

**MENTAL HEALTH CODE (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 258 of 1974**

**330.1469a Treatment program as alternative to hospitalization; assisted outpatient treatment; court order.**

Sec. 469a. (1) Except for a petition filed as described under section 434(6), before ordering a course of treatment for an individual found to be a person requiring treatment, the court shall review a report on alternatives to hospitalization that was prepared under section 453a not more than 15 days before the court issues the order. After reviewing the report, the court shall do all of the following:

(a) Determine whether a treatment program that is an alternative to hospitalization or that follows an initial period of hospitalization is adequate to meet the individual's treatment needs and is sufficient to prevent harm that the individual may inflict upon himself or herself or upon others within the near future.

(b) Determine whether there is an agency or mental health professional available to supervise the individual's alternative treatment program.

(c) Inquire as to the individual's desires regarding alternatives to hospitalization.

(2) If the court determines that there is a treatment program that is an alternative to hospitalization that is adequate to meet the individual's treatment needs and prevent harm that the individual may inflict upon himself or herself or upon others within the near future and that an agency or mental health professional is available to supervise the program, the court shall issue an order for alternative treatment or combined hospitalization and alternative treatment in accordance with section 472a. The order shall state the community mental health services program or, if private arrangements have been made for the reimbursement of mental health treatment services in an alternative setting, the name of the mental health agency or professional that is directed to supervise the individual's alternative treatment program. The order may provide that if an individual refuses to comply with a psychiatrist's order to return to the hospital, a peace officer shall take the individual into protective custody and transport the individual to the hospital selected.

(3) If the court orders assisted outpatient treatment as the alternative to hospitalization, the order shall be consistent with the provisions of section 468(2)(e).

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