

At a _____ Part of the _____
Court of the State of New York, located at

New York, on the _____ day of _____,
_____.

P R E S E N T :

Hon. _____, Judge/Justice

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In the Matter of the Application of _____
_____, a Hospital Licensed or Operated
by the Office of Mental Health pursuant to the
Mental Hygiene Law,

Petitioner,

For an Order Authorizing Assisted Outpatient
Treatment

- for -

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
PURSUANT TO MENTAL
HYGIENE LAW § 9.60

Index No.

_____, Respondent.

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Upon reading and filing the annexed petition of _____, a hospital
licensed or operated by the Office of Mental Health pursuant to the Mental Hygiene Law, dated
_____, and the affirmation of _____, M.D.,
dated _____, and upon all papers and proceedings had herein,

(And it appearing to the court that good cause exists to schedule a hearing in this matter
more than three days after the filing of this petition, as otherwise required by Mental Hygiene
Law §9.60(h), because _____)

_____)

Let the respondent show cause before this Court at _____
on the ____ day of _____, ____ at _____ (a.m.)(p.m.), or as soon thereafter as
counsel can be heard,

WHY an Order should not be made authorizing and requiring assisted outpatient
treatment for the respondent in accordance the written treatment plan that is submitted to the
Court pursuant to Mental Hygiene Law §9.60(i);

SUFFICIENT CAUSE THEREFOR APPEARING, LET service of a copy of this Order
to Show Cause, together with the papers upon which it was granted, be made on or before _____
_____ upon (1) the respondent, _____, by personal service;
(2) the Mental Hygiene Legal Services, by overnight delivery service or, with its consent, by
facsimile transmission ; (3) _____, as the appropriate
Program Coordinator appointed pursuant to MHL §7.17(f), by overnight delivery service or,
with his/her consent, by facsimile transmission; and (4) _____,
the nearest relative of the respondent known to petitioner, and any other person designated
in writing by respondent pursuant to MHL § 9.29, by overnight delivery service; and (5) the
Director of Community Services for the City/County of _____ appointed
pursuant to Article 41 of the Mental Hygiene Law, by overnight delivery service or, with his/her
consent, by facsimile transmission, and be deemed good and sufficient service.

Judge/Justice

_____ Court of the State of New York
County of _____

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In the Matter of the Application of _____
_____, a Hospital Licensed or Operated
by the Office of Mental Health pursuant to the
Mental Hygiene Law,

Petitioner,

For an Order Authorizing Assisted Outpatient
Treatment

PETITION OF HOSPITAL
PURSUANT TO
MENTAL HYGINE LAW
§ 9.60
Index No.

- for -

_____, Respondent

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Petitioner _____, respectfully alleges that:

1. Petitioner _____ (herein the "petitioner" or "Hospital") is
a _____, and is organized and/or established under the laws of
the State of _____.

2. Petitioner makes this application to the Court for an assisted outpatient treatment
order for _____, the respondent, pursuant to MHL §9.60.

3. Upon information and belief, respondent is present in _____
County, having a current residence of _____

4. The respondent (has) (has not) provided information as to his/her nearest relative.
If respondent has provided this information, set forth that relative's name, address, and
relationship to the respondent: _____

5. The respondent (has) (has not) designated in writing other persons pursuant to MHL §9.29. If respondent has so designated other persons, set forth the names and addresses:

6. Upon information and belief, respondent suffers from _____, a mental illness as defined in MHL §1.03(20).

7. Attached hereto is the affirmation of _____, M.D., a physician who recently conducted, or attempted to conduct, a psychiatric examination of respondent. Upon information and belief, the statements made in that affirmation are true, and such statements are incorporated herein by reference. This petition is being submitted within ten (10) days of the examination described in the affirmation.

8. The respondent meets the following criteria set forth in Mental Hygiene Law §9.60(c):

i. The respondent is 18 years of age or older;

ii. The respondent is suffering from a mental illness;

iii. The respondent is unlikely to survive safely in the community without supervision, based on a clinical determination;

iv. The respondent has a history of lack of compliance with treatment for mental illness that (check applicable paragraph(s)):

[] (a) at least twice within the last 36 months has been a significant factor in necessitating hospitalization in a hospital, or receipt of services in a forensic or other mental health unit of a correctional facility or a local correctional facility, not including any period during which respondent was hospitalized or incarcerated immediately preceding the filing of

this petition; or

(b) has resulted in one or more acts of serious violent behavior toward self or others, or threats of, or attempts at, serious physical harm to self or others within the last 48 months, not including any period in which respondent was hospitalized or incarcerated immediately preceding the filing of this petition;

v. The respondent is, as a result of his/her mental illness, unlikely to participate voluntarily in the treatment recommended in the proposed treatment plan to be submitted to the Court;

vi. In view of the respondent's treatment history and current behavior, he/she is in need of assisted outpatient treatment in order to prevent a relapse or deterioration of his/her present mental status which would be likely to result in serious harm to the respondent or others as defined in section 9.01 of the Mental Hygiene Law; and

vii. The respondent will likely benefit from assisted outpatient treatment.

9. The basis for the allegation that the petitioner meets the criteria set forth in section 9.60(c) of the Mental Hygiene Law is (check applicable paragraph(s)):

the statements made in the attached physician's affirmation, which, upon information and belief, are true and are incorporated herein by reference

the following facts and circumstances (State basis for conclusion)

10. The relief requested herein is in the respondent's best interests, has been narrowly tailored to give substantive effect to his/her liberty interests, and is the least restrictive alternative form of treatment appropriate for the respondent.

11. It is requested that an order be issued requiring assisted outpatient treatment, as set forth in the proposed treatment plan that is submitted to the Court pursuant to MHL § 9.60(i), for a period of (Insert time period of up to one year) _____ .

12. The treatment recommended herein has been developed while taking into account any directions that may have been included in a health care proxy, as defined in Article 29-C of the Public Health Law, which has been executed by respondent.

13. No previous application for this relief requested has been made to this or any other Court except (Insert details of any previous applications) _____

WHEREFORE, it is respectfully requested that the Court order assisted outpatient treatment for respondent pursuant to the proposed treatment plan that is submitted to the Court.

Date: _____

Respectfully submitted,

Attorney for Petitioner
P.O. Address:

Tel. No.

VERIFICATION OF CORPORATION (DOMESTIC)

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss.:
COUNTY OF)

_____ , being duly sworn, deposes and says that (s)he is the
_____ of _____ , the above-named petitioner, which
is a corporation created under, and by virtue of the laws of the State of New York; (s)he has read
the foregoing petition and the same is true to the knowledge of the deponent except as to matters
therein stated to be alleged on information and belief, and as to those matters (s)he believes it to
be true.

Sworn to before me this _____
day of _____ , _____

Notary Public

_____ Court of the State of New York
County of _____
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In the Matter of the Application of _____
_____, a Hospital Licensed or Operated
by the Office of Mental Health pursuant to the
Mental Hygiene Law,

Petitioner,

For an Order Authorizing Assisted Outpatient
Treatment

PHYSICIAN'S
AFFIRMATION
FOLLOWING
EXAMINATION OF
RESPONDENT
PURSUANT TO MENTAL
HYGIENE LAW § 9.60

Index No.

- for -

_____, Respondent.

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STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss.:
COUNTY OF)

_____, M.D., affirms the following to be true under penalty of
perjury:

1. I am a physician licensed to practice medicine by the State of New York and I am
practicing (Insert specialties and nature of practice)_____ at

(Indicate service provider affiliation, if any, and location of practice) _____

_____. I make this affirmation in

support of the petition by _____ for an order

authorizing assisted outpatient treatment for the respondent in accordance with §9.60 of the

Mental Hygiene Law and the attached treatment plan.

2. I performed a psychiatric evaluation of _____, the respondent, on (Date must be no more than 10 days before date of Affirmation) _____, _____, and have had occasion to observe him/her.

3. Currently, the respondent is (State whether the respondent is receiving inpatient or outpatient services and location where services are delivered) _____
_____.

4. The respondent is at least 18 years of age. His/her diagnosis is _____
_____, a mental illness as defined in section 1.03(20) of the Mental Hygiene Law that is described in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders published by the American Psychiatric Association.

5. Based upon my clinical observations, the respondent is unlikely to survive safely in the community without supervision because: (Insert basis for conclusion)

_____.

6. (Complete applicable paragraph(s))

(a). As indicated below, the respondent has a history of lack of compliance with treatment that has necessitated hospitalization, or receipt of services in a forensic or mental health unit of a correctional facility or a local correctional facility, at least twice within the last 36 months, not including any period in which the respondent was hospitalized or incarcerated immediately preceding the filing of this petition: (Insert facts showing two hospitalizations or instances of services in a correctional setting) _____

(b). As indicated below, the respondent has a history of lack of compliance with treatment that has resulted in one or more acts of serious violent behavior toward self or others or threats of, or attempts at, serious physical harm to self or others, within the last 48 months, not including any period in which the respondent was hospitalized or incarcerated immediately preceding the filing of this petition: (State factual basis for conclusion)

7. Because of the respondent's mental illness and past failure to comply with treatment, it is my opinion that (s)he is unlikely to participate voluntarily in the treatment recommended for him/her.

8. In view of the respondent's treatment history and current behavior, (s)he is in need of assisted outpatient treatment in order to prevent a relapse or deterioration that would be likely to result in serious harm to the respondent or others. (State clinical basis for conclusion)

9. After consultation with the respondent and (If applicable, insert name of any significant individual designated by the respondent, such as a relative, close friend, or health care agent) _____, I recommend the following outpatient treatment for the respondent (List the services recommended for respondent): _____

10. The recommended treatment has been narrowly tailored taking into consideration all relevant information available for the respondent. I do not believe the respondent can be safely maintained under any less restrictive provision of services.

11. It is my opinion that the respondent will likely benefit from assisted outpatient treatment and that the recommended treatment is in the respondent's best interests. The recommended treatment may enhance the respondent's ability to remain out of an inpatient setting. In my opinion, without care and treatment on an outpatient basis, the respondent will deteriorate and once again require inpatient psychiatric hospitalization.

12. The recommended treatment includes care coordination in the form of (State form of coordination, e.g. Assertive Community Treatment team, intensive case management, or supportive case management) _____

13. An order should be issued requiring assisted outpatient treatment for the respondent, as set forth in the proposed treatment plan that is submitted to the Court pursuant to MHL § 9.60(i), for a period of (Insert time period of up to one year) _____

14. I (have)(have not) been appointed by the Director of Community Services to prepare the written treatment plan for submission to the court pursuant to section 9.60(i)(1) of the Mental Hygiene Law. If such an appointment has been made, the treatment recommended herein is also set forth in the attached treatment plan.

15. I am willing and able to testify at the hearing in this matter.

16. To my knowledge, no previous application for the relief requested has been made before this or any other Court, except: (Insert details of any previous applications) _____
_____.

WHEREFORE, your affirmant respectfully requests that the Court issue an order requiring assisted outpatient treatment for the respondent pursuant to the proposed treatment plan that is submitted to the Court.

Date: _____

At a _____ Part of the _____
Court of the State of New York, located at
_____, New York
on the _____ day of _____,
_____.

P R E S E N T:

HON. _____, Judge/Justice

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In the Matter of the Application of _____
_____, a Hospital Licensed or Operated
by the Office of Mental Health pursuant to the
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Petitioner,

For an Order Authorizing Assisted Outpatient
Treatment

FINAL ORDER AND
JUDGMENT PURSUANT
TO MENTAL HYGIENE
LAW § 9.60

Index No.

- for -

_____, Respondent.
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Upon reading and filing the petition of _____, a hospital licensed
or operated by the Office of Mental Health pursuant to the Mental Hygiene Law, verified the
_____ day of _____, _____, and the affirmation of _____
_____, M.D., signed the _____ day of _____, _____, and this matter
having come before the undersigned on the _____ day of _____, _____, and
the respondent, having been represented by _____, Esq. of
_____, and a hearing having been held before the
undersigned and testimony having been given therein by Dr. _____

(Add "and others" if more than one witness testified) _____.

And the Court having found by clear and convincing evidence that:

(a) the respondent meets the criteria for assisted outpatient treatment as set forth in Mental Hygiene Law section 9.60 (c), and

(b) the assisted outpatient treatment set forth below is the least restrictive treatment that is appropriate and feasible;

NOW, on motion of _____, Esq.,

It is hereby ORDERED AND ADJUDGED:

1. That respondent shall receive and accept assisted outpatient treatment for a period of (Insert duration of up to one year) _____ from the date of this order consisting of the treatment recommended in the attached treatment plan; and

2. That the Director of Community Services for the City/County of _____, which is the City/County where the petitioner is currently present, shall provide and/or arrange for all the categories of service to respondent that are recommended in the attached treatment plan for the duration of this order and judgment.

3. All providers listed on the annexed treatment plan, including providers overseen by the Office of Addiction Services and Support (OASAS) and the Office of Persons with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD) shall submit, to the Director of Community Services or his/her designee, weekly reports of respondent's compliance with his/her court-ordered plan for the duration of this order and judgment in accordance with Mental Hygiene Law §33.13(c)(12).

ENTER

Judge/Justice

TREATMENT PLAN UNDER MENTAL HYGIENE LAW §9.60¹

Respondent's/Patient's name _____

Physician who developed treatment plan _____

Physician's employer _____

Physician's business address _____

Date of examination _____

PLEASE COMPLETE PARTS A, B, C AND D.

A. In preparing a treatment plan, the respondent must be given an opportunity to actively participate in developing the plan. In addition, upon the request of the respondent, an individual significant to respondent (e.g. a relative, close friend, or health care agent) may participate in developing the plan. List the name(s) of any individual(s) in addition to the respondent who participated in the development of this treatment plan, or indicate "none":

B. Will medication be included as a category of service on this treatment plan? _____

If yes, the MEDICATION WORKSHEET must be completed and attached.

¹Section 9.60(a)(1) of the Mental Hygiene Law (MHL) mandates case management/care coordination for any person ordered by the court to receive assisted outpatient treatment, and authorizes the court to order the following categories of service as recommended by a physician:

- Medication
- Periodic blood tests or urinalysis to determine compliance with prescribed medications
- Individual or group therapy
- Day or partial day programming activities
- Educational and vocational training or activities
- Alcohol or substance abuse treatment and counseling, and periodic tests for the presence of alcohol or illegal drugs
- Supervision of living arrangements
- Any other services prescribed to treat the person's mental illness and to assist the person in living and functioning in the community, or to attempt to prevent a relapse or deterioration that may reasonably be predicted to result in suicide or the need for hospitalization.

C. Will alcohol or substance abuse counseling and treatment be included as a category of service? _____ If yes, the ALCOHOL/SUBSTANCE ABUSE WORKSHEET must be completed and attached. [Note: Blood tests or urinalysis for the presence of alcohol or illegal drugs shall be subject to review after six months by this physician (or another physician designated by the Director), and such physician shall be authorized to terminate such blood tests or urinalysis without further action by the court.]

D. For all categories of service other than medication and alcohol or substance abuse counseling and treatment, please list the category of service, a brief description of the service recommended, and the name, address, telephone number and contact person of the program providing the service. (The description of services should be detailed, e.g. "day or partial day programming activities" should indicate particular services which will be provided, such as anger management, medication education group, group therapy, etc. Add additional sheets of paper if necessary.)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

Physician's Signature

Date

MEDICATION WORKSHEET

Respondent's/Patient's name _____ Date of birth _____

Physician who developed treatment plan _____

Date of treatment plan _____

1. List the types or classes of medications recommended (e.g., antipsychotics, antidepressants, mood stabilizers, anxiolytics, antiparkinsonians) _____

2. List each medication recommended, the dosage, frequency, and route you anticipate prescribing, and whether self-administration or administration by authorized personnel is recommended for each medication. Whenever possible, indicate contingencies/medication alternatives (e.g., if X medication is prescribed, but is determined to be ineffective after a specified trial period, Y medication will be initiated in its place).

(a) Medication: _____

Class: _____

Dosage Range/Frequency: _____

Route: _____

Administration: _____

Contingencies: _____

(b) Medication: _____

Class: _____

Dosage Range/Frequency: _____

Route: _____

Administration: _____

Contingencies: _____

(c) Medication: _____

Class: _____

Dosage Range/Frequency: _____

Route: _____

Administration: _____

Contingencies: _____

(d) Medication: _____

Class: _____

Dosage Range/Frequency: _____

Route: _____

Administration: _____

Contingencies: _____

(e) Medication: _____

Class: _____

Dosage Range/Frequency: _____

Route: _____

Administration: _____

Contingencies: _____

3. Briefly describe the beneficial and detrimental physical and mental effects of each medication.

4. Have the beneficial and detrimental physical and mental effects of each medication been discussed with the respondent/patient (and the respondent's relative, close friend, or health care agent, if applicable)? _____ If not, please explain:

5. Will the medication(s) listed above be likely to provide maximum benefit to this respondent/patient? _____ If not, are there other medications which would likely provide maximum benefit to this respondent/patient? _____ If so, explain why they are not recommended here:

Physician's Signature

Date

ALCOHOL/SUBSTANCE ABUSE WORKSHEET

Respondent's/Patient's name _____ Date of birth _____

Physician who developed treatment plan _____

Date of treatment plan _____

1. List the respondent's/patient's alcohol abuse and or substance abuse diagnosis(es): _____

2. What treatments and/or counseling to address alcohol and/or substance abuse are recommended for this respondent/patient?

	TYPE OF SERVICE	FREQUENCY/DURATION	SERVICE PROVIDER
a)	_____	_____	_____
b)	_____	_____	_____
c)	_____	_____	_____
d)	_____	_____	_____
e)	_____	_____	_____

3. If alcohol testing (blood level and/or breathalyser) is recommended:

a) Does this respondent/patient have a history of alcohol abuse that is clinically related to his/her mental illness? _____ If yes, state facts which support this conclusion:

b) Is such testing necessary to prevent a relapse or deterioration that would be likely to result in serious harm to self or others? _____ If yes, state facts which support this conclusion:

4. If testing for illegal substances (blood or urinalysis) is recommended:

a) Does this respondent/patient have a history of substance abuse that is clinically related to his/her mental illness? _____ If yes, state facts which support this conclusion:

b) Is such testing necessary to prevent a relapse or deterioration that would be likely to result in serious harm to self or others? _____ If yes, state facts which support this conclusion:

[Note: Blood tests or urinalysis for the presence of alcohol or illegal drugs shall be subject to review after six months by this physician (or another physician designated by the Director) and such physician shall be authorized to terminate such blood tests or urinalysis without further action by the court.]

Physician's Signature

Date