

## What Happens Next?

The court is required to set a hearing date that is no more than three days after the court receives the petition. If the judge orders AOT for a Wayne County resident, the individual will be referred to Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority (DWMHA), to be screened and linked to services. DWMHA must inform the court if the individual does not follow the court order.

## What Happens If The Person Does Not Comply With The Court Order?

If the person does not follow the AOT court order, the judge can order the person be hospitalized for up to 10 days and the case may be monitored for up to 180 days. The judge can also have the person picked up by the police and transported to one of the DWMHA's screening centers for psychiatric hospitalization. The doctor at the screening center will decide if the person needs to be hospitalized.

**Disclaimer:** DWMHA does not discriminate or exclude people or treat them differently because of race, color, national origin, age, disability or sex.

## IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

**Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority**  
407 West Milwaukee St.  
Detroit, MI 48202  
[www.dwmha.com](http://www.dwmha.com)

**General Office**  
313.833.2500

**Centralized Access Center**  
**24-Hour Crisis/Information & Referral**  
Toll Free: 800.241.4949  
Local Calls: 313.224.7000  
TTY: 866.870.2599

**CUSTOMER SERVICE**  
**Consumer Affairs and Community Outreach**

Toll Free: 888.490.9698  
Local: 313.833.3232  
TTY: 800.630.1044

**Grievances & Appeals**  
Toll Free: 888.490.9698  
Fax: 313.833.4280

**Family Support Subsidy**  
Toll Free: 888.490.9698  
Local: 313.344.9099  
Fax: 313.833.4150

**Office of Recipient Rights**  
Toll Free: 888.339.5595  
TTY: 888.339.5588  
Fax: 313.833.2043



## KEVIN'S LAW



### DWMHA'S MISSION

We are a safety net organization that provides access to a full array of services and supports to empower persons within the Detroit Wayne County Behavioral Health System.

## What You Need To Know

Assisted outpatient treatment (AOT) law, also known as Kevin's Law was originally signed into law in 2004. Updates and expansions were made and signed into law on February 14, 2017.

The purpose of Kevin's law is to authorize courts and community mental health agencies to develop and utilize AOT programs, generally used in lieu of hospitalization for people who fail to comply with prescribed treatments.

Kevin's Law helps to provide protection and care for individuals who have mental illnesses and may be impaired in their judgement about the need for treatment. Family and friends of the individual can petition the court to order outpatient mental health care. This law allows judges to order outpatient treatment for people with untreated severe mental illnesses.

## Kevin's Law Revisions

The revisions in the Michigan's Mental Health Code simplify the process of seeking court-ordered outpatient treatment for an individual. The updated law destigmatizes mental illness by allowing individuals who need help to qualify for treatment under AOT. The changes include:

1. Widespread use of AOT for behavioral health
2. Promoting early intervention before an individual reaches a crisis
3. Hospitalization is no longer required
4. One petition process

The changes make it easier to secure court-ordered mental health treatment for individuals who may be too sick to realize they need help. It allows families or guardians to seek court ordered treatment for individuals who have a serious mental illness before they reach a crisis stage and have to be hospitalized or do something dangerous to themselves or others.

## Objectives

- Improve member's compliance
- Improve mental health and substance use care
- Reduce hospital readmissions
- Reduce homelessness, arrest and incarceration
- Protect and add to public safety
- Reduce number of visits to probate court

## How To Obtain AOT For Someone

If you are 18 years or older and think someone you know is not following treatment for their mental illness, you can file a petition for Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) through the Wayne County Probate Court at the address and phone number listed below. After the petition is filed, a hearing is set where a judge would make a decision and may issue an order requiring the individual to obtain AOT.

### The Wayne County Probate Court

Mental Health Division

Coleman A. Young Municipal Center,  
2 Woodward Ave., Room #1305

Detroit, MI 48226

Local: 313.224.5706

Monday-Friday

8:00AM - 12:00PM & 1:30PM - 4:30PM

