

**125.84 Evaluation report.**

The facility administrator's report to the court of the chief medical officer's substance use disorder evaluation of the respondent shall be made no later than the expiration of the time specified in [section 125.83](#). At least two copies of the report shall be filed with the clerk, who shall distribute the copies in the manner described by [section 125.80, subsection 2](#). The report shall state one of the four following alternative findings:

1. That the respondent does not, as of the date of the report, require further treatment for substance use disorder. If the report so states, the court shall order the respondent's immediate release from involuntary commitment and terminate the proceedings.

2. That the respondent is a person with a substance use disorder who is in need of full-time custody, care, and treatment in a facility, and is considered likely to benefit from treatment. If the report so states, the court shall enter an order which may require the respondent's continued placement and commitment to a facility for appropriate treatment.

3. That the respondent is a person with a substance use disorder who is in need of treatment, but does not require full-time placement in a facility. If the report so states, the report shall include the chief medical officer's recommendation for treatment of the respondent on an outpatient or other appropriate basis, and the court shall enter an order which may direct the respondent to submit to the recommended treatment. The order shall provide that if the respondent fails or refuses to submit to treatment, as directed by the court's order, the court may order that the respondent be taken into immediate custody as provided by [section 125.81](#) and, following notice and hearing held in accordance with the procedures of [sections 125.77](#) and [125.82](#), may order the respondent treated as a patient requiring full-time custody, care, and treatment as provided in [subsection 2](#), and may order the respondent involuntarily committed to a facility.

4. That the respondent is a person with a substance use disorder who is in need of treatment, but in the opinion of the chief medical officer is not responding to the treatment provided. If the report so states, the report shall include the facility administrator's recommendation for alternative placement, and the court shall enter an order which may direct the respondent's transfer to the recommended placement or to another placement after consultation with the respondent's attorney and the facility administrator who made the report under [this subsection](#).

[82 Acts, ch 1212, §12]

90 Acts, ch 1020, §2; 90 Acts, ch 1085, §18; 2011 Acts, ch 121, §49, 62; 2023 Acts, ch 19, §121

Referred to in §125.85, 125.86, 229.21, 321J.3

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