

**124.409 Conditional discharge, commitment for treatment, and probation.**

1. Whenever the court finds that a person who is charged with a violation of [section 124.401](#) and who consents thereto, or who has entered a plea of guilty to or been found guilty of a violation of that section, is addicted to, dependent upon, or a chronic user of any controlled substance and that such person will be aided by proper medical treatment and rehabilitative services, the court may order that the person be committed as an in-patient or out-patient to a facility licensed by the department of health and human services for medical treatment and rehabilitative services.

2. A person committed under [this section](#) who is not possessed of sufficient income or estate to enable the person to make payment of the costs of such treatment in whole or in part shall be considered a state patient and the costs of treatment shall be paid as provided in [section 125.44](#). The determination of ability to pay shall be made by the court. The court shall require the patient, or the patient's parent, guardian, or custodian to complete under oath a detailed financial statement. The court may enter appropriate orders requiring the patient or those legally liable for the patient's support to reimburse the state with the costs, or any part thereof.

3. In order to obtain the most effective results from such medical treatment and rehabilitative services, the court may commit the person to the custody of a public or private agency or any other responsible person and impose other conditions upon the commitment as is necessary to ensure compliance with the court's order and to ensure that the person will not, during the period of treatment and rehabilitation, again violate a provision of [this chapter](#).

4. If it is established thereafter to the satisfaction of the court that the person has again violated a provision of [this chapter](#), the person may be returned to custody or sentenced upon conviction as provided by law.

5. The public or private agency or responsible person to whom the accused person was committed by the court shall immediately report to the court when the person has received maximum benefit from the program or has recovered from addiction, dependency, or tendency to chronically abuse any controlled substance. The person shall then be returned to the court for disposition of the case. If the person has been charged or indicted, but not convicted, such charge shall proceed to trial or final disposition. If the person has been convicted or is thereafter convicted, the court shall sentence the person as provided by law but may remit all or any part of the sentence and place the person on probation upon terms and conditions as the court may prescribe.

[C73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §204.409]

[84 Acts, ch 1013, §16](#)

[C93, §124.409](#)

[96 Acts, ch 1034, §4; 2002 Acts, ch 1175, §26; 2002 Acts, 2nd Ex, ch 1003, §237, 262; 2019 Acts, ch 59, §49; 2020 Acts, ch 1062, §23; 2021 Acts, ch 76, §26; 2023 Acts, ch 19, §71](#)

Referred to in [§125.44](#), [125.89](#)

For future strike of subsection 2, effective July 1, 2025, see [2024 Acts, ch 1161, §17, 137](#)