

**NOTICE OF STATUS AND RIGHTS
INVOLUNTARY ADMISSION ON MEDICAL CERTIFICATION**

(to be given to the patient at the time of admission to the hospital)

Section 9.27 Mental Hygiene Law

Patient's Name (Last, First, M.I.)

"C" No.

Sex

Date of Birth

Facility Name

Unit/Ward/Residence No.

Admission Date:

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TO: _____

Based upon the certificates of two examining physicians, whose findings have been confirmed by a member of the psychiatric staff of this hospital, you have been admitted as an involuntary-status patient to this hospital which provides care and treatment for persons with mental illness. You may be kept in the hospital for a period of up to 60 days from the date of your admission, unless you have had a court hearing. During this 60 day period you may be released, or converted to voluntary or informal status, if you are willing to continue receiving inpatient care and treatment and are suitable for such status.

You, and anyone acting on your behalf, should feel free to ask hospital staff about your condition, your status and rights under the Mental Hygiene Law, and the rules and regulations of this hospital.

If you, or those acting on your behalf, believe that you do not need involuntary care and treatment, you or they may make a written request for a court hearing. Copies of such a request will be forwarded by the hospital director to the appropriate court and the Mental Hygiene Legal Service.

MENTAL HYGIENE LEGAL SERVICE

The Mental Hygiene Legal Service, a court agency independent of this hospital, can provide you and your family with protective legal services, advice and assistance, including representation, with regard to your hospitalization. You are entitled to be informed of your rights regarding hospitalization and treatment, and have a right to a court hearing, to be represented by a lawyer, and to seek independent medical opinion.

You, or someone acting on your behalf, may see or communicate with a representative of the Mental Hygiene Legal Service by telephoning or writing directly to the office of the Service or by requesting hospital staff to make such arrangements for you.

The Mental Hygiene Legal Service representative for this hospital may be reached at:

MENTAL HYGIENE LEGAL SERVICES
100 WASHINGTON STREET
BUILDING 4
ELMIRA, NY 14901

(607) 271-9262

THE ABOVE PATIENT HAS BEEN GIVEN A COPY OF THIS NOTICE.

Signature of Staff Physician

Date

COPIES TO:

COPIES TO: Persons designated by patient to be informed of admission.
(If None, type in "NONE")

(Original Applicant)

(Nearest Relative)

*A copy of this Notice of Status and Rights is also being sent to the Mental Hygiene Legal Service.
State and Federal Laws prohibit discrimination based on race, color, creed, national origin, age, sex, or disability.*