





**PHYSICIAN'S CERTIFICATE**  
**EMERGENCY EXAM**

**NOTE TO PHYSICIAN:**

**If you are considering the proposed patient's admission to a 72 hour hold program: To complete this form you must be a board certified or board eligible psychiatrist, a resident in psychiatry: **ONLY THESE PHYSICIANS MAY ADMIT PROPOSED PATIENTS TO THE 72 HOUR HOLD PROGRAM.****

**If you are considering the proposed patient's admission to Vermont State Hospital: To complete this form you must be a board certified or board eligible psychiatrist, a resident in psychiatry, or a licensed physician designated by the Commissioner of Developmental and Mental Health Services as appropriate to complete Physician' Certificates. Complete Sections I and II.**

**SECTION I**

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that I am a (*please circle one*) board certified psychiatrist / board eligible psychiatrist / resident in psychiatry/physician designated by Commissioner of Developmental and Mental Health Services as qualified to complete Physician's Certificate. I further state that I am duly licensed to practice medicine in the State of Vermont and I have made careful examination of the mental condition of

\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_  
(NAME) (ADDRESS)

in the County of \_\_\_\_\_, State of Vermont, and that I am of the opinion that **he/she** is a mentally ill person in need of treatment. The following information concerning the proposed patient and **his or her** family is submitted:

DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_ SEX: \_\_\_\_\_

MARITAL STATUS---Single, Married, Domestic Partner, Divorced, Separated, Widowed, Unknown (Circle One)

NAME AND ADDRESS OF SPOUSE/PARTNER, If any \_\_\_\_\_  
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Can the patient speak and understand English? \_\_\_\_\_ If not, what language? \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF FATHER: \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
(If deceased, so state)

MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER: \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
(If deceased, so state \_\_\_\_\_)

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**SECTION I**  
(Continued)

1. The following data (A-D) is not required but should be provided if appropriate and available.

(A) Alien Registration No: \_\_\_\_\_ (B) V.A. Claim No: \_\_\_\_\_

(C) Medicare No: \_\_\_\_\_ (D) Medicaid No: \_\_\_\_\_

2. How long have you known the patient? \_\_\_\_\_

3. Does the patient have any serious physical illness? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, describe \_\_\_\_\_

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4. Has the patient been physically injured in the recent past? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, when, how and to what extent \_\_\_\_\_

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5. List current medications and any drug sensitivities \_\_\_\_\_

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6. Full name and address of guardian, if any, nearest relative or friend \_\_\_\_\_

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Relationship to/interest in patient \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION II**  
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In my opinion this patient \_\_\_\_\_ is (A) not only mentally ill, but  
(NAME)

(B) poses a danger of harm to him/herself or others and (C) should immediately be admitted to a designated hospital for an emergency examination. I believe the patient meets all three of the above criteria and base this opinion on the facts outlined below. (NOTE: For each of these three criteria, it is required that the physician identify separately facts observed by him or her and those reliably reported to him or her by others. In each case the source must be identified.)

7. What facts have been observed by yourself and/or reliably reported to you which lead you to believe that the patient is mentally ill? What did the patient say? What did the patient do?

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Tentative Diagnosis \_\_\_\_\_

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8. What facts have been observed by yourself and/or reliably reported to you which lead you to believe that as a result of the mental illness the patient poses a danger of harm to him/herself or others? What did the patient say or do? To whom specifically and in what way is the patient a danger?

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9. It is the obligation of the certifying physician to consider available alternative forms of care and treatment for the person's needs, without requiring hospitalization. List all steps taken in exploring alternative forms or care and treatment. (NOTE: Discussing available alternatives with a representative of an authorized screening agency may assist the physician in complying with this requirement. Screeners can be contacted twenty-four hours a day. For a current listing of the designated screening agents, call the Admissions Office at the Vermont State Hospital, telephone number 802-241-3054)

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10. What medications or treatments were administered prior to transporting the patient to the hospital for an emergency examination?

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Time administered \_\_\_\_\_ AM \_\_\_\_\_ PM

11. Name of person in the hospital Admissions Office (802-241-3054) you have spoken to.

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Signed under the penalties of perjury  
pursuant to 18 V.S.A. Section 7612(e)(1)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Examination

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Physician

\_\_\_\_\_  
Time of Examination

\_\_\_\_\_  
Please Print or Type Physician's Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Physician's Address

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Physician's Telephone Number

**PHYSICIAN'S NOTE:** The Application Form and Sections I and II of the Physician's Certificate must accompany the patient to the hospital for an emergency examination. When these forms are completed, the patient may be transported to the hospital.

**I hereby waive any right I have to receive a copy of the notice of hearing from the Court pursuant to 18 V.S.A. §7613. I understand that despite this waiver I may be called to testify at a hearing involving the above named proposed patient.**

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Signature