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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ASSISTED COMMUNITY TREATMENT.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Section 704-421, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsection (3) to read as follows:
3 "(3) During the defendant's commitment to the custody of
4 the director of health or release on conditions pursuant to
5 subsection (1):
6 (a) If the defendant's clinical team determines that the
7 defendant meets the criteria for involuntary
8 hospitalization set forth in section 334-60.2, the
9 director of health, within seven days of the clinical
10 team's determination, shall file with the family court
11 a petition for involuntary hospitalization pursuant to
12 section 334-60.3. If the petition is granted, the
13 defendant shall remain hospitalized for a period of
14 time as provided by section 334-60.6; or
15 (b) If the defendant's clinical team determines that the
16 defendant does not meet the criteria for involuntary
17 hospitalization, or the court denies the petition for



1 involuntary hospitalization, the defendant's clinical
2 team shall determine whether an assisted community
3 treatment plan is appropriate pursuant to part VIII of
4 chapter 334. If the clinical team determines that an
5 assisted community treatment plan is appropriate, the
6 clinical team shall identify a community mental health
7 outpatient program that agrees to provide the mental
8 health services to the defendant in the event the
9 assisted community treatment petition is granted. The
10 psychiatrist or advanced practice registered nurse
11 from the clinical team or the community mental health
12 outpatient program shall prepare the certificate for
13 assisted community treatment specified by section
14 334-123, including a written treatment plan for the
15 provision of mental health services to the defendant.
16 [The clinical team shall identify a community mental
17 health outpatient program that agrees to provide
18 mental health services to the defendant as the
19 designated mental health program under the assisted
20 community treatment order.] The clinical team or the
21 community mental health outpatient program shall



1 provide the defendant with a copy of the certificate.

2 Within ten days of provision of the certificate to the

3 defendant by the clinical team[7] or the community

4 mental health outpatient program, the director of

5 health shall file with the family court the assisted

6 community treatment petition described in section

7 334-123. When a petition for assisted community

8 treatment has been filed for a defendant, the

9 defendant committed to the custody of the director of

10 health shall remain in custody until the family court

11 issues a decision on the petition; provided that the

12 judge may order that the subject be released during

13 the pendency of that action. A petition for assisted

14 community treatment filed pursuant to this section

15 shall be heard within five days after its filing."

16 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed

17 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.



1 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Assisted Community Treatment; Involuntary Hospitalization; Community Health Outpatient

Description:

Requires community health outpatient programs to prepare a certificate for assisted community treatment and provide the certificate to a defendant. Requires a petition for assisted community treatment to be heard within five days after the petition is filed.

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