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In the Iowa Supreme Court

In the Matter of Adopting a Revised Form in Chapter 12 of the Iowa Court Rules, Rules for Involuntary Hospitalization of Mentally Ill Persons, and a Corresponding Index Amendment	**Order**

The Iowa Supreme Court adopts revised Iowa Court Rule 12.36—Form 1: *Application Alleging Serious Mental Impairment (Involuntary Commitment)*. The revised form adds "(Involuntary Commitment)" to the form's title and caption to clarify that the form is to be used only for involuntary commitments of mentally ill persons. A corresponding amendment to the chapter 12 index is also adopted. The revised form and amendment are provided with this order.

The revised form and index amendment filed with this order are effective October 30, 2026. Pursuant to Iowa Code section 602.4202, the form and index amendment are subject to a sixty-day review period by the Iowa Legislative Council, during which the council may, by majority vote, delay the effective date as provided under the statute. If no delay is approved, the form and index amendment take effect as ordered.

Dated this 31st day of August 2026.

The Iowa Supreme Court

By: 

Susan Larson Christensen, Chief Justice

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CHAPTER 12
RULES FOR INVOLUNTARY HOSPITALIZATION OF MENTALLY ILL PERSONS

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Rule 12.36 Forms for involuntary hospitalization of mentally ill persons.

Form 1: Application Alleging Serious Mental Impairment (Involuntary Commitment)

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Rule 12.36—Form 1: ***Application Alleging Serious Mental Impairment (Involuntary Commitment)***

In the Iowa District Court for _____ **County**
County where Application is filed

In the Matter of _____, **Respondent** *Full name: first, middle, last* **Alleged to be Seriously Mentally Impaired**	No._____ **Application Alleging Serious Mental Impairment (Involuntary Commitment)** Iowa Code § 229.6

1. I, _____, allege Respondent is suffering from
Full name: first, middle, last
serious mental impairment.

2. Respondent is presently located in _____ County and
County name
resides in _____ County.
County name

3. In support of this Application, I state:

_____

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_____

☐ *Check this box if you have attached additional pages.*

4. Based on the above facts, I believe Respondent is a danger to self or others and lacks judgmental capacity due to serious mental impairment. ☐ Yes ☐ No

5. I request that:
Check one

A. ☐ Respondent be taken into immediate custody.

B. ☐ Respondent not be taken into immediate custody.

6. In support of this Application, I have attached:
Check all that apply

A. ☐ A written statement of a licensed physician or mental health professional.

B. ☐ One or more Affidavits corroborating these allegations. *See Rule 12.36—Form 2.*

C. ☐ Corroborative information obtained and reduced to writing by the clerk or the clerk's designee. ***NOTE:*** *This option is only available when circumstances make it infeasible to obtain, or when the clerk considers it appropriate to supplement, the information under either subparagraph* ***6****(A) or* ***6****(B).*

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7. Attorney Help

Check one

A. ☐ An attorney did not help me prepare or fill in this paper.

B. ☐ An attorney helped me prepare or fill in this paper. *If you check* B, *you must fill in the following information*:

_____ _____
Name of attorney or organization, if any *Attorney's PIN – Ask the attorney*

_____ _____, _____ _____
Business address of attorney or organization *City* *State* *ZIP code*

(____) _____ _____
Attorney's phone number *Attorney's email address – optional*

8. Oath and signature of applicant

I, _____, have read this Application, and I certify under
Print your full name: first, middle, last

penalty of perjury and pursuant to the laws of the State of Iowa that the information provided in this Application is true and correct.

_____ _____, 20____ _____
Month *Day* *Year* *Applicant's signature**

_____ _____, _____ _____
Mailing address *City* *State* *ZIP code*

(____) _____ _____ _____
Phone number *Email address* *Additional email address, if applicable*

**This form may be signed either by using a digitized signature, see instructions at https://www.iowacourts.gov/for-the-public/court-forms/, or by printing and hand-signing.*