

**From:** Court Forms Info  
**To:** Dan Jakeway  
**Subject:** Re: PCM 201 In Dire Need of Modification

Thank you. Your suggestion/concern will be put on file for consideration by the forms committee at its September 2009 meeting.

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To Whom it May Concern,

The vast majority of civil commitments to psychiatric hospitals are not executed correctly because court staff, hospital staff, and DCH don't understand the thick, opaque Mental Health Code (MCL 300). The Petition / Application for Hospitalization, PCM 201, needs to be updated post haste.

The hospitals, the courts, and DCH are unaware that the Petition segment of the form is intended only to Assert to a court that a person is defined as requiring treatment. The petition portion is NOT for authorizing the hospitalization. The application, which is appended to the petition, is intended for this purpose.

The form needs to be updated immediately to bring awareness to the distinct difference between Admission by Petition and Admission by Medical Certification (Chapter 4 of the Mental Health Code). Admission by Medical Certification that occurs for Voluntary recipients of health services requires a Notice of Hospitalization be filed on the date of VOLUNTARY admission, but the vast majority of Hospitals, Courts, and CMHSPs are ignorant of this and simply don't notify the courts of Admission by Medical Certification in a Formal Voluntary process.

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