

**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]

Referred to in [§229.21](#), [229.26](#)