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Comments: We know access to 3 doctors is not financially prudent or at times logistically convenient. My suggestion is to open panel up having one Dr and two experienced mental health professionals as the 3 panel. It is important for a person with mental illness to receive a review asap so treatment can be given. To often our mentally ill are left in jail waiting for review without access to treatment and subject to bullying. Also if a person has a history of mental illness they should be assessed via gathering of mental health records from outside psychiatrists they have seen or been diagnosed by. Thanks Karin Medigovich Dameron

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