

**SERVING AS ASSIGNED COUNSEL  
IN WAYNE COUNTY PROBATE COURT PROCEEDINGS FOR  
REQUESTS FOR ASSISTED OUTPATIENT TREATMENT *ONLY***

Persons can file a petition for treatment under the Mental Health Code requesting that the individual be ordered to participate in Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) (i.e., alternative) only. Pursuant to changes to the Mental Health Code effective March 28, 2019, the term alternative treatment has been replaced by AOT throughout the statute. An AOT *only* petition is a request that the person only receive outpatient treatment—no hospitalization. The separate definition for finding an individual meets the AOT criteria has been eliminated; for AOT Only orders, the individual must be found to be a person requiring treatment under the same standards as any other person who is the subject of a mental health petition.

**Procedure**

1. Petitioner will complete and file form PCM 201, Petition for Mental Health Treatment, with the BHU by email, fax, mail, or in person at Room 902 of the Coleman A. Young Municipal Center. They will check the box indicating that AOT (without hospitalization) is the sole treatment option sought.
2. The Petitioner will be referred to their local Community Mental Health Agency (CMH). A call will be placed from the Behavioral Health Unit to the local CMH agency to alert the appropriate person that a referral has been made for the completion of the clinical certification/plan of service form. (CMH will provide a history of hospitalizations and information to support petition criteria, where possible.)
3. **Appointment of an attorney.** Behavioral Health Unit will contact the judge's office regarding the petition and the need for an attorney to be appointed to represent the subject of the petition.
4. It is strongly suggested that the appointed attorney request mediation of the AOT only petition. They should email: [behavioralhealth@mediation-omc.org](mailto:behavioralhealth@mediation-omc.org) and copy [BHUMgr@wcpc.us](mailto:BHUMgr@wcpc.us).
5. The petition will be set for hearing on an MI docket that will be conducted after the filing of the AOT petition, allowing adequate time for the attorney to locate and serve the respondent.
6. The petitioner will be notified and served the petition and hearing notice by the attorney.