

**229.6 Application for order of involuntary hospitalization.**

1. Proceedings for the involuntary hospitalization of an individual may be commenced by any interested person by filing a verified application with the clerk of the district court of the county where the respondent is presently located, or which is the respondent's place of residence. The clerk, or the clerk's designee, shall assist the applicant in completing the application. The application shall:

- a. State the applicant's belief that the respondent is seriously mentally impaired.
- b. State any other pertinent facts.
- c. Be accompanied by any of the following:

- (1) A written statement of a licensed physician in support of the application.
- (2) One or more supporting affidavits otherwise corroborating the application.
- (3) Corroborative information obtained and reduced to writing by the clerk or the clerk's designee, but only when circumstances make it infeasible to comply with, or when the clerk considers it appropriate to supplement the information supplied pursuant to, either subparagraph (1) or (2).

2. Prior to the filing of an application pursuant to this section, the clerk or the clerk's designee shall inform the interested person referred to in subsection 1 about the option of requesting a preapplication screening assessment pursuant to section 229.5A.

[R60, §1480; C73, §1399; C97, §2264; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §3544; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, §229.1; C77, 79, 81, §229.6]

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[P] Summary of involuntary commitment procedures available from clerk; see §229.45

[T] Section amended