

Community Issued Form 1 Admission Certificate Flowchart

Mental Health Act of Alberta

See Key Points for Reference Details A-I (over) **LEGEND Community QHP** examines person QHP - Qualified Health Professional (A) Community - any location other than a DF (A) **DF** - Designated Facility (D) MHPA - Mental Health Patient Advocate (F) **ADM -** Alternate Decision Maker CTO - Community Treatment Order (H) Person meets ALL 4 criteria? (B) Issuance of 1st Form 1 requires immediate efforts to apprehend (if required) and Yes convey the person to a DF. Consider: admission as voluntary patient QHP issues 1st Form 1 Once detained, the person treatment recommendations & community **Admission Certificate** MUST be informed of the resources following rights: within 24hrs of The reason and . CTO options (H) examination (C) authority for detention For persons with impaired capacity (I), consider (may provide copy of options under Adult Guardianship & Trusteeship Form 1), QHP responsible to plan Act (AGTA) or Personal Directives Act to identify They can retain a and initiate appropriate an ADM lawyer, means of safely having They can access the person transported to **DF** MHPA (F) (D) (E) Person Form 1 expires after 72 hrs conveyed to **DF** (G) Yes Unless person objects, the referring Community QHP Person is should receive notification of admitted No why the person was not to DF? admitted and any discharge recommendations MHA S.18(1) Patient receives treatment as per MHA (see Formal Patient Flowchart) OR is a voluntary patient (I)



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Definition of Mental Disorder

A substantial disorder of thought, mood, perception, orientation, or memory that grossly impairs judgment, behavior, capacity to recognize reality or ability to meet the ordinary demands of life but does not include a disorder in which the resulting impairment is persistent and is caused solely by an acquired or congenital irreversible brain injury.

A.QHP Examination (MHA s.2)

A **QHP** under the MHA includes nurse practitioners, physicians, and psychiatrists. Meeting Form 1 admission criteria can be based on their observations and information from others.

B.Formal Patient Admission Criteria (MHA s. 2)

- Suffering from a mental disorder,
- Potential to benefit from treatment for the mental disorder.
- Within a reasonable time, likely to cause harm to others or to suffer substantial mental or physical deterioration or serious physical impairment, related to the mental disorder, and
- Unsuitable for admission to a DF other than as a formal patient.

C.Form 1 Admission Certificate

After a **QHP** examines a patient, the provider has up to 24hrs to issue a Form 1.

One Admission Certificate:

- Gives the authority to care for, observe, assess, detain, and control the person during apprehension & conveyance to a **DF**. This authority expires after 72hrs of issuance.
- Is valid up to 24hrs from person's arrival at a DF.

D. Designated Facilities

DFs are the ONLY places in Alberta that can admit a formal patient under the MHA.

Designated Facilities Map

E. Conveyance Considerations

The **QHP** may not know the whereabouts of the person. As a result, apprehension would first require locating the individual. Alternatively, the person may already be at a healthcare facility. Suitable conveyance is determined by the **QHP** issuing the Form 1, considering resource availability, safety, and patient care needs. While anyone can convey a person under a Form 1 to a **DF**, some options to consider are:

- local EMS (911/non-emergency),
- contact <u>RAAPID</u> for **QHP** to physician consultation,
- · local law enforcement,
- alternative person(s) QHP deems safe
 appropriate (e.g., guardian).

F. MHPA

A person under one Admission Certificate, a formal patient, a person subject to a **CTO**, or someone on their behalf, may contact the **MHPA**. Staff can also consult the MHPA for questions or advice.

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G. Form 1 Expiry

If a person's whereabouts is unknown, conveyance may be delayed, or apprehension may be unsuccessful. Alternative routes for examination may be employed such as a wellness check through law enforcement or seeking a Form 8 Warrant from a Provincial Judge.

H. CTOs

A **CTO** is a tool to help patients with serious and persistent mental health conditions to comply with treatment while in the community and break the cycle of involuntary hospitalization, decompensation, and rehospitalization. See CTO Resources.

I. Capacity & Decision Making

All adults are presumed to have capacity to make their own treatment decisions. If a patient is assessed to lack capacity, explore options under the <u>AGTA</u>, or if the patient has a <u>Personal Directive</u>, consider enacting it.

Provisions in the MHA identifying an **ADM** for patients who lack competency to make mental health decisions, only apply to formal patients and those under a **CTO**.

Additional Resources

Guide to Alberta's Mental Health Act Pathways for Examination at DF

Form Name:

Admission Certificate

Completed by: QHP

Notes:

For a person to become a formal patient at a **DF**, TWO **QHPs** perform separate exams, each issuing a Form 1. At least 1 physician & 1 staff member at **DF** is required.

For information on the MHA, visit: ahs.ca/info/mha.aspx or for MHA Forms, visit: ahs.ca/info/Page1256.aspx For enquiries about this resource, or MHA questions, contact: mhaandcto.enquiries@ahs.ca