

### 229.6 Application for order of involuntary hospitalization.

1. *a.* Proceedings for the involuntary hospitalization of an individual pursuant to [this chapter](#) or for the involuntary commitment or treatment of a person with a substance use disorder to a facility pursuant to [chapter 125](#) may be commenced by any interested person by filing a verified application with the clerk of a district court.

*b.* If the verified application was filed with a district court where the respondent is not located and does not reside, the court shall transfer jurisdiction of the case to the district court of the county where the respondent is presently located, or which is the respondent's place of residence.

*c.* The clerk, or the clerk's designee, shall assist an applicant in completing the verified application.

2. The application shall:

*a.* State the applicant's belief that the respondent is a person who presents a danger to self or others and lacks judgmental capacity due to either of the following:

(1) A substance use disorder as defined in [section 125.2](#).

(2) A serious mental impairment as defined in [section 229.1](#).

*b.* State facts in support of each belief described in paragraph "a".

*c.* Be accompanied by any of the following:

(1) A written statement of a licensed physician or mental health professional in support of the application.

(2) One or more supporting affidavits otherwise corroborating the application.

(3) Corroborative information obtained and reduced to writing by the clerk or the clerk's designee, but only when circumstances make it infeasible to comply with, or when the clerk considers it appropriate to supplement the information supplied pursuant to, either subparagraph (1) or (2).

3. Prior to the filing of an application pursuant to [this section](#), the clerk or the clerk's designee shall inform the interested person referred to in [subsection 1](#) about the option of requesting a preapplication screening assessment pursuant to [section 229.5A](#).

4. The supreme court shall prescribe rules and establish forms as necessary to carry out the provisions of [this section](#).

[R60, §1480; C73, §1399; C97, §2264; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §3544; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, §229.1; C77, 79, 81, §229.6]

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Summary of involuntary commitment procedures available from clerk; see [§229.45](#)

Subsection 1 amended