and other mental health services. This  
8 does not include funds appropriated for the purpose of operating and  
9 administering the state psychiatric hospitals.

10 (3) "Behavioral health organization" means any county authority  
11 or group of county authorities or other entity recognized by the  
12 secretary in contract in a defined region.

13 (4) "Behavioral health services" means mental health services as  
14 described in this chapter and chapter 71.36 RCW and chemical  
15 dependency treatment services as described in chapter 70.96A RCW.

16 (5) "Child" means a person under the age of eighteen years.

17 (6) "Chronically mentally ill adult" or "adult who is chronically  
18 mentally ill" means an adult who has a mental disorder and meets at  
19 least one of the following criteria:

20 (a) Has undergone two or more episodes of hospital care for a  
21 mental disorder within the preceding two years; or

22 (b) Has experienced a continuous psychiatric hospitalization or  
23 residential treatment exceeding six months' duration within the  
24 preceding year; or

25 (c) Has been unable to engage in any substantial gainful activity  
26 by reason of any mental disorder which has lasted for a continuous  
27 period of not less than twelve months. "Substantial gainful activity"  
28 shall be defined by the department by rule consistent with Public Law  
29 92-603, as amended.

30 (7) "Clubhouse" means a community-based program that provides  
31 rehabilitation services and is certified by the department of social  
32 and health services.

33 (8) "Community mental health program" means all mental health  
34 services, activities, or programs using available resources.

35 (9) "Community mental health service delivery system" means  
36 public, private, or tribal agencies that provide services  
37 specifically to persons with mental disorders as defined under RCW  
38 71.05.020 and receive funding from public sources.

39 (10) "Community support services" means services authorized,  
40 planned, and coordinated through resource management services

1 including, at a minimum, assessment, diagnosis, emergency crisis  
2 intervention available twenty-four hours, seven days a week,  
3 prescreening determinations for persons who are mentally ill being  
4 considered for placement in nursing homes as required by federal law,  
5 screening for patients being considered for admission to residential  
6 services, diagnosis and treatment for children who are acutely  
7 mentally ill or severely emotionally disturbed discovered under  
8 screening through the federal Title XIX early and periodic screening,  
9 diagnosis, and treatment program, investigation, legal, and other  
10 nonresidential services under chapter 71.05 RCW, case management  
11 services, psychiatric treatment including medication supervision,  
12 counseling, psychotherapy, assuring transfer of relevant patient  
13 information between service providers, recovery services, and other  
14 services determined by behavioral health organizations.

15 (11) "Consensus-based" means a program or practice that has  
16 general support among treatment providers and experts, based on  
17 experience or professional literature, and may have anecdotal or case  
18 study support, or that is agreed but not possible to perform studies  
19 with random assignment and controlled groups.

20 (12) "County authority" means the board of county commissioners,  
21 county council, or county executive having authority to establish a  
22 community mental health program, or two or more of the county  
23 authorities specified in this subsection which have entered into an  
24 agreement to provide a community mental health program.

25 (13) "Department" means the department of social and health  
26 services.

27 (14) "Designated mental health professional" means a mental  
28 health professional designated by the county or other authority  
29 authorized in rule to perform the duties specified in this chapter.

30 (15) "Emerging best practice" or "promising practice" means a  
31 program or practice that, based on statistical analyses or a well  
32 established theory of change, shows potential for meeting the  
33 evidence-based or research-based criteria, which may include the use  
34 of a program that is evidence-based for outcomes other than those  
35 listed in subsection (16) of this section.

36 (16) "Evidence-based" means a program or practice that has been  
37 tested in heterogeneous or intended populations with multiple  
38 randomized, or statistically controlled evaluations, or both; or one  
39 large multiple site randomized, or statistically controlled  
40 evaluation, or both, where the weight of the evidence from a systemic

1 review demonstrates sustained improvements in at least one outcome.  
2 "Evidence-based" also means a program or practice that can be  
3 implemented with a set of procedures to allow successful replication  
4 in Washington and, when possible, is determined to be cost-  
5 beneficial.

6 (17) "Licensed service provider" means an entity licensed  
7 according to this chapter or chapter 71.05 or 70.96A RCW or an entity  
8 deemed to meet state minimum standards as a result of accreditation  
9 by a recognized behavioral health accrediting body recognized and  
10 having a current agreement with the department, or tribal attestation  
11 that meets state minimum standards, or persons licensed under chapter  
12 18.57, 18.57A, 18.71, 18.71A, 18.83, or 18.79 RCW, as it applies to  
13 registered nurses and advanced registered nurse practitioners.

14 (18) "Long-term inpatient care" means inpatient services for  
15 persons committed for, or voluntarily receiving intensive treatment  
16 for, periods of ninety days or greater under chapter 71.05 RCW.  
17 "Long-term inpatient care" as used in this chapter does not include:  
18 (a) Services for individuals committed under chapter 71.05 RCW who  
19 are receiving services pursuant to a conditional release or a court-  
20 ordered less restrictive alternative to detention; or (b) services  
21 for individuals voluntarily receiving less restrictive alternative  
22 treatment on the grounds of the state hospital.

23 (19) "Mental health services" means all services provided by  
24 behavioral health organizations and other services provided by the  
25 state for persons who are mentally ill.

26 (20) "Mentally ill persons," "persons who are mentally ill," and  
27 "the mentally ill" mean persons and conditions defined in subsections  
28 (1), (6), (28), and (29) of this section.

29 (21) "Recovery" means the process in which people are able to  
30 live, work, learn, and participate fully in their communities.

31 (22) "Registration records" include all the records of the  
32 department, behavioral health organizations, treatment facilities,  
33 and other persons providing services to the department, county  
34 departments, or facilities which identify persons who are receiving  
35 or who at any time have received services for mental illness.

36 (23) "Research-based" means a program or practice that has been  
37 tested with a single randomized, or statistically controlled  
38 evaluation, or both, demonstrating sustained desirable outcomes; or  
39 where the weight of the evidence from a systemic review supports

1 sustained outcomes as described in subsection (16) of this section  
2 but does not meet the full criteria for evidence-based.

3 (24) "Residential services" means a complete range of residences  
4 and supports authorized by resource management services and which may  
5 involve a facility, a distinct part thereof, or services which  
6 support community living, for persons who are acutely mentally ill,  
7 adults who are chronically mentally ill, children who are severely  
8 emotionally disturbed, or adults who are seriously disturbed and  
9 determined by the behavioral health organization to be at risk of  
10 becoming acutely or chronically mentally ill. The services shall  
11 include at least evaluation and treatment services as defined in  
12 chapter 71.05 RCW, acute crisis respite care, long-term adaptive and  
13 rehabilitative care, and supervised and supported living services,  
14 and shall also include any residential services developed to service  
15 persons who are mentally ill in nursing homes, assisted living  
16 facilities, and adult family homes, and may include outpatient  
17 services provided as an element in a package of services in a  
18 supported housing model. Residential services for children in out-of-  
19 home placements related to their mental disorder shall not include  
20 the costs of food and shelter, except for children's long-term  
21 residential facilities existing prior to January 1, 1991.

22 (25) "Resilience" means the personal and community qualities that  
23 enable individuals to rebound from adversity, trauma, tragedy,  
24 threats, or other stresses, and to live productive lives.

25 (26) "Resource management services" mean the planning,  
26 coordination, and authorization of residential services and community  
27 support services administered pursuant to an individual service plan  
28 for: (a) Adults and children who are acutely mentally ill; (b) adults  
29 who are chronically mentally ill; (c) children who are severely  
30 emotionally disturbed; or (d) adults who are seriously disturbed and  
31 determined solely by a behavioral health organization to be at risk  
32 of becoming acutely or chronically mentally ill. Such planning,  
33 coordination, and authorization shall include mental health screening  
34 for children eligible under the federal Title XIX early and periodic  
35 screening, diagnosis, and treatment program. Resource management  
36 services include seven day a week, twenty-four hour a day  
37 availability of information regarding enrollment of adults and  
38 children who are mentally ill in services and their individual  
39 service plan to designated mental health professionals, evaluation

1 and treatment facilities, and others as determined by the behavioral  
2 health organization.

3 (27) "Secretary" means the secretary of social and health  
4 services.

5 (28) "Seriously disturbed person" means a person who:

6 (a) Is gravely disabled or presents a likelihood of serious harm  
7 to himself or herself or others, or to the property of others, as a  
8 result of a mental disorder as defined in chapter 71.05 RCW;

9 (b) Has been on conditional release status, or under a less  
10 restrictive alternative order, at some time during the preceding two  
11 years from an evaluation and treatment facility or a state mental  
12 health hospital;

13 (c) Has a mental disorder which causes major impairment in  
14 several areas of daily living;

15 (d) Exhibits suicidal preoccupation or attempts; or

16 (e) Is a child diagnosed by a mental health professional, as  
17 defined in chapter 71.34 RCW, as experiencing a mental disorder which  
18 is clearly interfering with the child's functioning in family or  
19 school or with peers or is clearly interfering with the child's  
20 personality development and learning.

21 (29) "Severely emotionally disturbed child" or "child who is  
22 severely emotionally disturbed" means a child who has been determined  
23 by the behavioral health organization to be experiencing a mental  
24 disorder as defined in chapter 71.34 RCW, including those mental  
25 disorders that result in a behavioral or conduct disorder, that is  
26 clearly interfering with the child's functioning in family or school  
27 or with peers and who meets at least one of the following criteria:

28 (a) Has undergone inpatient treatment or placement outside of the  
29 home related to a mental disorder within the last two years;

30 (b) Has undergone involuntary treatment under chapter 71.34 RCW  
31 within the last two years;

32 (c) Is currently served by at least one of the following child-  
33 serving systems: Juvenile justice, child-protection/welfare, special  
34 education, or developmental disabilities;

35 (d) Is at risk of escalating maladjustment due to:

36 (i) Chronic family dysfunction involving a caretaker who is  
37 mentally ill or inadequate;

38 (ii) Changes in custodial adult;

39 (iii) Going to, residing in, or returning from any placement  
40 outside of the home, for example, psychiatric hospital, short-term

1 inpatient, residential treatment, group or foster home, or a  
2 correctional facility;

3 (iv) Subject to repeated physical abuse or neglect;

4 (v) Drug or alcohol abuse; or

5 (vi) Homelessness.

6 (30) "State minimum standards" means minimum requirements  
7 established by rules adopted by the secretary and necessary to  
8 implement this chapter for: (a) Delivery of mental health services;  
9 (b) licensed service providers for the provision of mental health  
10 services; (c) residential services; and (d) community support  
11 services and resource management services.

12 (31) "Treatment records" include registration and all other  
13 records concerning persons who are receiving or who at any time have  
14 received services for mental illness, which are maintained by the  
15 department, by behavioral health organizations and their staffs, and  
16 by treatment facilities. Treatment records do not include notes or  
17 records maintained for personal use by a person providing treatment  
18 services for the department, behavioral health organizations, or a  
19 treatment facility if the notes or records are not available to  
20 others.

21 (32) "Tribal authority," for the purposes of this section and RCW  
22 71.24.300 only, means: The federally recognized Indian tribes and the  
23 major Indian organizations recognized by the secretary insofar as  
24 these organizations do not have a financial relationship with any  
25 behavioral health organization that would present a conflict of  
26 interest.

27 **Sec. 13.** RCW 71.32.110 and 2003 c 283 s 11 are each amended to  
28 read as follows:

29 (1) For the purposes of this chapter, a principal, agent,  
30 professional person, or health care provider may seek a determination  
31 whether the principal is incapacitated or has regained capacity.

32 (2)(a) For the purposes of this chapter, no adult may be declared  
33 an incapacitated person except by:

34 (i) A court, if the request is made by the principal or the  
35 principal's agent;

36 (ii) One mental health professional and one health care provider;  
37 or

38 (iii) Two health care providers.

1 (b) One of the persons making the determination under (a)(ii) or  
2 (iii) of this subsection must be a psychiatrist, physician assistant  
3 working with a supervising psychiatrist, psychologist, or a  
4 psychiatric advanced registered nurse practitioner.

5 (3) When a professional person or health care provider requests a  
6 capacity determination, he or she shall promptly inform the principal  
7 that:

8 (a) A request for capacity determination has been made; and

9 (b) The principal may request that the determination be made by a  
10 court.

11 (4) At least one mental health professional or health care  
12 provider must personally examine the principal prior to making a  
13 capacity determination.

14 (5)(a) When a court makes a determination whether a principal has  
15 capacity, the court shall, at a minimum, be informed by the testimony  
16 of one mental health professional familiar with the principal and  
17 shall, except for good cause, give the principal an opportunity to  
18 appear in court prior to the court making its determination.

19 (b) To the extent that local court rules permit, any party or  
20 witness may testify telephonically.

21 (6) When a court has made a determination regarding a principal's  
22 capacity and there is a subsequent change in the principal's  
23 condition, subsequent determinations whether the principal is  
24 incapacitated may be made in accordance with any of the provisions of  
25 subsection (2) of this section.

26 **Sec. 14.** RCW 71.32.140 and 2009 c 217 s 12 are each amended to  
27 read as follows:

28 (1) A principal who:

29 (a) Chose not to be able to revoke his or her directive during  
30 any period of incapacity;

31 (b) Consented to voluntary admission to inpatient mental health  
32 treatment, or authorized an agent to consent on the principal's  
33 behalf; and

34 (c) At the time of admission to inpatient treatment, refuses to  
35 be admitted,  
36 may only be admitted into inpatient mental health treatment under  
37 subsection (2) of this section.

38 (2) A principal may only be admitted to inpatient mental health  
39 treatment under his or her directive if, prior to admission, a member

1 of the treating facility's professional staff who is a physician,  
2 physician assistant, or psychiatric advanced registered nurse  
3 practitioner:

4 (a) Evaluates the principal's mental condition, including a  
5 review of reasonably available psychiatric and psychological history,  
6 diagnosis, and treatment needs, and determines, in conjunction with  
7 another health care provider or mental health professional, that the  
8 principal is incapacitated;

9 (b) Obtains the informed consent of the agent, if any, designated  
10 in the directive;

11 (c) Makes a written determination that the principal needs an  
12 inpatient evaluation or is in need of inpatient treatment and that  
13 the evaluation or treatment cannot be accomplished in a less  
14 restrictive setting; and

15 (d) Documents in the principal's medical record a summary of the  
16 physician's, physician assistant's, or psychiatric advanced  
17 registered nurse practitioner's findings and recommendations for  
18 treatment or evaluation.

19 (3) In the event the admitting physician is not a psychiatrist,  
20 the admitting physician assistant is not supervised by a  
21 psychiatrist, or the advanced registered nurse practitioner is not a  
22 psychiatric advanced registered nurse practitioner, the principal  
23 shall receive a complete psychological assessment by a mental health  
24 professional within twenty-four hours of admission to determine the  
25 continued need for inpatient evaluation or treatment.

26 (4)(a) If it is determined that the principal has capacity, then  
27 the principal may only be admitted to, or remain in, inpatient  
28 treatment if he or she consents at the time or is detained under the  
29 involuntary treatment provisions of chapter 70.96A, 71.05, or 71.34  
30 RCW.

31 (b) If a principal who is determined by two health care providers  
32 or one mental health professional and one health care provider to be  
33 incapacitated continues to refuse inpatient treatment, the principal  
34 may immediately seek injunctive relief for release from the facility.

35 (5) If, at the end of the period of time that the principal or  
36 the principal's agent, if any, has consented to voluntary inpatient  
37 treatment, but no more than fourteen days after admission, the  
38 principal has not regained capacity or has regained capacity but  
39 refuses to consent to remain for additional treatment, the principal

1 must be released during reasonable daylight hours, unless detained  
2 under chapter 70.96A, 71.05, or 71.34 RCW.

3 (6)(a) Except as provided in (b) of this subsection, any  
4 principal who is voluntarily admitted to inpatient mental health  
5 treatment under this chapter shall have all the rights provided to  
6 individuals who are voluntarily admitted to inpatient treatment under  
7 chapter 71.05, 71.34, or 72.23 RCW.

8 (b) Notwithstanding RCW 71.05.050 regarding consent to inpatient  
9 treatment for a specified length of time, the choices an  
10 incapacitated principal expressed in his or her directive shall  
11 control, provided, however, that a principal who takes action  
12 demonstrating a desire to be discharged, in addition to making  
13 statements requesting to be discharged, shall be discharged, and no  
14 principal shall be restrained in any way in order to prevent his or  
15 her discharge. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to  
16 prevent detention and evaluation for civil commitment under chapter  
17 71.05 RCW.

18 (7) Consent to inpatient admission in a directive is effective  
19 only while the professional person, health care provider, and health  
20 care facility are in substantial compliance with the material  
21 provisions of the directive related to inpatient treatment.

22 **Sec. 15.** RCW 71.32.250 and 2009 c 217 s 13 are each amended to  
23 read as follows:

24 (1) If a principal who is a resident of a long-term care facility  
25 is admitted to inpatient mental health treatment pursuant to his or  
26 her directive, the principal shall be allowed to be readmitted to the  
27 same long-term care facility as if his or her inpatient admission had  
28 been for a physical condition on the same basis that the principal  
29 would be readmitted under state or federal statute or rule when:

30 (a) The treating facility's professional staff determine that  
31 inpatient mental health treatment is no longer medically necessary  
32 for the resident. The determination shall be made in writing by a  
33 psychiatrist, physician assistant working with a supervising  
34 psychiatrist, or a psychiatric advanced registered nurse  
35 practitioner, or ((a mental health professional and either (i) a  
36 physician or (ii) psychiatric advanced registered nurse  
37 practitioner)) (i) one physician and a mental health professional;  
38 (ii) one physician assistant and a mental health professional; or

1 (iii) one psychiatric advanced registered nurse practitioner and a  
2 mental health professional; or

3 (b) The person's consent to admission in his or her directive has  
4 expired.

5 (2)(a) If the long-term care facility does not have a bed  
6 available at the time of discharge, the treating facility may  
7 discharge the resident, in consultation with the resident and agent  
8 if any, and in accordance with a medically appropriate discharge  
9 plan, to another long-term care facility.

10 (b) This section shall apply to inpatient mental health treatment  
11 admission of long-term care facility residents, regardless of whether  
12 the admission is directly from a facility, hospital emergency room,  
13 or other location.

14 (c) This section does not restrict the right of the resident to  
15 an earlier release from the inpatient treatment facility. This  
16 section does not restrict the right of a long-term care facility to  
17 initiate transfer or discharge of a resident who is readmitted  
18 pursuant to this section, provided that the facility has complied  
19 with the laws governing the transfer or discharge of a resident.

20 (3) The joint legislative audit and review committee shall  
21 conduct an evaluation of the operation and impact of this section.  
22 The committee shall report its findings to the appropriate committees  
23 of the legislature by December 1, 2004.

24 **Sec. 16.** RCW 71.32.260 and 2009 c 217 s 14 are each amended to  
25 read as follows:

26 The directive shall be in substantially the following form:

27 Mental Health Advance Directive

28 **NOTICE TO PERSONS**

29 **CREATING A MENTAL HEALTH ADVANCE DIRECTIVE**

30 This is an important legal document. It creates an advance directive for mental health treatment. Before signing this  
31 document you should know these important facts:

32 (1) This document is called an advance directive and allows you to make decisions in advance about your mental health  
33 treatment, including medications, short-term admission to inpatient treatment and electroconvulsive therapy.

34 **YOU DO NOT HAVE TO FILL OUT OR SIGN THIS FORM.**

35 **IF YOU DO NOT SIGN THIS FORM, IT WILL NOT TAKE EFFECT.**

36 If you choose to complete and sign this document, you may still decide to leave some items blank.

1 (2) You have the right to appoint a person as your agent to make treatment decisions for you. You must notify your agent  
2 that you have appointed him or her as an agent. The person you appoint has a duty to act consistently with your wishes  
3 made known by you. If your agent does not know what your wishes are, he or she has a duty to act in your best  
4 interest. Your agent has the right to withdraw from the appointment at any time.

5 (3) The instructions you include with this advance directive and the authority you give your agent to act will only become  
6 effective under the conditions you select in this document. You may choose to limit this directive and your agent's  
7 authority to times when you are incapacitated or to times when you are exhibiting symptoms or behavior that you  
8 specify. You may also make this directive effective immediately. No matter when you choose to make this directive  
9 effective, your treatment providers must still seek your informed consent at all times that you have capacity to give  
10 informed consent.

11 (4) You have the right to revoke this document in writing at any time you have capacity.

12 **YOU MAY NOT REVOKE THIS DIRECTIVE WHEN YOU HAVE BEEN FOUND TO BE**  
13 **INCAPACITATED UNLESS YOU HAVE SPECIFICALLY STATED IN THIS DIRECTIVE THAT**  
14 **YOU WANT IT TO BE REVOCABLE WHEN YOU ARE INCAPACITATED.**

15 (5) This directive will stay in effect until you revoke it unless you specify an expiration date. If you specify an expiration  
16 date and you are incapacitated at the time it expires, it will remain in effect until you have capacity to make treatment  
17 decisions again unless you chose to be able to revoke it while you are incapacitated and you revoke the directive.

18 (6) You cannot use your advance directive to consent to civil commitment. The procedures that apply to your advance  
19 directive are different than those provided for in the Involuntary Treatment Act. Involuntary treatment is a different  
20 process.

21 (7) If there is anything in this directive that you do not understand, you should ask a lawyer to explain it to you.

22 (8) You should be aware that there are some circumstances where your provider may not have to follow your directive.

23 (9) You should discuss any treatment decisions in your directive with your provider.

24 (10) You may ask the court to rule on the validity of your directive.

25 **PART I.**

26 **STATEMENT OF INTENT TO CREATE A**  
27 **MENTAL HEALTH ADVANCE DIRECTIVE**

28 I, . . . . . being a person with capacity, willfully and voluntarily execute this mental health advance directive so  
29 that my choices regarding my mental health care will be carried out in circumstances when I am unable to express my  
30 instructions and preferences regarding my mental health care. If a guardian is appointed by a court to make mental health  
31 decisions for me, I intend this document to take precedence over all other means of ascertaining my intent.

32 The fact that I may have left blanks in this directive does not affect its validity in any way. I intend that all completed  
33 sections be followed. If I have not expressed a choice, my agent should make the decision that he or she determines is in  
34 my best interest. I intend this directive to take precedence over any other directives I have previously executed, to the  
35 extent that they are inconsistent with this document, or unless I expressly state otherwise in either document.

1 I understand that I may revoke this directive in whole or in part if I am a person with capacity. I understand that I  
2 cannot revoke this directive if a court, two health care providers, or one mental health professional and one health care  
3 provider find that I am an incapacitated person, unless, when I executed this directive, I chose to be able to revoke this  
4 directive while incapacitated.

5 I understand that, except as otherwise provided in law, revocation must be in writing. I understand that nothing in this  
6 directive, or in my refusal of treatment to which I consent in this directive, authorizes any health care provider, professional  
7 person, health care facility, or agent appointed in this directive to use or threaten to use abuse, neglect, financial  
8 exploitation, or abandonment to carry out my directive.

9 I understand that there are some circumstances where my provider may not have to follow my directive.

10 **PART II.**  
11 **WHEN THIS DIRECTIVE IS EFFECTIVE**

12 *YOU MUST COMPLETE THIS PART FOR YOUR DIRECTIVE TO BE VALID.*

13 I intend that this directive become effective (*YOU MUST CHOOSE ONLY ONE*):

14 . . . . . Immediately upon my signing of this directive.

15 . . . . . If I become incapacitated.

16 . . . . . When the following circumstances, symptoms, or behaviors occur: . . . . .  
17 . . . . .  
18 . . . . .

19 **PART III.**  
20 **DURATION OF THIS DIRECTIVE**

21 *YOU MUST COMPLETE THIS PART FOR YOUR DIRECTIVE TO BE VALID.*

22 I want this directive to (*YOU MUST CHOOSE ONLY ONE*):

23 . . . . . Remain valid and in effect for an indefinite period of time.

24 . . . . . Automatically expire . . . . . years from the date it was created.

25 **PART IV.**  
26 **WHEN I MAY REVOKE THIS DIRECTIVE**

27 *YOU MUST COMPLETE THIS PART FOR THIS DIRECTIVE TO BE VALID.*

28 I intend that I be able to revoke this directive (*YOU MUST CHOOSE ONLY ONE*):

29 . . . . . Only when I have capacity.

30 I understand that choosing this option means I may only revoke this directive if I have capacity. I further understand  
31 that if I choose this option and become incapacitated while this directive is in effect, I may receive treatment that I  
32 specify in this directive, even if I object at the time.

1 . . . . . Even if I am incapacitated.

2 I understand that choosing this option means that I may revoke this directive even if I am incapacitated. I further  
3 understand that if I choose this option and revoke this directive while I am incapacitated I may not receive  
4 treatment that I specify in this directive, even if I want the treatment.

5 **PART V.**

6 **PREFERENCES AND INSTRUCTIONS ABOUT TREATMENT, FACILITIES, AND PHYSICIANS OR**  
7 **PSYCHIATRIC ADVANCED REGISTERED NURSE PRACTITIONERS**

8 **A. Preferences and Instructions About Physician(s), Physician Assistant(s), or Psychiatric Advanced Registered**  
9 **Nurse Practitioner(s) to be Involved in My Treatment**

10 I would like the physician(s), physician assistant(s), or psychiatric advanced registered nurse practitioner(s) named below  
11 to be involved in my treatment decisions:

12 Dr., PA-C, or PARNP . . . . . Contact information: . . . . .  
13 Dr., PA-C, or PARNP . . . . . Contact information: . . . . .

14 I do not wish to be treated by Dr. or PARNP. . . . .

15 **B. Preferences and Instructions About Other Providers**

16 I am receiving other treatment or care from providers who I feel have an impact on my mental health care. I would like the  
17 following treatment provider(s) to be contacted when this directive is effective:

18 Name . . . . . Profession . . . . . Contact information. . . . .  
19 Name . . . . . Profession . . . . . Contact information. . . . .

20 **C. Preferences and Instructions About Medications for Psychiatric Treatment** (*initial and complete all that apply*)

21 . . . . . I consent, and authorize my agent (if appointed) to consent, to the following  
22 medications: . . . . .

23 . . . . . I do not consent, and I do not authorize my agent (if appointed) to consent, to the administration of the following  
24 medications: . . . . .

25 . . . . . I am willing to take the medications excluded above if my only reason for excluding them is the side effects which  
26 include. . . . .  
27 and these side effects can be eliminated by dosage adjustment or other means

28 . . . . . I am willing to try any other medication the hospital doctor, physician assistant, or psychiatric advanced registered  
29 nurse practitioner recommends

30 . . . . . I am willing to try any other medications my outpatient doctor, physician assistant, or psychiatric advanced  
31 registered nurse practitioner recommends

32 . . . . . I do not want to try any other medications.

33 **Medication Allergies**

34 I have allergies to, or severe side effects from, the following: . . . . .  
35 . . . . .

1 **Other Medication Preferences or Instructions**

2 ..... I have the following other preferences or instructions about medications. ....  
3 .....

4 **D. Preferences and Instructions About Hospitalization and Alternatives**

5 *(initial all that apply and, if desired, rank "1" for first choice, "2" for second choice, and so on)*

6 ..... In the event my psychiatric condition is serious enough to require 24-hour care and I have no physical conditions  
7 that require immediate access to emergency medical care, I prefer to receive this care in programs/facilities designed as  
8 alternatives to psychiatric hospitalizations.

9 ..... I would also like the interventions below to be tried before hospitalization is considered:

10 ..... Calling someone or having someone call me when needed.

11 Name: ..... Telephone: .....

12 ..... Staying overnight with someone

13 Name: ..... Telephone: .....

14 ..... Having a mental health service provider come to see me

15 ..... Going to a crisis triage center or emergency room

16 ..... Staying overnight at a crisis respite (temporary) bed

17 ..... Seeing a service provider for help with psychiatric medications

18 ..... Other, specify: .....

19 **Authority to Consent to Inpatient Treatment**

20 I consent, and authorize my agent (if appointed) to consent, to voluntary admission to inpatient mental health treatment  
21 for ..... days *(not to exceed 14 days)*

22 (Sign one):

23 ..... If deemed appropriate by my agent (if appointed) and treating physician, physician assistant, or psychiatric  
24 advanced registered nurse practitioner

25 .....

26 (Signature)

27 or

28 ..... Under the following circumstances (specify symptoms, behaviors, or circumstances that indicate the need for  
29 hospitalization) .....

30 .....

31 (Signature)

32 ..... I do **not** consent, or authorize my agent (if appointed) to consent, to inpatient treatment

33 .....

34 (Signature)

**Hospital Preferences and Instructions**

If hospitalization is required, I prefer the following hospitals: .....

I do not consent to be admitted to the following hospitals: .....

**E. Preferences and Instructions About Preemergency**

I would like the interventions below to be tried before use of seclusion or restraint is considered

*(initial all that apply):*

..... "Talk me down" one-on-one

..... More medication

..... Time out/privacy

..... Show of authority/force

..... Shift my attention to something else

..... Set firm limits on my behavior

..... Help me to discuss/vent feelings

..... Decrease stimulation

..... Offer to have neutral person settle dispute

..... Other, specify .....

**F. Preferences and Instructions About Seclusion, Restraint, and Emergency Medications**

If it is determined that I am engaging in behavior that requires seclusion, physical restraint, and/or emergency use of medication, I prefer these interventions in the order I have chosen (*choose "1" for first choice, "2" for second choice, and so on*):

..... Seclusion

..... Seclusion and physical restraint (combined)

..... Medication by injection

..... Medication in pill or liquid form

In the event that my attending physician, physician assistant, or psychiatric advanced registered nurse practitioner decides to use medication in response to an emergency situation after due consideration of my preferences and instructions for emergency treatments stated above, I expect the choice of medication to reflect any preferences and instructions I have expressed in Part III C of this form. The preferences and instructions I express in this section regarding medication in emergency situations do not constitute consent to use of the medication for nonemergency treatment.

**G. Preferences and Instructions About Electroconvulsive Therapy (ECT or Shock Therapy)**

My wishes regarding electroconvulsive therapy are (*sign one*):

..... I do not consent, nor authorize my agent (if appointed) to consent, to the administration of electroconvulsive therapy

1 .....

2 (Signature)

3 ..... I consent, and authorize my agent (if appointed) to consent, to the administration of electroconvulsive therapy

4 .....

5 (Signature)

6 ..... I consent, and authorize my agent (if appointed) to consent, to the administration of electroconvulsive therapy, but  
7 only under the following conditions: .....

8 .....

9 .....

10 (Signature)

11 **H. Preferences and Instructions About Who is Permitted to Visit**

12 If I have been admitted to a mental health treatment facility, the following people are not permitted to visit me there:

13 Name: .....

14 Name: .....

15 Name: .....

16 I understand that persons not listed above may be permitted to visit me.

17 **I. Additional Instructions About My Mental Health Care**

18 Other instructions about my mental health care: .....

19 .....

20 In case of emergency, please contact:

21 Name: ..... Address: .....

22 Work telephone: ..... Home telephone: .....

23 Physician, Physician Assistant, or Psychiatric Address: .....

24 Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner: .....

25 Telephone: .....

26 The following may help me to avoid a hospitalization: .....

27 .....

28 I generally react to being hospitalized as follows: .....

29 .....

30 Staff of the hospital or crisis unit can help me by doing the following: .....

31 .....

32 .....

33 **J. Refusal of Treatment**

1 I do not consent to any mental health treatment.

2 .....

3 (Signature)

4 **PART VI.**

5 **DURABLE POWER OF ATTORNEY (APPOINTMENT OF MY AGENT)**

6 *(Fill out this part only if you wish to appoint an agent or nominate a guardian.)*

7 I authorize an agent to make mental health treatment decisions on my behalf. The authority granted to my agent  
8 includes the right to consent, refuse consent, or withdraw consent to any mental health care, treatment, service, or  
9 procedure, consistent with any instructions and/or limitations I have set forth in this directive. I intend that those decisions  
10 should be made in accordance with my expressed wishes as set forth in this document. If I have not expressed a choice in  
11 this document **and my agent does not otherwise know my wishes**, I authorize my agent to make the decision that my  
12 agent determines is in my best interest. This agency shall not be affected by my incapacity. Unless I state otherwise in this  
13 durable power of attorney, I may revoke it unless prohibited by other state law.

14 **A. Designation of an Agent**

15 I appoint the following person as my agent to make mental health treatment decisions for me as authorized in this  
16 document and request that this person be notified immediately when this directive becomes effective:

17 Name: ..... Address: .....

18 Work telephone: ..... Home telephone: .....

19 Relationship: .....

20 **B. Designation of Alternate Agent**

21 If the person named above is unavailable, unable, or refuses to serve as my agent, or I revoke that person's authority to  
22 serve as my agent, I hereby appoint the following person as my alternate agent and request that this person be notified  
23 immediately when this directive becomes effective or when my original agent is no longer my agent:

24 Name: ..... Address: .....

25 Work telephone: ..... Home telephone: .....

26 Relationship: .....

27 **C. When My Spouse is My Agent** *(initial if desired)*

28 ..... If my spouse is my agent, that person shall remain my agent even if we become legally separated or our marriage is  
29 dissolved, unless there is a court order to the contrary or I have remarried.

30 **D. Limitations on My Agent's Authority**

31 I do not grant my agent the authority to consent on my behalf to the following:

32 .....

33 .....

34 **E. Limitations on My Ability to Revoke this Durable Power of Attorney**

1 I choose to limit my ability to revoke this durable power of attorney as follows:

2 .....  
3 .....

4 **F. Preference as to Court-Appointed Guardian**

5 In the event a court appoints a guardian who will make decisions regarding my mental health treatment, I **nominate** the  
6 following person **as my guardian**:

7 Name: ..... Address: .....

8 Work telephone: ..... Home telephone: .....

9 Relationship: .....

10 The appointment of a guardian of my estate or my person or any other decision maker shall not give the guardian or  
11 decision maker the power to revoke, suspend, or terminate this directive or the powers of my agent, except as authorized by  
12 law.

13 .....

14 (Signature required if nomination is made)

15 **PART VII.**  
16 **OTHER DOCUMENTS**

17 *(Initial all that apply)*

18 I have executed the following documents that include the power to make decisions regarding health care services for  
19 myself:

20 ..... Health care power of attorney (chapter 11.94 RCW)

21 ..... "Living will" (Health care directive; chapter 70.122 RCW)

22 ..... I have appointed more than one agent. I understand that the most recently appointed agent controls except as stated  
23 below:

24 .....

25 **PART VIII.**  
26 **NOTIFICATION OF OTHERS AND CARE OF PERSONAL AFFAIRS**

27 *(Fill out this part only if you wish to provide nontreatment instructions.)*

28 I understand the preferences and instructions in this part are **NOT** the responsibility of my treatment provider and that no  
29 treatment provider is required to act on them.

30 **A. Who Should Be Notified**

31 I desire my agent to notify the following individuals as soon as possible when this directive becomes effective:

32 Name: ..... Address: .....

33 Day telephone: ..... Evening telephone: .....

34 Name: ..... Address: .....

1 Day telephone: ..... Evening telephone: .....

2 **B. Preferences or Instructions About Personal Affairs**

3 I have the following preferences or instructions about my personal affairs (e.g., care of dependents, pets, household) if I am  
4 admitted to a mental health treatment facility:

5 .....  
6 .....

7 **C. Additional Preferences and Instructions:**

8 .....  
9 .....  
10 .....  
11 .....

12 **PART IX.**  
13 **SIGNATURE**

14 By signing here, I indicate that I understand the purpose and effect of this document and that I am giving my informed  
15 consent to the treatments and/or admission to which I have consented or authorized my agent to consent in this directive. I  
16 intend that my consent in this directive be construed as being consistent with the elements of informed consent under  
17 chapter 7.70 RCW.

18 Signature: ..... Date: .....

19 Printed Name: .....

20 This directive was signed and declared by the "Principal," to be his or her directive, in our presence who, at his or her  
21 request, have signed our names below as witnesses. We declare that, at the time of the creation of this instrument, the  
22 Principal is personally known to us, and, according to our best knowledge and belief, has capacity at this time and does not  
23 appear to be acting under duress, undue influence, or fraud. We further declare that none of us is:

- 24 (A) A person designated to make medical decisions on the principal's behalf;
- 25 (B) A health care provider or professional person directly involved with the provision of care to the principal at the  
26 time the directive is executed;
- 27 (C) An owner, operator, employee, or relative of an owner or operator of a health care facility or long-term care facility  
28 in which the principal is a patient or resident;
- 29 (D) A person who is related by blood, marriage, or adoption to the person, or with whom the principal has a dating  
30 relationship as defined in RCW 26.50.010;
- 31 (E) An incapacitated person;
- 32 (F) A person who would benefit financially if the principal undergoes mental health treatment; or
- 33 (G) A minor.

34 Witness 1: Signature: ..... Date: .....

1 Printed Name: .....  
2 Telephone: ..... Address: .....  
3 Witness 2: Signature: ..... Date: .....  
4 Printed Name: .....  
5 Telephone: ..... Address: .....

6 **PART X.**  
7 **RECORD OF DIRECTIVE**

8 I have given a copy of this directive to the following persons: .....  
9 .....

10 DO NOT FILL OUT PART XI UNLESS YOU INTEND TO REVOKE  
11 THIS DIRECTIVE IN PART OR IN WHOLE

12 **PART XI.**  
13 **REVOCAION OF THIS DIRECTIVE**

14 *(Initial any that apply):*

15 ..... I am revoking the following part(s) of this directive (specify): .....  
16 .....

17 ..... I am revoking all of this directive.

18 By signing here, I indicate that I understand the purpose and effect of my revocation and that no person is bound by any  
19 revoked provision(s). I intend this revocation to be interpreted as if I had never completed the revoked provision(s).

20 Signature: ..... Date: .....  
21 Printed Name: .....

22 **DO NOT SIGN THIS PART UNLESS YOU INTEND TO REVOKE THIS**  
23 **DIRECTIVE IN PART OR IN WHOLE**

24 **Sec. 17.** RCW 71.34.020 and 2011 c 89 s 16 are each amended to  
25 read as follows:

26 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in  
27 this section apply throughout this chapter.

28 (1) "Child psychiatrist" means a person having a license as a  
29 physician and surgeon in this state, who has had graduate training in  
30 child psychiatry in a program approved by the American Medical  
31 Association or the American Osteopathic Association, and who is board  
32 eligible or board certified in child psychiatry.

33 (2) "Children's mental health specialist" means:

1 (a) A mental health professional who has completed a minimum of  
2 one hundred actual hours, not quarter or semester hours, of  
3 specialized training devoted to the study of child development and  
4 the treatment of children; and

5 (b) A mental health professional who has the equivalent of one  
6 year of full-time experience in the treatment of children under the  
7 supervision of a children's mental health specialist.

8 (3) "Commitment" means a determination by a judge or court  
9 commissioner, made after a commitment hearing, that the minor is in  
10 need of inpatient diagnosis, evaluation, or treatment or that the  
11 minor is in need of less restrictive alternative treatment.

12 (4) "Department" means the department of social and health  
13 services.

14 (5) "Designated mental health professional" means a mental health  
15 professional designated by one or more counties to perform the  
16 functions of a designated mental health professional described in  
17 this chapter.

18 (6) "Evaluation and treatment facility" means a public or private  
19 facility or unit that is certified by the department to provide  
20 emergency, inpatient, residential, or outpatient mental health  
21 evaluation and treatment services for minors. A physically separate  
22 and separately-operated portion of a state hospital may be designated  
23 as an evaluation and treatment facility for minors. A facility which  
24 is part of or operated by the department or federal agency does not  
25 require certification. No correctional institution or facility,  
26 juvenile court detention facility, or jail may be an evaluation and  
27 treatment facility within the meaning of this chapter.

28 (7) "Evaluation and treatment program" means the total system of  
29 services and facilities coordinated and approved by a county or  
30 combination of counties for the evaluation and treatment of minors  
31 under this chapter.

32 (8) "Gravely disabled minor" means a minor who, as a result of a  
33 mental disorder, is in danger of serious physical harm resulting from  
34 a failure to provide for his or her essential human needs of health  
35 or safety, or manifests severe deterioration in routine functioning  
36 evidenced by repeated and escalating loss of cognitive or volitional  
37 control over his or her actions and is not receiving such care as is  
38 essential for his or her health or safety.

39 (9) "Inpatient treatment" means twenty-four-hour-per-day mental  
40 health care provided within a general hospital, psychiatric hospital,

1 or residential treatment facility certified by the department as an  
2 evaluation and treatment facility for minors.

3 (10) "Less restrictive alternative" or "less restrictive setting"  
4 means outpatient treatment provided to a minor who is not residing in  
5 a facility providing inpatient treatment as defined in this chapter.

6 (11) "Likelihood of serious harm" means either: (a) A substantial  
7 risk that physical harm will be inflicted by an individual upon his  
8 or her own person, as evidenced by threats or attempts to commit  
9 suicide or inflict physical harm on oneself; (b) a substantial risk  
10 that physical harm will be inflicted by an individual upon another,  
11 as evidenced by behavior which has caused such harm or which places  
12 another person or persons in reasonable fear of sustaining such harm;  
13 or (c) a substantial risk that physical harm will be inflicted by an  
14 individual upon the property of others, as evidenced by behavior  
15 which has caused substantial loss or damage to the property of  
16 others.

17 (12) "Medical necessity" for inpatient care means a requested  
18 service which is reasonably calculated to: (a) Diagnose, correct,  
19 cure, or alleviate a mental disorder; or (b) prevent the worsening of  
20 mental conditions that endanger life or cause suffering and pain, or  
21 result in illness or infirmity or threaten to cause or aggravate a  
22 handicap, or cause physical deformity or malfunction, and there is no  
23 adequate less restrictive alternative available.

24 (13) "Mental disorder" means any organic, mental, or emotional  
25 impairment that has substantial adverse effects on an individual's  
26 cognitive or volitional functions. The presence of alcohol abuse,  
27 drug abuse, juvenile criminal history, antisocial behavior, or  
28 intellectual disabilities alone is insufficient to justify a finding  
29 of "mental disorder" within the meaning of this section.

30 (14) "Mental health professional" means a psychiatrist, physician  
31 assistant working with a supervising psychiatrist, psychologist,  
32 psychiatric nurse, or social worker, and such other mental health  
33 professionals as may be defined by rules adopted by the secretary  
34 under this chapter.

35 (15) "Minor" means any person under the age of eighteen years.

36 (16) "Outpatient treatment" means any of the nonresidential  
37 services mandated under chapter 71.24 RCW and provided by licensed  
38 services providers as identified by RCW 71.24.025.

39 (17) "Parent" means:

1 (a) A biological or adoptive parent who has legal custody of the  
2 child, including either parent if custody is shared under a joint  
3 custody agreement; or

4 (b) A person or agency judicially appointed as legal guardian or  
5 custodian of the child.

6 (18) "Professional person in charge" or "professional person"  
7 means a physician or other mental health professional empowered by an  
8 evaluation and treatment facility with authority to make admission  
9 and discharge decisions on behalf of that facility.

10 (19) "Psychiatric nurse" means a registered nurse who has a  
11 bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university, and who  
12 has had, in addition, at least two years' experience in the direct  
13 treatment of persons who have a mental illness or who are emotionally  
14 disturbed, such experience gained under the supervision of a mental  
15 health professional. "Psychiatric nurse" shall also mean any other  
16 registered nurse who has three years of such experience.

17 (20) "Psychiatrist" means a person having a license as a  
18 physician in this state who has completed residency training in  
19 psychiatry in a program approved by the American Medical Association  
20 or the American Osteopathic Association, and is board eligible or  
21 board certified in psychiatry.

22 (21) "Psychologist" means a person licensed as a psychologist  
23 under chapter 18.83 RCW.

24 (22) "Responsible other" means the minor, the minor's parent or  
25 estate, or any other person legally responsible for support of the  
26 minor.

27 (23) "Secretary" means the secretary of the department or  
28 secretary's designee.

29 (24) "Social worker" means a person with a master's or further  
30 advanced degree from a social work educational program accredited and  
31 approved as provided in RCW 18.320.010.

32 (25) "Start of initial detention" means the time of arrival of  
33 the minor at the first evaluation and treatment facility offering  
34 inpatient treatment if the minor is being involuntarily detained at  
35 the time. With regard to voluntary patients, "start of initial  
36 detention" means the time at which the minor gives notice of intent  
37 to leave under the provisions of this chapter.

38 (26) "Physician assistant" means a person licensed as a physician  
39 assistant under chapter 18.57A or 18.71A RCW.

1       **Sec. 18.** RCW 71.34.355 and 2009 c 217 s 15 are each amended to  
2 read as follows:

3       Absent a risk to self or others, minors treated under this  
4 chapter have the following rights, which shall be prominently posted  
5 in the evaluation and treatment facility:

6       (1) To wear their own clothes and to keep and use personal  
7 possessions;

8       (2) To keep and be allowed to spend a reasonable sum of their own  
9 money for canteen expenses and small purchases;

10       (3) To have individual storage space for private use;

11       (4) To have visitors at reasonable times;

12       (5) To have reasonable access to a telephone, both to make and  
13 receive confidential calls;

14       (6) To have ready access to letter-writing materials, including  
15 stamps, and to send and receive uncensored correspondence through the  
16 mails;

17       (7) To discuss treatment plans and decisions with mental health  
18 professionals;

19       (8) To have the right to adequate care and individualized  
20 treatment;

21       (9) Not to consent to the performance of electro-convulsive  
22 treatment or surgery, except emergency lifesaving surgery, upon him  
23 or her, and not to have electro-convulsive treatment or nonemergency  
24 surgery in such circumstance unless ordered by a court pursuant to a  
25 judicial hearing in which the minor is present and represented by  
26 counsel, and the court shall appoint a psychiatrist, physician  
27 assistant, psychologist, psychiatric advanced registered nurse  
28 practitioner, or physician designated by the minor or the minor's  
29 counsel to testify on behalf of the minor. The minor's parent may  
30 exercise this right on the minor's behalf, and must be informed of  
31 any impending treatment;

32       (10) Not to have psychosurgery performed on him or her under any  
33 circumstances.

34       **Sec. 19.** RCW 71.34.720 and 2009 c 217 s 16 are each amended to  
35 read as follows:

36       (1) Each minor approved by the facility for inpatient admission  
37 shall be examined and evaluated by a children's mental health  
38 specialist as to the child's mental condition and by a physician,  
39 physician assistant, or psychiatric advanced registered nurse

1 practitioner as to the child's physical condition within twenty-four  
2 hours of admission. Reasonable measures shall be taken to ensure  
3 medical treatment is provided for any condition requiring immediate  
4 medical attention.

5 (2) If, after examination and evaluation, the children's mental  
6 health specialist and the physician, physician assistant, or  
7 psychiatric advanced registered nurse practitioner determine that the  
8 initial needs of the minor would be better served by placement in a  
9 chemical dependency treatment facility, then the minor shall be  
10 referred to an approved treatment program defined under RCW  
11 70.96A.020.

12 (3) The admitting facility shall take reasonable steps to notify  
13 immediately the minor's parent of the admission.

14 (4) During the initial seventy-two hour treatment period, the  
15 minor has a right to associate or receive communications from parents  
16 or others unless the professional person in charge determines that  
17 such communication would be seriously detrimental to the minor's  
18 condition or treatment and so indicates in the minor's clinical  
19 record, and notifies the minor's parents of this determination. In no  
20 event may the minor be denied the opportunity to consult an attorney.

21 (5) If the evaluation and treatment facility admits the minor, it  
22 may detain the minor for evaluation and treatment for a period not to  
23 exceed seventy-two hours from the time of provisional acceptance. The  
24 computation of such seventy-two hour period shall exclude Saturdays,  
25 Sundays, and holidays. This initial treatment period shall not exceed  
26 seventy-two hours except when an application for voluntary inpatient  
27 treatment is received or a petition for fourteen-day commitment is  
28 filed.

29 (6) Within twelve hours of the admission, the facility shall  
30 advise the minor of his or her rights as set forth in this chapter.

31 **Sec. 20.** RCW 71.34.730 and 2009 c 293 s 6 and 2009 c 217 s 17  
32 are each amended to read as follows:

33 (1) The professional person in charge of an evaluation and  
34 treatment facility where a minor has been admitted involuntarily for  
35 the initial seventy-two hour treatment period under this chapter may  
36 petition to have a minor committed to an evaluation and treatment  
37 facility for fourteen-day diagnosis, evaluation, and treatment.

38 If the professional person in charge of the treatment and  
39 evaluation facility does not petition to have the minor committed,

1 the parent who has custody of the minor may seek review of that  
2 decision in court. The parent shall file notice with the court and  
3 provide a copy of the treatment and evaluation facility's report.

4 (2) A petition for commitment of a minor under this section shall  
5 be filed with the superior court in the county where the minor is  
6 residing or being detained.

7 (a) A petition for a fourteen-day commitment shall be signed by:

8 (i) Two physicians; (ii) ~~((two psychiatric advanced registered~~  
9 ~~nurse practitioners, (iii) a mental health professional and either a~~  
10 ~~physician or a psychiatric advanced registered nurse practitioner, or~~  
11 ~~(iv) a physician and a psychiatric advanced registered nurse~~  
12 ~~practitioner))~~ one physician and a mental health professional; (iii)  
13 one physician assistant and a mental health professional; or (iv) one  
14 psychiatric advanced registered nurse practitioner and a mental  
15 health professional. The person signing the petition must have  
16 examined the minor, and the petition must contain the following:

17 (A) The name and address of the petitioner;

18 (B) The name of the minor alleged to meet the criteria for  
19 fourteen-day commitment;

20 (C) The name, telephone number, and address if known of every  
21 person believed by the petitioner to be legally responsible for the  
22 minor;

23 (D) A statement that the petitioner has examined the minor and  
24 finds that the minor's condition meets required criteria for  
25 fourteen-day commitment and the supporting facts therefor;

26 (E) A statement that the minor has been advised of the need for  
27 voluntary treatment but has been unwilling or unable to consent to  
28 necessary treatment;

29 (F) A statement that the minor has been advised of the loss of  
30 firearm rights if involuntarily committed;

31 (G) A statement recommending the appropriate facility or  
32 facilities to provide the necessary treatment; and

33 (H) A statement concerning whether a less restrictive alternative  
34 to inpatient treatment is in the best interests of the minor.

35 (b) A copy of the petition shall be personally delivered to the  
36 minor by the petitioner or petitioner's designee. A copy of the  
37 petition shall be sent to the minor's attorney and the minor's  
38 parent.

1       **Sec. 21.** RCW 71.34.750 and 2009 c 217 s 18 are each amended to  
2 read as follows:

3       (1) At any time during the minor's period of fourteen-day  
4 commitment, the professional person in charge may petition the court  
5 for an order requiring the minor to undergo an additional one hundred  
6 eighty-day period of treatment. The evidence in support of the  
7 petition shall be presented by the county prosecutor unless the  
8 petition is filed by the professional person in charge of a state-  
9 operated facility in which case the evidence shall be presented by  
10 the attorney general.

11       (2) The petition for one hundred eighty-day commitment shall  
12 contain the following:

13       (a) The name and address of the petitioner or petitioners;

14       (b) The name of the minor alleged to meet the criteria for one  
15 hundred eighty-day commitment;

16       (c) A statement that the petitioner is the professional person in  
17 charge of the evaluation and treatment facility responsible for the  
18 treatment of the minor;

19       (d) The date of the fourteen-day commitment order; and

20       (e) A summary of the facts supporting the petition.

21       (3) The petition shall be supported by accompanying affidavits  
22 signed by: (a) Two examining physicians, one of whom shall be a child  
23 psychiatrist, or two psychiatric advanced registered nurse  
24 practitioners, one of whom shall be a child and adolescent or family  
25 psychiatric advanced registered nurse practitioner, or two physician  
26 assistants, one of whom must be supervised by a child psychiatrist;  
27 (b) one children's mental health specialist and either an examining  
28 physician, physician assistant, or a psychiatric advanced registered  
29 nurse practitioner((r)); or (c) two among an examining physician,  
30 physician assistant, and a psychiatric advanced registered nurse  
31 practitioner, one of which needs to be a child psychiatrist a  
32 physician assistant supervised by a child psychiatrist, or a child  
33 and adolescent psychiatric nurse practitioner. The affidavits shall  
34 describe in detail the behavior of the detained minor which supports  
35 the petition and shall state whether a less restrictive alternative  
36 to inpatient treatment is in the best interests of the minor.

37       (4) The petition for one hundred eighty-day commitment shall be  
38 filed with the clerk of the court at least three days before the  
39 expiration of the fourteen-day commitment period. The petitioner or  
40 the petitioner's designee shall within twenty-four hours of filing

1 serve a copy of the petition on the minor and notify the minor's  
2 attorney and the minor's parent. A copy of the petition shall be  
3 provided to such persons at least twenty-four hours prior to the  
4 hearing.

5 (5) At the time of filing, the court shall set a date within  
6 seven days for the hearing on the petition. The court may continue  
7 the hearing upon the written request of the minor or the minor's  
8 attorney for not more than ten days. The minor or the parents shall  
9 be afforded the same rights as in a fourteen-day commitment hearing.  
10 Treatment of the minor shall continue pending the proceeding.

11 (6) For one hundred eighty-day commitment, the court must find by  
12 clear, cogent, and convincing evidence that the minor:

13 (a) Is suffering from a mental disorder;

14 (b) Presents a likelihood of serious harm or is gravely disabled;  
15 and

16 (c) Is in need of further treatment that only can be provided in  
17 a one hundred eighty-day commitment.

18 (7) If the court finds that the criteria for commitment are met  
19 and that less restrictive treatment in a community setting is not  
20 appropriate or available, the court shall order the minor committed  
21 for further inpatient treatment to the custody of the secretary or to  
22 a private treatment and evaluation facility if the minor's parents  
23 have assumed responsibility for payment for the treatment. If the  
24 court finds that a less restrictive alternative is in the best  
25 interest of the minor, the court shall order less restrictive  
26 alternative treatment upon such conditions as necessary.

27 If the court determines that the minor does not meet the criteria  
28 for one hundred eighty-day commitment, the minor shall be released.

29 (8) Successive one hundred eighty-day commitments are permissible  
30 on the same grounds and under the same procedures as the original one  
31 hundred eighty-day commitment. Such petitions shall be filed at least  
32 five days prior to the expiration of the previous one hundred eighty-  
33 day commitment order.

34 **Sec. 22.** RCW 71.34.770 and 2009 c 217 s 19 are each amended to  
35 read as follows:

36 (1) The professional person in charge of the inpatient treatment  
37 facility may authorize release for the minor under such conditions as  
38 appropriate. Conditional release may be revoked pursuant to RCW

1 71.34.780 if leave conditions are not met or the minor's functioning  
2 substantially deteriorates.

3 (2) Minors may be discharged prior to expiration of the  
4 commitment period if the treating physician, physician assistant,  
5 psychiatric advanced registered nurse practitioner, or professional  
6 person in charge concludes that the minor no longer meets commitment  
7 criteria.

8 **Sec. 23.** RCW 18.71A.030 and 2013 c 203 s 6 are each amended to  
9 read as follows:

10 (1) A physician assistant may practice medicine in this state  
11 only with the approval of the delegation agreement by the commission  
12 and only to the extent permitted by the commission. A physician  
13 assistant who has received a license but who has not received  
14 commission approval of the delegation agreement under RCW 18.71A.040  
15 may not practice. A physician assistant shall be subject to  
16 discipline under chapter 18.130 RCW.

17 (2) Physician assistants may provide services that they are  
18 competent to perform based on their education, training, and  
19 experience and that are consistent with their commission-approved  
20 delegation agreement. The supervising physician and the physician  
21 assistant shall determine which procedures may be performed and the  
22 degree of supervision under which the procedure is performed.  
23 Physician assistants may practice in any area of medicine or surgery  
24 as long as the practice is not beyond the supervising physician's own  
25 scope of expertise and practice.

26 **Sec. 24.** RCW 18.57A.030 and 2013 c 203 s 3 are each amended to  
27 read as follows:

28 (1) An osteopathic physician assistant as defined in this chapter  
29 may practice osteopathic medicine in this state only with the  
30 approval of the delegation agreement by the board and only to the  
31 extent permitted by the board. An osteopathic physician assistant who  
32 has received a license but who has not received board approval of the  
33 delegation agreement under RCW 18.57A.040 may not practice. An  
34 osteopathic physician assistant shall be subject to discipline by the  
35 board under the provisions of chapter 18.130 RCW.

36 (2) Osteopathic physician assistants may provide services that  
37 they are competent to perform based on their education, training, and  
38 experience and that are consistent with their board-approved

1 delegation agreement. The supervising physician and the physician  
2 assistant shall determine which procedures may be performed and the  
3 degree of supervision under which the procedure is performed.  
4 Physician assistants may practice in any area of medicine or surgery  
5 so long as the practice is not beyond the supervising physician's own  
6 scope of expertise and practice.

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