Vermont Process for Involuntary Commitment and Involuntary Medication

Phase

Outpatient Services

Individual Identified as "A person in need of treatment."

Application for Emergency Examination ("First Paper")

- Application by "Interested Party" Form MH-11 and MH11A
- Physician's Certificate Form MH-11B and MH11C

Law allows for "**a physician**" although the form indicates a psychiatrist

Bed Search

Contact DMH

Acceptance of the patient for inpatient admission by a receiving hospital

Transport to a Designated Hospital

Inpatient Services / Committment

Patient Admitted to a DH Inpatient Unit

Application for Emergency Examination – Continued ("2nd Paper")
Must be completed by a **psychiatrist**

- Physician's Certificate Form MH-11D and MH11E

Must be done by the end of the **"next business day."**

Application Involuntary Treatment
Must be completed by a **psychiatrist**

- Application for Involuntary Treatment

Must be filed with the court within **72-hours** of completion of form MH-11E

Probable Cause (now optional)

Mandatory Probable Cause Review (proposed)

Expedited Hearing for Cause 10 days from filing (proposed)

Judicial Hearing on AIT Application **20 Days from filing**

Judicial Ruling on AIT **Usually within 3 Days** but not defined

Inpatient Services / Involuntary Meds

Application for Non-Emergency Involuntary Medication
Must be completed by a **psychiatrist**

- Application for Non-Emergency Involuntary Medication

~~Cannot be filed until **after final ruling on the AIT**~~

May be filed with AIT

Judicial hearing on Involuntary Med Application

No set timeframe

Judicial Review of Involuntary Med Application

No Set timeframe

~~**Automatic**~~ Patient May Request **Stay** pending Supreme Court appeal decision

~~**Automatic**~~ Patient May Request **30-Day Stay** on implementation of order pending decision to appeal by patient

Patient receives Medication