

PHYSICIANS CERTIFICATE TO ACCOMPANY APPLICATION FOR INVOLUNTARY ADMISSION

Patient's Name.....

At the time of my examination, the above named patient showed the following symptoms:

Physical (Illness, Injury, Deformity).....

Mental (History and Mental Status).....

I hereby certify that on....., 19....., I, a graduate of..... Medical College and licensed to practice in the State of Maryland, personally examined the above named patient and believe that he has a mental disorder and that the disorder is of a character which, in my opinion, requires that the patient be placed in a facility for the treatment of the mentally disordered. I am not related by blood or marriage to the patient, nor do I have any financial interest in the facility in which it is proposed to place the patient. I further certify that this certificate is signed and made within one week of the examination of the patient.

Signed:..... Date:.....

(2) No certificate shall be used for purposes of admission if based on an examination made more than 30 days prior to receipt of the application for admission by the facility or the Veterans' Administration hospital.

(3) No certificate shall be executed by any physician financially interested, by reason of ownership or salary, in any private facility in which it is proposed to admit the person whose status is being certified, nor may such physician be related by blood or marriage to either the prospective patient or the applicant.

(e) *Annual examination of patients; renewal of certificates.*—At least once each year, every patient retained by a facility pursuant to this section shall be examined and the certificate required under subsection (d) above shall be again executed. Such certificates shall meet all the requirements of subsection (d), and upon completion, must be reviewed by the superintendent of the facility and filed with the patient's records.

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(a) *When and to whom given.*—Within twelve hours after admission to a facility, every patient shall be effectively notified of his admission status and the provisions of this law pertaining to his admission. When possible, the patient's close next of kin shall also be notified of his admission and admission status.

(b) *Law to be read.*—Notification of the law pertaining to the patient shall be given him by reading the provisions under which he is admitted, the provisions of this section, those provisions pertaining to his rights under the subtitle "Patient Rights," and a summary of such provisions shall also be read to the patient in clear and simple terms. The reading of such provisions shall be in English, unless the patient does not understand English, in which event the