

Article, it shall treat the petition as if it were a petition for an order for emergency protective services under that section and shall conduct the proceedings and make findings in accordance with that section. ~~TRANSPORTED BY AMBULANCE OR OTHER EMERGENCY VEHICLE TO THE CLOSEST DESIGNATED EMERGENCY FACILITY WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF A PEACE OFFICER IF NECESSARY. IT IS NOT THE DUTY OF THE PEACE OFFICER TO ASSIST AFTER THE ASSUMPTION OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR AN EMERGENCY ADMITTEE BY A HOSPITAL, UNLESS A PHYSICIAN AT THE FACILITY REQUESTS THE OFFICER IN WRITING TO CONTINUE HIS ASSISTANCE.~~

(e) Within six hours after being taken into custody and transported to an emergency facility the emergency admittee shall be examined by a physician to determine whether the emergency admittee meets the criteria necessary for an [emergency] INVOLUNTARY admission PURSUANT TO § 12 OF THIS ARTICLE. [This criteria is that the emergency admittee has the symptoms of a mental disorder and the appearance of being in clear and imminent danger of causing grave and immediate personal harm to himself or others. If the physician determines that the emergency admittee meets this criteria the physician shall so indicate on the petition and the emergency admittee shall immediately be admitted to the emergency facility for the purposes of emergency care and treatment. The examining physician or his designee shall give notice of the examination, the emergency admittee's present and potential status, and whereabouts to the petitioner, and to the nearest relative or interested person shown on the petition, and to the emergency admittee's attorney, if any. If the examining physician finds that the emergency admittee does not meet the criteria, the physician shall so indicate in writing on the petition and the emergency admittee must be released from custody forthwith, unless the physician finds that the emergency admittee meets the criteria for involuntary admission pursuant to Section 12 of this article.] If the examining physician finds that the emergency admittee meets the criteria for involuntary admission AND IS UNWILLING OR UNABLE TO BE A VOLUNTARY PATIENT, the physician shall take the necessary steps to have the emergency admittee admitted to an appropriate facility pursuant to Section 12. AN APPROPRIATE FACILITY INCLUDES A GENERAL HOSPITAL WITH LICENSED INPATIENT PSYCHIATRIC UNITS.

(f) ~~Upon receipt of a judicially endorsed petition under subsection (c), or a petition under subsection (d), the peace officer shall take the emergency admittee into custody and transport him, without a warrant, to an emergency facility preferably in the county or City of Baltimore wherever the emergency admittee is found at the time. The peace officer shall not be responsible for the custody of the emergency admittee once the emergency admittee has been transported to the emergency facility and custody of the emergency admittee has been assumed by the emergency facility. Whenever an emergency admittee is released from an emergency facility and desires~~