

229.45 Provision of summary of procedures to applicant in involuntary commitment.

The department of human services, in consultation with the office of attorney general, shall develop a summary of the procedures involved in an involuntary commitment and information concerning the participation of an applicant in the proceedings. The summary shall be provided by the department, at the department's expense, to the clerks of the district court who shall make the summary available to all applicants prior to the filing of a verified application, or to any other person upon request, and who shall attach a copy of the summary to the notice of hearing which is served upon the respondent under section 125.77 or 229.7. The summary may include, but is not limited to, the following:

1. The statutory criteria for ordering that a person be involuntarily committed under chapter 125 or sections 229.11 and 229.13.
2. A description of the hearing process.
3. An explanation of the applicant's right to testify and examples of the kinds of relevant information which may be introduced at the hearing.
4. An explanation of the duties of the county attorney in civil commitment proceedings.

94 Acts, ch 1024, §1