

229.18 Status of respondent if hospitalization is delayed.

When the court directs that a respondent who was previously ordered taken into immediate custody under section 229.11 be placed in a hospital for psychiatric evaluation and appropriate treatment under section 229.13, and no suitable hospital can immediately admit the respondent, the respondent shall remain in custody as previously ordered by the court, the time limit stated in section 229.11 notwithstanding, until a suitable hospital can admit the respondent. The court shall take appropriate steps to expedite the admission of the respondent to a suitable hospital at the earliest feasible time.

[R60, § 1436; C73, § 1403; C97, § 2271; S13, § 2271; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, § **3564**; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, § 229.24; C77, 79, 81, § 229.18]