

Proposed changes to youth mental health crisis process in 433A

1. **NRS 433A.150 Detention for evaluation, observation and treatment; limitation on time.**

1. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a person alleged to be a person in a mental health crisis may, upon application pursuant to [NRS 433A.160](#) and subject to the provisions of subsection 2, be detained in a public or private mental health facility or hospital under an emergency admission for evaluation, observation and treatment, regardless of whether any parent or legal guardian of the person has consented to the ~~admission~~ [mental health crisis hold](#).

2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, a person detained pursuant to subsection 1 must be released within 72 hours, including weekends and holidays, after the application for emergency admission or any part of such an application is made pursuant to [NRS 433A.160](#) unless, before the close of the business day on which the 72 hours expires [unless](#):

- a. a written petition for an involuntary court-ordered admission to a mental health facility is filed with the clerk of the district court pursuant to [NRS 433A.200](#), including, without limitation, the documents required pursuant to [NRS 433A.210](#); or
- b. [the child is in the custody of an agency which provides child welfare services as defined by NRS 432B.030](#); or
- c. the status of the person is changed to a voluntary admission.

3. If the period specified in subsection 2 expires on a day on which the office of the clerk of the district court is not open, the written petition must be filed on or before the close of the business day next following the expiration of that period.

2. Procedure for release to parent. *A licensed physician on the medical staff of the facility or hospital, a physician assistant under the supervision of a psychiatrist, psychologist, a clinical social worker who has the psychiatric training and experience prescribed by the Board of Examiners for Social Workers pursuant to [NRS 641B.160](#) or an advanced practice registered nurse who has the psychiatric training and experience prescribed by the State Board of Nursing pursuant to [NRS 632.120](#) may release a child on a mental health crisis hold if a parent consents to treatment or the child is released to the parent.*

3. NRS 433A.185 Notice of admission for person who is under 18 years of age. As soon as practicable but not more than 24 hours after [the initiation of a mental health crisis hold](#) ~~the emergency admission~~ of a person alleged to be a person in a mental health crisis who is under 18 years of age the administrative officer of the public or private mental health facility shall give notice of such admission in person, by telephone or facsimile and by certified mail to the parent or legal guardian of that person.