

MENTAL HEALTH CODE (EXCERPT)
Act 258 of 1974

330.1498n Judicial hearing.

Sec. 498n. (1) Upon receipt of an objection to hospitalization filed under section 498m, the court shall schedule a hearing to be held within 7 days, excluding Sundays and holidays. After receipt of the objection, the court shall notify all of the following persons of the time and place for the hearing:

- (a) The parents or guardian of the minor to whom the objection refers.
- (b) The person filing the objection.
- (c) The minor to whom the objection refers.
- (d) The person who executed the application for hospitalization of the minor.
- (e) The hospital director.
- (f) The executive director.

(2) The court shall sustain an objection to hospitalization and order the discharge of the minor unless the court finds by clear and convincing evidence that the minor is suitable for hospitalization. If the court does not sustain the objection, an order shall not be entered, the objection shall be dismissed, and the hospital shall continue to hospitalize the minor.

(3) The hearing required by subsection (1) shall be governed by sections 451 to 465.

(4) The court shall not dismiss the objection and refuse to order a discharge of a hospitalized minor on the grounds that the minor's parent or guardian is unwilling or unable to provide or arrange for the management, care, or residence of the minor. If an objection is sustained and the minor's parent or guardian is unwilling or unable to provide or arrange for the management, care, or residence of the minor, the objecting person may, or a person authorized by the court shall, file promptly a petition under section 2(b) of chapter XIIA of Act No. 288 of the Public Acts of 1939, being section 712A.2 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, to ensure that the minor is provided with appropriate management, care, or residence.

(5) If a hospital has officially agreed to admit a minor, but admission has been deferred until a subsequent date, an objection to hospitalization of the minor may be made to the court under section 498m before the minor is admitted to the hospital. Subject to section 114a, a minor 14 years of age or older shall be notified of the right to object in accordance with rules promulgated by the department. If the objection is sustained by the court, the minor shall not be hospitalized.

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Administrative rules: R 330.1001 et seq. of the Michigan Administrative Code.