

Overview – Filing a Petition for Involuntary Admission or a Petition for Renewal of Involuntary Admission under RSA 135-C

General Information:

A Petition for Involuntary (Non-Emergency) Admission 135-C is filed in the Probate Division of the NH Circuit Court when a person has been examined by a medical professional and found to be of such mental condition, as a result of mental illness, as to create a potentially serious likelihood of danger to themselves or others. The petition includes a recommendation that the person (identified as the respondent in the case) be admitted on an involuntary basis to a designated receiving facility for psychiatric treatment. This admission can last for up to five years.

The person or agency that files the case is called the Petitioner.

“Respondent” is the term used to refer to the person who the Petitioner seeks to admit (or who has been admitted) for psychiatric treatment.

A petition requesting for additional treatment beyond the initial admission order is called a Petition for Renewal of Involuntary Admission. The process is the same as an original Petition for Involuntary Admission.

Other Details:

Hearings in most 135-C Involuntary Admission cases take place in the courtroom in the New Hampshire Hospital under the jurisdiction of the 6th Circuit Probate Division-Concord. These hearings take place soon after the petition is filed, and parties to the case will receive a copy of the Petition with an Initial Court Order along with the Notice of Hearing. This information will include the name of the court appointed attorney for the Respondent, and the name of the independent Psychiatrist who will evaluate the Respondent prior to the hearing.

There is no filing fee for this case type.

Other Helpful Resources:

RSA:

RSA 135-C

Form(s):

Petition for Involuntary Admission (**NHJB-2818-Pe**)

Petition for Renewal of Involuntary Admission (**NHJB-2649-Pe**)

Checklist:

Checklist - Involuntary Admission 135-C

What to Expect:

After You File a Petition for Involuntary Admission (NH RSA 135-C) (original or renewal)

For Further Information:

If you have questions, please contact the Information Center at 1-855-212-1234