

District Court judge, circuit court judge, sheriff's office, and police station in the State.

(i) The cost of emergency vehicle transportation of a patient to an emergency facility, pursuant to § 22 or to an appropriate facility pursuant to § 12 of this article, shall be billed to the medical insurance carrier of the patient. If the patient is not covered by insurance the cost of transportation shall be paid by the State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and the Department shall reimburse the appropriate party promptly for the total cost.]

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(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE, THE FOLLOWING TERMS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(1) "COURT" MEANS ANY DISTRICT COURT OR CIRCUIT COURT OF THIS STATE.

(2) "EMERGENCY EVALUEE" MEANS A PERSON WHO IS PROPOSED FOR EVALUATION, TRANSPORTED, EXAMINED, DETAINED, RELEASED, OR PLACED UNDER THIS SECTION.

(3) (I) "EMERGENCY FACILITY" MEANS ANY FACILITY DESIGNATED IN WRITING BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE AS AN EMERGENCY FACILITY.

(II) "EMERGENCY FACILITY" INCLUDES ALL GENERAL HOSPITALS WITH LICENSED EMERGENCY ROOMS UNLESS EXEMPTED BY THE DEPARTMENT IN CONSULTATION WITH THE LOCAL HEALTH OFFICER.

(4) (I) "MENTAL DISORDER" MEANS THE BEHAVIORAL AND OTHER SYMPTOMS WHICH TO A LAY PETITIONER SUBMITTING THE EMERGENCY PETITION INDICATE A CLEAR DISTURBANCE IN THE MENTAL FUNCTIONING OF ANOTHER PERSON, AND TO A PHYSICIAN OR CERTIFIED PSYCHOLOGIST CONDUCTING AN EXAMINATION INDICATE ONE OR MORE OF THE MENTAL DISORDERS DESCRIBED IN THE "DIAGNOSTIC AND STATISTICAL MANUAL - MENTAL DISORDERS" PUBLISHED PERIODICALLY BY THE AMERICAN PSYCHIATRIC ASSOCIATION.

(II) "MENTAL DISORDER" DOES NOT INCLUDE MENTAL RETARDATION.

(5) "PEACE OFFICER" MEANS A SHERIFF, STATE POLICE OFFICER, MUNICIPAL, OR OTHER LOCAL POLICE OFFICER.

(6) (I) "PETITION" MEANS A PETITION FOR THE EMERGENCY EVALUATION OF AN EMERGENCY EVALUEE. "PETITION" INCLUDES:

1. THE PETITIONER'S NAME, ADDRESS, AND HOME AND WORK TELEPHONE NUMBERS; AND