

STATE OF WISCONSIN
Department of Health and Family Services
Division of Long Term Care and
Division of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services

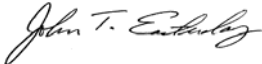
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Index Title: County reporting of court orders
for involuntary administration of
psychotropic medications issued
under Section 55.14, Wis. Stats.

Symptoms

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For: County Department of Community Program Directors
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Subject: Protective Placements - Requirements of § 55.14(11), Stats.

Document Summary

The Legislature recently rewrote Ch. 55, Wis. Stats., regarding the Protective Services System. It amended Section 55.14 on the involuntary Administration of psychotropic medications. Such medications may only be administered involuntarily upon the consent of the guardian, with a court order that meets the requirements of that section of the law. Subsection 55.14(11) requires county departments or the agencies it contracts with to provide a copy of any such court order to the department. This memo informs the counties where to send such copies.

Whenever a court order is issued under Section 55.14(8), as reflected in § 55.14(2), the county department or any agency with which it contracts, shall provide a copy of said order to the department within a reasonable amount of time after receiving it from the court. The copy must be mailed to:

Supervisor, Client Rights Office
Division of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services
PO Box 7851
Madison, WI 53707-7851

The county departments shall be responsible for ensuring compliance with this requirement by all agencies with which they contract.

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