

## Emergency Commitments - Order of Detention

If you have a family member or friend who needs immediate treatment for a mental illness or chemical dependency during the hours of 8:30 AM and 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday, please go to the nearest branch of Greater Greenville Mental Health (listed below) and speak to a mental health professional about the Emergency Commitment Process:

GGMH (Greenville) 124 Mallard St., Greenville, SC 29601	(864) 241-1040
GGMH (Simpsonville) 20 Powderhorn Rd. Simpsonville, SC 29681	(864) 963-3421
GGMH (Greer) 220 Executive Dr. Greer, SC 29651	(864) 879-2111

After Hours: Please call CCRI (Community Response Crisis Intervention) at 1-833-364-2274 and speak to a mental health professional.

## Requirements for a Detention Order:

- The individual must pose an immediate threat to self or others.
- If threats were made, they must have been witnessed by the petitioner within 24 hours of the Detention Order request.
- The individual must have a plan and the ability to carry out the threats to self or others.
- The petitioner must know an address where the individual is currently located. (This will assist law enforcement in locating and detaining the individual.)
- The individual has refused to seek help or evaluation during this crisis.

## Other Helpful Information:

- Symptoms the individual is experiencing, such as hallucinations, paranoia, threats to self or others, sleeplessness, not eating, or neglecting hygiene.
- Date symptoms began and information about recent changes in the individual's behavior.
- Date the individual stopped taking prescription medication, if applicable.
- The individual's history of mental illness and/or chemical dependency.

Based on the information provided to the Mental Health Professional, the Order of Detention request may or may not be forwarded to the Probate Court for approval.

If approved, the Probate Court will issue an Order of Detention and law enforcement will be dispatched to locate and detain the individual.

Next, the individual will be transported to Greater Greenville Mental Health (during business hours) or the emergency room (after hours) for examination. If mental health professionals believe the individual meets the requirements for an emergency commitment, the individual will be admitted to an appropriate treatment facility.

The Court will schedule a hearing within 15 days of the individual's admission to the hospital. If you wish to attend the hearing, please contact Tammy Douglas at [tdouglas@greenvillecounty.org](mailto:tdouglas@greenvillecounty.org)/467.7085 or Hope Barbrey at [hbarbrey@greenvillecounty.org](mailto:hbarbrey@greenvillecounty.org)/467.7172 to make appropriate arrangements as all hearings are now held via ZOOM due to COVID 19.

## Non-Emergency Commitments - Judicial Orders

### Petition for Judicial Admission

If you have a family member or friend that you believe requires non-emergency treatment for a mental illness or chemical dependency, please go to the nearest branch of Greater Greenville Mental Health (listed below) between the hours of 8:30 AM and 5:00 PM, Monday – Friday and speak to a mental health professional about a Petition for Judicial Admission.

GGMH (Greenville) 124 Mallard St., Greenville, SC 29601	(864) 241-1040
GGMH (Simpsonville) 20 Powderhorn Rd. Simpsonville, SC 29681	(864) 963-3421
GGMH (Greer) 220 Executive Dr. Greer, SC 29651	(864) 879-2111

The facility will send the Judicial Petition to the Probate Court to schedule an examination for the person with the alleged mental illness or chemical dependency.

The Petitioner will receive notice from the Court of the place, date, and time of the scheduled examination and, as the petitioner, you are required to attend the examination to offer information that will be considered by the examiners.

The individual will also receive notice of the examination by mail.

After the examination, if the individual is found to be a mentally ill or chemically dependent person in need of treatment, a hearing will be held by a Probate Judge. Notice of the hearing will be provided to both the petitioner and the mentally ill/chemically dependent person.

Note: Non-Emergency Examinations are scheduled in the order in which the Petitions are received by the Court. Please allow adequate time for the Petition to be processed before contacting the Court.

Once a Petition has been filed with the Court, it is unable to be withdrawn or canceled.

For these simplified procedures to be effective, we ask that law enforcement officers advise family members to use the procedures which have been implemented above.

## Contact

If you have a question about these instructions, please contact Tammy Douglas at [tdouglas@greenvillecounty.org](mailto:tdouglas@greenvillecounty.org)/467.7085 or Hope Barbrey at [hbarbrey@greenvillecounty.org](mailto:hbarbrey@greenvillecounty.org)/467.7172 for more information.