



Bulletin Title: Provider Responsibilities for Committed Outpatient Consumers

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The purpose of this bulletin is to clarify provider responsibilities for consumers who are outpatient committed pursuant to the Ervin Act, D.C. Official Code §§ 21-501 et seq. (2025); Department of Behavioral Health Establishment Act of 2013, D.C. Code §§ 7-1141.01 et seq.; and Title 22-A, District of Columbia Municipal Regulations (DCMR).

DBH providers receiving civilly committed outpatient consumers must closely monitor and report on consumers in accordance with the Court's commitment order. At a minimum, providers must:

- (1) Closely read the consumer's commitment order and ensure that both the provider and consumer are adhering to all requirements of the court order;
- (2) Meet applicable Title 22-A, DCMR Chapter 34 requirements for providing MHRS services to consumers; and
- (3) Contact DBH, DBH's Office of General Counsel (OGC), and the DC Office of the Attorney General (OAG) as soon as there are known issues with consumers civilly committed to outpatient treatment, or if the provider or consumer can no longer meet the requirements of the commitment order. Notifying DBH allows for expedient consultation with OGC and OAG, and any other interested parties to assist the provider(s) with making decisions quickly.

For more information on provider responsibilities regarding consumers committed to outpatient treatment, please review the below resources:

[DBH Policy 200.2B: Continuity of Care Practice Guidelines for Adult Mental Health Providers](#)

[DBH Policy 303.3: Converting Civilly Committed Consumers to Voluntary Status](#)

[DBH Policy 303.5: DBH Outpatient Forensic Review Board](#)

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