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AN ACT to amend the mental hygiene law and the correction law, in relation to enhancing the assisted outpatient treatment program; and to amend Kendra's Law, in relation to making the provisions thereof permanent

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Paragraph 2 of subdivision (f) of section 7.17 of the mental hygiene law, as amended by chapter 158 of the laws of 2005, is amended to read as follows:

(2) The oversight and monitoring role of the program coordinator of the assisted outpatient treatment program shall include each of the following:

(i) that each assisted outpatient receives the treatment provided for in the court order issued pursuant to section 9.60 of this ~~chapter~~ title;

(ii) that existing services located in the assisted outpatient's community are utilized whenever practicable;

(iii) that a case manager or assertive community treatment team is designated for each assisted outpatient;

(iv) that a mechanism exists for such case manager, or assertive community treatment team, to regularly report the assisted outpatient's

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 compliance, or lack of compliance with treatment, to the director of the
2 assisted outpatient treatment program;

3 (v) that directors of community services establish procedures [~~which~~]
4 that provide that reports of persons who may be in need of assisted
5 outpatient treatment are appropriately investigated in a timely manner;
6 [~~and~~]

7 (vi) that assisted outpatient treatment services are delivered in a
8 timely manner[~~+~~];

9 (vii) that, prior to the expiration of assisted outpatient treatment
10 orders, the clinical needs of assisted outpatients are adequately
11 reviewed in determining the need to petition for continued assisted
12 outpatient treatment pursuant to subdivision (m) of section 9.60 of this
13 title;

14 (viii) that the appropriate director is determined for each assisted
15 outpatient, pursuant to subdivisions (k) and (l) of section 9.60 of this
16 title; and

17 (ix) that the office fulfills its duties pursuant to subdivision (t)
18 of section 9.60 of this title to meet local needs for training of judges
19 and court personnel.

20 § 2. Subdivision (f) of section 7.17 of the mental hygiene law is
21 amended by adding a new paragraph 5 to read as follows:

22 (5) The commissioner shall develop an educational pamphlet on the
23 process of petitioning for assisted outpatient treatment for dissem-
24 ination to individuals seeking to submit reports of persons who may be
25 in need of assisted outpatient treatment, and individuals seeking to
26 file a petition pursuant to subparagraph (i) or (ii) of paragraph one of
27 subdivision (f) of section 9.60 of this title. Such pamphlet shall set
28 forth, in plain language: the criteria for assisted outpatient treat-
29 ment, resources available to such individuals, the responsibilities of
30 program coordinators and directors of community services, a summary of
31 current law, the process for petitioning for continued assisted outpa-
32 tient treatment, and other such information the commissioner determines
33 to be pertinent.

34 § 3. Subdivision (b) of section 9.47 of the mental hygiene law, as
35 amended by chapter 158 of the laws of 2005, paragraphs 5 and 6 as added
36 and paragraph 7 as renumbered by chapter 1 of the laws of 2013, is
37 amended to read as follows:

38 (b) All directors of community services shall be responsible for:

39 (1) receiving reports of persons who may be in need of assisted outpa-
40 tient treatment pursuant to section 9.60 of this article and documenting
41 the receipt date of such reports;

42 (2) conducting timely investigations of such reports received pursuant
43 to paragraph one of this subdivision and providing written notice upon
44 the completion of investigations to reporting persons and program coor-
45 dinators, appointed by the commissioner [~~of mental health~~] pursuant to
46 subdivision (f) of section 7.17 of this title, and documenting the
47 initiation and completion dates of such investigations and the disposi-
48 tions;

49 (3) filing of petitions for assisted outpatient treatment pursuant to
50 [~~paragraph~~] subparagraph (vii) of paragraph one of subdivision [~~(e)~~] (f)
51 of section 9.60 of this article, and documenting the petition filing
52 [~~date~~] dates and the [~~date~~] dates of the court [~~order~~] orders;

53 (4) coordinating the timely delivery of court ordered services with
54 program coordinators and documenting the date assisted outpatients begin
55 to receive the services mandated in the court order; [~~and~~]

(5) ensuring evaluation of the need for ongoing assisted outpatient treatment pursuant to subdivision ~~[(k)]~~ (m) of section 9.60 of this article prior to the expiration of any assisted outpatient treatment order;

(6) if he or she has been ordered to provide for or arrange for assisted outpatient treatment pursuant to paragraph five of subdivision ~~[(k)]~~ (k) of section 9.60 of this article or became the appropriate director pursuant to this paragraph or subdivision (c) of section 9.48 of this article, notifying the director of community services of the new county of residence when he or she has reason to believe that an assisted outpatient has or will change his or her county of residence during the pendency of an assisted outpatient treatment order. Upon such change of residence, the director of the new county of residence shall become the appropriate director, as such term is defined in section 9.60 of this article; ~~[and]~~

(7) notifying program coordinators when assisted outpatients cannot be located after reasonable efforts or are believed to have taken residence outside of the local governmental unit served; and

(8) reporting on a quarterly basis to program coordinators the information collected pursuant to this subdivision.

§ 4. Paragraphs (viii) and (ix) of subdivision (b) of section 9.48 of the mental hygiene law are renumbered paragraphs (ix) and (x) and a new paragraph (viii) is added to read as follows:

(viii) an account of any court order expiration, including but not limited to the director's determination as to whether to petition for continued assisted outpatient treatment, pursuant to section 9.60 of this article, the basis for such determination, and the disposition of any such petition;

§ 5. Section 9.60 of the mental hygiene law, as amended by chapter 158 of the laws of 2005, paragraph 1 of subdivision (a) as amended by section 1 of part E of chapter 111 of the laws of 2010, paragraph 3 of subdivision (a), paragraphs 2 and 5 of subdivision (j), and subdivisions (k) and (n) as amended by chapter 1 of the laws of 2013, paragraph 5 of subdivision (c) as amended by chapter 137 of the laws of 2005, paragraph 4 of subdivision (e) as amended by chapter 382 of the laws of 2015, is amended to read as follows:

§ 9.60 Assisted outpatient treatment.

(a) Definitions. For purposes of this section, the following definitions shall apply:

(1) "assisted outpatient treatment" shall mean categories of outpatient services ~~[which]~~ that have been ordered by the court pursuant to this section. Such treatment shall include case management services or assertive community treatment team services to provide care coordination, and may also include any of the following categories of services: medication support; medication education or symptom management education; periodic blood tests or urinalysis to determine compliance with prescribed medications; individual or group therapy; day or partial day programming activities; educational and vocational training or activities; appointment of a representative payee or other financial management services, subject to final approval of the Social Security Administration, where applicable; alcohol or substance abuse treatment and counseling and periodic or random tests for the presence of alcohol or illegal drugs for persons with a history of alcohol or substance abuse; supervision of living arrangements; and any other services within a local services plan developed pursuant to article forty-one of this chapter, clinical or non-clinical, prescribed to treat the person's

1 mental illness and to assist the person in living and functioning in the
2 community, or to attempt to prevent a relapse or deterioration that may
3 reasonably be predicted to result in ~~[suicide]~~ serious physical harm to
4 any person or the need for hospitalization.

5 (2) "director" shall mean the director of community services of a
6 local governmental unit, or the director of a hospital licensed or oper-
7 ated by the office of mental health which operates, directs and super-
8 vises an assisted outpatient treatment program.

9 (3) "director of community services" and "local governmental unit"
10 shall have the same meanings as provided in article forty-one of this
11 chapter. The "appropriate director" shall mean the director of community
12 services of the county where the assisted outpatient resides, even if it
13 is a different county than the county where the assisted outpatient
14 treatment order was originally issued.

15 (4) "assisted outpatient treatment program" shall mean a system to
16 arrange for and coordinate the provision of assisted outpatient treat-
17 ment, to monitor treatment compliance by assisted outpatients, to evalu-
18 ate the condition or needs of assisted outpatients, to take appropriate
19 steps to address the needs of such individuals, and to ensure compliance
20 with court orders.

21 (5) "assisted outpatient" shall mean the person under a court order to
22 receive assisted outpatient treatment.

23 (6) "subject of the petition" or "subject" shall mean the person who
24 is alleged in a petition, filed pursuant to the provisions of this
25 section, to meet the criteria for assisted outpatient treatment.

26 (7) "correctional facility" and "local correctional facility" shall
27 have the same meanings as provided in section two of the correction law.

28 (8) "health care proxy" and "health care agent" shall have the same
29 meanings as provided in article twenty-nine-C of the public health law.

30 (9) "program coordinator" shall mean an individual appointed by the
31 commissioner ~~[of mental health]~~, pursuant to subdivision (f) of section
32 7.17 of this chapter, who is responsible for the oversight and monitor-
33 ing of assisted outpatient treatment programs.

34 (b) Programs. The director of community services of each local govern-
35 mental unit shall operate, direct and supervise an assisted outpatient
36 treatment program. The director of a hospital licensed or operated by
37 the office ~~[of mental health]~~ may operate, direct and supervise an
38 assisted outpatient treatment program, upon approval by the commission-
39 er. Directors of community services shall be permitted to satisfy the
40 provisions of this subdivision through the operation of joint assisted
41 outpatient treatment programs. Nothing in this subdivision shall be
42 interpreted to preclude the combination or coordination of efforts
43 between and among local governmental units and hospitals in providing
44 and coordinating assisted outpatient treatment.

45 (c) Criteria. A person may be ordered to receive assisted outpatient
46 treatment if the court finds that such person:

47 (1) is eighteen years of age or older; and

48 (2) is suffering from a mental illness; and

49 (3) is unlikely to survive safely in the community without super-
50 vision, based on a clinical determination; and

51 (4) has a history of lack of compliance with treatment for mental
52 illness that has:

53 (i) ~~[prior to the filing of the petition,]~~ at least twice within the
54 ~~[last]~~ thirty-six months prior to the filing of the petition been a
55 significant factor in necessitating hospitalization in a hospital, or
56 receipt of services in a forensic or other mental health unit of a

1 correctional facility or a local correctional facility[~~, not including~~];
2 provided that such thirty-six month period shall be extended by the
3 length of any current period[~~, or period ending~~] of hospitalization or
4 incarceration, and any such period that ended within the last six
5 months[~~, during which the person was or is hospitalized or incarcerated~~
6 ~~ed~~]; or

7 (ii) within forty-eight months prior to the filing of the petition,
8 resulted in one or more acts of serious violent behavior toward self or
9 others or threats of, or attempts at, serious physical harm to self or
10 others [~~within the last forty-eight months, not including~~]; provided
11 that such forty-eight month period shall be extended by the length of
12 any current period[~~, or period ending~~] of hospitalization or incarceration,
13 and any such period that ended within the last six months[~~, in~~
14 ~~which the person was or is hospitalized or incarcerated~~]; and

15 (5) is, as a result of his or her mental illness, unlikely to volun-
16 tarily participate in outpatient treatment that would enable him or her
17 to live safely in the community; and

18 (6) in view of his or her treatment history and current behavior, is
19 in need of assisted outpatient treatment in order to prevent a relapse
20 or deterioration which would be likely to result in serious harm to the
21 person or others as defined in section 9.01 of this article; and

22 (7) is likely to benefit from assisted outpatient treatment.

23 (d) Health care proxy. Nothing in this section shall preclude a person
24 with a health care proxy from being subject to a petition pursuant to
25 this chapter and consistent with article twenty-nine-C of the public
26 health law.

27 (e) Investigation of reports. The commissioner shall promulgate regu-
28 lations establishing a procedure to ensure that reports of a person who
29 may be in need of assisted outpatient treatment, including those
30 received from family and community members of such person, are investi-
31 gated in a timely manner and, where appropriate, result in the filing of
32 petitions for assisted outpatient treatment.

33 (f) Petition to the court. (1) A petition for an order authorizing
34 assisted outpatient treatment may be filed in the supreme or county
35 court in the county in which the subject of the petition is present or
36 reasonably believed to be present. When a director of community
37 services has reason to believe that an assisted outpatient has changed
38 his or her county of residence, future petitions and applications under
39 this section may be filed in the supreme or county court in the new
40 county of residence, which shall have concurrent jurisdiction with the
41 court that initially ordered such treatment. Such petition may be initi-
42 ated only by the following persons:

43 (i) any person eighteen years of age or older with whom the subject of
44 the petition resides; or

45 (ii) the parent, spouse, sibling eighteen years of age or older, or
46 child eighteen years of age or older of the subject of the petition; or

47 (iii) the director of a hospital in which the subject of the petition
48 is hospitalized, or pursuant to section four hundred four of the
49 correction law; or

50 (iv) the director of any public or charitable organization, agency or
51 home providing mental health services to the subject of the petition or
52 in whose institution the subject of the petition resides; or

53 (v) a qualified psychiatrist who is either supervising the treatment
54 of or treating the subject of the petition for a mental illness; or

55 (vi) a psychologist, licensed pursuant to article one hundred fifty-
56 three of the education law, or a social worker, licensed pursuant to

1 article one hundred fifty-four of the education law, who is treating the
2 subject of the petition for a mental illness; or

3 (vii) the director of community services, or his or her designee, or
4 the social services official, as defined in the social services law, of
5 the city or county in which the subject of the petition is present or
6 reasonably believed to be present; or

7 (viii) a parole officer or probation officer assigned to supervise the
8 subject of the petition~~[-]~~; or

9 (ix) the director of the hospital or the superintendent of a correc-
10 tional facility in which the subject of the petition is imprisoned,
11 pursuant to section four hundred four of the correction law.

12 (2) The commissioner shall promulgate regulations pursuant to which
13 persons initiating a petition, pursuant to subparagraphs (i) and (ii) of
14 paragraph one of this subdivision, may receive assistance in filing such
15 petitions, where appropriate, as determined pursuant to subdivision (e)
16 of this section.

17 (3) The petition shall state:

18 (i) each of the criteria for assisted outpatient treatment as set
19 forth in subdivision (c) of this section;

20 (ii) facts which support the petitioner's belief that the subject of
21 the petition meets each criterion, provided that the hearing on the
22 petition need not be limited to the stated facts; and

23 (iii) that the subject of the petition is present, or is reasonably
24 believed to be present, within the county where such petition is filed.

25 ~~[(3)]~~ (4) The petition shall be accompanied by an affirmation or affi-
26 davit of a physician, who shall not be the petitioner, stating that such
27 physician is willing and able to testify at the hearing on the petition
28 and that either ~~[that]~~:

29 (i) such physician has personally examined the subject of the petition
30 no more than ten days prior to the submission of the petition~~[-]~~ and
31 recommends assisted outpatient treatment for the subject of the peti-
32 tion~~[-, and is willing and able to testify at the hearing on the peti-~~
33 ~~tion]; or~~

34 (ii) no more than ten days prior to the filing of the petition, such
35 physician or his or her designee has made appropriate attempts but has
36 not been successful in eliciting the cooperation of the subject of the
37 petition to submit to an examination, such physician has reason to
38 suspect that the subject of the petition meets the criteria for assisted
39 outpatient treatment, and such physician is willing and able to examine
40 the subject of the petition ~~[and testify at the hearing on the petition]~~
41 prior to providing testimony.

42 ~~[(4)]~~ (5) In counties with a population of less than eighty thousand,
43 the affirmation or affidavit required by paragraph ~~[three]~~ four of this
44 subdivision may be made by a physician who is an employee of the office.
45 The office is authorized and directed to make available, at no cost to
46 the county, a qualified physician for the purpose of making such affir-
47 mation or affidavit consistent with the provisions of such paragraph.

48 ~~[(5)]~~ (g) Service. The petitioner shall cause written notice of the
49 petition to be given to the subject of the petition and a copy thereof
50 to be given personally or by mail to the persons listed in section 9.29
51 of this article, the mental hygiene legal service, the health care agent
52 if any such agent is known to the petitioner, the appropriate program
53 coordinator, and the appropriate director of community services, if such
54 director is not the petitioner.

55 ~~[(6)]~~ (h) Right to counsel. The subject of the petition shall have the
56 right to be represented by the mental hygiene legal service, or private-

1 ly financed counsel, at all stages of a proceeding commenced under this
2 section.

3 [~~(h)~~] (i) Hearing. (1) Upon receipt of the petition, the court shall
4 fix the date for a hearing. Such date shall be no later than three days
5 from the date such petition is received by the court, excluding Satur-
6 days, Sundays and holidays. Adjournments shall be permitted only for
7 good cause shown. In granting adjournments, the court shall consider the
8 need for further examination by a physician or the potential need to
9 provide assisted outpatient treatment expeditiously. The court shall
10 cause the subject of the petition, any other person receiving notice
11 pursuant to subdivision [~~(f)~~] (g) of this section, the petitioner, the
12 physician whose affirmation or affidavit accompanied the petition, and
13 such other persons as the court may determine to be advised of such
14 date. Upon such date, or upon such other date to which the proceeding
15 may be adjourned, the court shall hear testimony and, if it be deemed
16 advisable and the subject of the petition is available, examine the
17 subject of the petition in or out of court. If the subject of the peti-
18 tion does not appear at the hearing, and appropriate attempts to elicit
19 the attendance of the subject have failed, the court may conduct the
20 hearing in the subject's absence. In such case, the court shall set
21 forth the factual basis for conducting the hearing without the presence
22 of the subject of the petition.

23 (2) The court shall not order assisted outpatient treatment unless an
24 examining physician, who recommends assisted outpatient treatment and
25 has personally examined the subject of the petition no more than ten
26 days before the filing of the petition, testifies in person at the hear-
27 ing. Such physician shall state the facts and clinical determinations
28 which support the allegation that the subject of the petition meets each
29 of the criteria for assisted outpatient treatment; provided that the
30 parties may stipulate, upon mutual consent, that such physician need not
31 testify.

32 (3) If the subject of the petition has refused to be examined by a
33 physician, the court may request the subject to consent to an examina-
34 tion by a physician appointed by the court. If the subject of the peti-
35 tion does not consent and the court finds reasonable cause to believe
36 that the allegations in the petition are true, the court may order peace
37 officers, acting pursuant to their special duties, or police officers
38 who are members of an authorized police department or force, or of a
39 sheriff's department to take the subject of the petition into custody
40 and transport him or her to a hospital for examination by a physician.
41 Retention of the subject of the petition under such order shall not
42 exceed twenty-four hours. The examination of the subject of the petition
43 may be performed by the physician whose affirmation or affidavit accom-
44 panied the petition pursuant to paragraph [~~three~~] four of subdivision
45 [~~(e)~~] (f) of this section, if such physician is privileged by such
46 hospital or otherwise authorized by such hospital to do so. If such
47 examination is performed by another physician, the examining physician
48 may consult with the physician whose affirmation or affidavit accompa-
49 nied the petition as to whether the subject meets the criteria for
50 assisted outpatient treatment.

51 (4) A physician who testifies pursuant to paragraph two of this subdivi-
52 sion shall state: (i) the facts [~~which~~] and clinical determinations
53 that support the allegation that the subject meets each of the criteria
54 for assisted outpatient treatment, (ii) that the treatment is the least
55 restrictive alternative, (iii) the recommended assisted outpatient
56 treatment, and (iv) the rationale for the recommended assisted outpa-

1 tient treatment. If the recommended assisted outpatient treatment
2 includes medication, such physician's testimony shall describe the types
3 or classes of medication which should be authorized, shall describe the
4 beneficial and detrimental physical and mental effects of such medica-
5 tion, and shall recommend whether such medication should be self-admin-
6 istered or administered by authorized personnel.

7 (5) The subject of the petition shall be afforded an opportunity to
8 present evidence, to call witnesses on his or her behalf, and to cross-
9 examine adverse witnesses.

10 [~~(i)~~] (j) Written treatment plan. (1) The court shall not order
11 assisted outpatient treatment unless a physician appointed by the appro-
12 priate director, in consultation with such director, develops and
13 provides to the court a proposed written treatment plan. The written
14 treatment plan shall include case management services or assertive
15 community treatment team services to provide care coordination. The
16 written treatment plan also shall include all categories of services, as
17 set forth in paragraph one of subdivision (a) of this section, which
18 such physician recommends that the subject of the petition receive. All
19 service providers shall be notified regarding their inclusion in the
20 written treatment plan. If the written treatment plan includes medica-
21 tion, it shall state whether such medication should be self-administered
22 or administered by authorized personnel, and shall specify type and
23 dosage range of medication most likely to provide maximum benefit for
24 the subject. If the written treatment plan includes alcohol or substance
25 abuse counseling and treatment, such plan may include a provision
26 requiring relevant testing for either alcohol or illegal substances
27 provided the physician's clinical basis for recommending such plan
28 provides sufficient facts for the court to find (i) that such person has
29 a history of alcohol or substance abuse that is clinically related to
30 the mental illness; and (ii) that such testing is necessary to prevent a
31 relapse or deterioration which would be likely to result in serious harm
32 to the person or others. If a director is the petitioner, the written
33 treatment plan shall be provided to the court no later than the date of
34 the hearing on the petition. If a person other than a director is the
35 petitioner, such plan shall be provided to the court no later than the
36 date set by the court pursuant to paragraph three of subdivision [~~(j)~~]
37 (k) of this section.

38 (2) The physician appointed to develop the written treatment plan
39 shall provide the following persons with an opportunity to actively
40 participate in the development of such plan: the subject of the peti-
41 tion; the treating physician, if any; and upon the request of the
42 subject of the petition, an individual significant to the subject
43 including any relative, close friend or individual otherwise concerned
44 with the welfare of the subject. The appointed physician shall make a
45 reasonable effort to gather relevant information for the development of
46 the treatment plan from the subject of the petition's family member or
47 members, or his or her significant other. If the subject of the petition
48 has executed a health care proxy, the appointed physician shall consider
49 any directions included in such proxy in developing the written treat-
50 ment plan.

51 (3) The court shall not order assisted outpatient treatment unless a
52 physician appearing on behalf of a director testifies to explain the
53 written proposed treatment plan; provided that the parties may stipu-
54 late, upon mutual consent, that such physician need not testify. Such
55 physician shall state the categories of assisted outpatient treatment
56 recommended, the rationale for each such category, facts which establish

1 that such treatment is the least restrictive alternative, and, if the
2 recommended assisted outpatient treatment plan includes medication, such
3 physician shall state the types or classes of medication recommended,
4 the beneficial and detrimental physical and mental effects of such medi-
5 cation, and whether such medication should be self-administered or
6 administered by an authorized professional. If the subject of the peti-
7 tion has executed a health care proxy, such physician shall state the
8 consideration given to any directions included in such proxy in develop-
9 ing the written treatment plan. If a director is the petitioner, testi-
10 mony pursuant to this paragraph shall be given at the hearing on the
11 petition. If a person other than a director is the petitioner, such
12 testimony shall be given on the date set by the court pursuant to para-
13 graph three of subdivision ~~(j)~~ (k) of this section.

14 ~~(j)~~ (k) Disposition. (1) If after hearing all relevant evidence, the
15 court does not find by clear and convincing evidence that the subject of
16 the petition meets the criteria for assisted outpatient treatment, the
17 court shall dismiss the petition.

18 (2) If after hearing all relevant evidence, the court finds by clear
19 and convincing evidence that the subject of the petition meets the
20 criteria for assisted outpatient treatment, and there is no appropriate
21 and feasible less restrictive alternative, the court may order the
22 subject to receive assisted outpatient treatment for an initial period
23 not to exceed one year. In fashioning the order, the court shall specif-
24 ically make findings by clear and convincing evidence that the proposed
25 treatment is the least restrictive treatment appropriate and feasible
26 for the subject. The order shall state an assisted outpatient treatment
27 plan, which shall include all categories of assisted outpatient treat-
28 ment, as set forth in paragraph one of subdivision (a) of this section,
29 which the assisted outpatient is to receive, but shall not include any
30 such category that has not been recommended in ~~both~~ the proposed writ-
31 ten treatment plan and ~~the~~ in any testimony provided to the court
32 pursuant to subdivision ~~(i)~~ (j) of this section.

33 (3) If after hearing all relevant evidence presented by a petitioner
34 who is not a director, the court finds by clear and convincing evidence
35 that the subject of the petition meets the criteria for assisted outpa-
36 tient treatment, and the court has yet to be provided with a written
37 proposed treatment plan and testimony pursuant to subdivision ~~(i)~~ (j)
38 of this section, the court shall order the appropriate director to
39 provide the court with such plan and testimony no later than the third
40 day, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, immediately following
41 the date of such order; provided that the parties may stipulate upon
42 mutual consent that such testimony need not be provided. Upon receiving
43 such plan and any required testimony, the court may order assisted
44 outpatient treatment as provided in paragraph two of this subdivision.

45 (4) A court may order the patient to self-administer psychotropic
46 drugs or accept the administration of such drugs by authorized personnel
47 as part of an assisted outpatient treatment program. Such order may
48 specify the type and dosage range of such psychotropic drugs and such
49 order shall be effective for the duration of such assisted outpatient
50 treatment.

51 (5) If the petitioner is the director of a hospital that operates an
52 assisted outpatient treatment program, the court order shall direct the
53 hospital director to provide or arrange for all categories of assisted
54 outpatient treatment for the assisted outpatient throughout the period
55 of the order. In all other instances, the order shall require the appro-
56 priate director, as that term is defined in this section, to provide or

1 arrange for all categories of assisted outpatient treatment for the
2 assisted outpatient throughout the period of the order. Orders issued
3 on or after the effective date of the chapter of the laws of two thou-
4 sand eighteen that amended this section shall require the appropriate
5 director "as determined by the program coordinator" to provide or
6 arrange for all categories of assisted outpatient treatment for the
7 assisted outpatient throughout the period of the order.

8 (6) The director shall cause a copy of any court order issued pursuant
9 to this section to be served personally, or by mail, facsimile or elec-
10 tronic means, upon the assisted outpatient, the mental hygiene legal
11 service or anyone acting on the assisted outpatient's behalf, the
12 original petitioner, identified service providers, and all others enti-
13 tled to notice under subdivision ~~(f)~~ (g) of this section.

14 ~~(k)~~ (l) Relocation of assisted outpatients. The commissioner shall
15 promulgate regulations requiring that, during the period of the order,
16 an assisted outpatient and any other appropriate persons shall notify
17 the program coordinator within a reasonable time prior to such assisted
18 outpatient relocating within the state of New York to an area not served
19 by the director who has been directed to provide or arrange for the
20 assisted outpatient treatment. Upon receiving notification of such relo-
21 cation, the program coordinator shall redetermine who the appropriate
22 director shall be and cause a copy of the court order and treatment plan
23 to be transmitted to such director.

24 (m) Petition for ~~additional periods of~~ continued treatment. (1)
25 ~~Prior~~ Within thirty days prior to the expiration of an order pursuant
26 to this section, the appropriate director shall review whether the
27 assisted outpatient continues to meet the criteria for assisted outpa-
28 tient treatment. ~~[If, as documented in the petition, the director deter-~~
29 ~~mines that such criteria continue to be met or has made appropriate~~
30 ~~attempts to, but has not been successful in eliciting, the cooperation~~
31 ~~of the subject to submit to an examination, within thirty days prior to~~
32 ~~the expiration of an order of assisted outpatient treatment, such direc-~~
33 ~~tor may petition the court to order continued assisted outpatient treat-~~
34 ~~ment pursuant to paragraph two of this subdivision. Upon determining~~
35 ~~whether such criteria continue to be met, such director shall notify the~~
36 ~~program coordinator in writing as to whether a petition for continued~~
37 ~~assisted outpatient treatment is warranted and whether such a petition~~
38 ~~was or will be filed.] Upon determining that one or more of such crite-~~
39 ~~ria are no longer met, such director shall notify the program coordina-~~
40 ~~tor in writing that a petition for continued assisted outpatient treat-~~
41 ~~ment is not warranted. Upon determining that such criteria continue to~~
42 ~~be met, he or she shall petition the court to order continued assisted~~
43 ~~outpatient treatment for a period not to exceed one year from the expi-~~
44 ~~ration date of the current order. If the court's disposition of such~~
45 ~~petition does not occur prior to the expiration date of the current~~
46 ~~order, the current order shall remain in effect until such disposition.~~
47 The procedures for obtaining any order pursuant to this subdivision
48 shall be in accordance with the provisions of the foregoing subdivision
49 of this section; provided that the time restrictions included in para-
50 graph four of subdivision (c) of this section shall not be applicable.
51 The notice provisions set forth in paragraph six of subdivision (k) of
52 this section shall be applicable. Any court order requiring periodic
53 blood tests or urinalysis for the presence of alcohol or illegal drugs
54 shall be subject to review after six months by the physician who devel-
55 oped the written treatment plan or another physician designated by the

director, and such physician shall be authorized to terminate such blood tests or urinalysis without further action by the court.

(2) Within thirty days prior to the expiration of an order of assisted outpatient treatment, [~~the appropriate director or~~] the current petitioner, if the current petition was filed pursuant to subparagraph (i) or (ii) of paragraph one of subdivision [~~(e)~~] (f) of this section, and the current petitioner retains his or her original status pursuant to the applicable subparagraph, may petition the court to order continued assisted outpatient treatment for a period not to exceed one year from the expiration date of the current order. If the court's disposition of such petition does not occur prior to the expiration date of the current order, the current order shall remain in effect until such disposition. The procedures for obtaining any order pursuant to this subdivision shall be in accordance with the provisions of the foregoing subdivisions of this section; provided that the time restrictions included in paragraph four of subdivision (c) of this section shall not be applicable. The notice provisions set forth in paragraph six of subdivision [~~(j)~~] (k) of this section shall be applicable. Any court order requiring periodic blood tests or urinalysis for the presence of alcohol or illegal drugs shall be subject to review after six months by the physician who developed the written treatment plan or another physician designated by the director, and such physician shall be authorized to terminate such blood tests or urinalysis without further action by the court.

[~~(1)~~] (3) If neither the appropriate director nor the current petitioner petition for continued assisted outpatient treatment pursuant to this paragraph and the order of the court expires, any other person authorized to petition pursuant to paragraph one of subdivision (f) of this section may bring a new petition for assisted outpatient treatment. If such new petition is filed less than sixty days after the expiration of such order, the time restrictions provided in paragraph four of subdivision (c) of this section shall not be applicable to the new petition.

(4) If, thirty days prior to the expiration of an order, the assisted outpatient is deemed by the appropriate director to be missing and thereby unavailable for evaluation as to whether he or she continues to meet the criteria for assisted outpatient treatment, such director shall petition the court to extend the term of the current order until sixty days after such time as the assisted outpatient is located. If the court grants the extension, the director shall continue reasonable efforts to locate the assisted outpatient. Upon location of the assisted outpatient, the director shall review whether the assisted outpatient continues to meet the criteria for assisted outpatient treatment, pursuant to paragraph two of this subdivision.

(n) Petition for an order to stay, vacate or modify. (1) In addition to any other right or remedy available by law with respect to the order for assisted outpatient treatment, the assisted outpatient, the mental hygiene legal service, or anyone acting on the assisted outpatient's behalf may petition the court on notice to the director, the original petitioner, and all others entitled to notice under subdivision [~~(f)~~] (g) of this section to stay, vacate or modify the order.

(2) The appropriate director shall petition the court for approval before instituting a proposed material change in the assisted outpatient treatment plan, unless such change is authorized by the order of the court. Such petitions to change an assisted outpatient treatment plan, as well as petitions for continued treatment, may be made to any judge of the supreme or county courts in the county in which the subject of

1 the petition is present or reasonably believed to be present. Such peti-
2 tion shall be filed on notice to all parties entitled to notice under
3 subdivision ~~[(f)]~~ (g) of this section. Not later than five days after
4 receiving such petition, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, the
5 court shall hold a hearing on the petition; provided that if the
6 assisted outpatient informs the court that he or she agrees to the
7 proposed material change, the court may approve such change without a
8 hearing. Non-material changes may be instituted by the director without
9 court approval. For the purposes of this paragraph, a material change is
10 an addition or deletion of a category of services to or from a current
11 assisted outpatient treatment plan, or any deviation without the
12 assisted outpatient's consent from the terms of a current order relating
13 to the administration of psychotropic drugs.

14 ~~[(m)]~~ (o) Appeals. Review of an order issued pursuant to this section
15 shall be had in like manner as specified in section 9.35 of this
16 article; provided that notice shall be provided to all parties entitled
17 to notice under subdivision (g) of this section.

18 ~~[(n)]~~ (p) Failure to comply with assisted outpatient treatment. Where
19 in the clinical judgment of a physician, (i) the assisted outpatient,
20 has failed or refused to comply with the assisted outpatient treatment,
21 (ii) efforts were made to solicit compliance, and (iii) such assisted
22 outpatient may be in need of involuntary admission to a hospital pursu-
23 ant to section 9.27 of this article or immediate observation, care and
24 treatment pursuant to section 9.39 or 9.40 of this article, such physi-
25 cian may request the appropriate director of community services, the
26 director's designee, or any physician designated by the director of
27 community services pursuant to section 9.37 of this article, to direct
28 the removal of such assisted outpatient to an appropriate hospital for
29 an examination to determine if such person has a mental illness for
30 which he or she is in need of hospitalization is necessary pursuant to
31 section 9.27, 9.39 or 9.40 of this article~~[. Furthermore, if such~~
32 ~~assisted outpatient refuses to take medications as required by the court~~
33 ~~order, or he or she refuses to take, or fails a blood test, urinalysis,~~
34 ~~or alcohol or drug test as required by the court order, such physician~~
35 ~~may consider such refusal or failure when determining whether]~~; provided
36 that if, after efforts to solicit compliance, such physician determines
37 that the assisted outpatient's failure to comply with the assisted
38 outpatient treatment includes a substantial failure to take medication,
39 pass or submit to blood testing or urinalysis, or receive treatment for
40 alcohol or substance abuse, such physician may presume that the assisted
41 outpatient is in need of an examination to determine whether he or she
42 has a mental illness for which hospitalization is necessary. Upon the
43 request of such physician, the appropriate director, the director's
44 designee, or any physician designated pursuant to section 9.37 of this
45 article, may direct peace officers, acting pursuant to their special
46 duties, or police officers who are members of an authorized police
47 department or force or of a sheriff's department to take the assisted
48 outpatient into custody and transport him or her to the hospital operat-
49 ing the assisted outpatient treatment program or to any hospital author-
50 ized by the director of community services to receive such persons. Such
51 law enforcement officials shall carry out such directive. Upon the
52 request of such physician, the appropriate director, the director's
53 designee, or any physician designated pursuant to section 9.37 of this
54 article, an ambulance service, as defined by subdivision two of section
55 three thousand one of the public health law, or an approved mobile
56 crisis outreach team as defined in section 9.58 of this article shall be

1 authorized to take into custody and transport any such person to the
2 hospital operating the assisted outpatient treatment program, or to any
3 other hospital authorized by the appropriate director of community
4 services to receive such persons. Any director of community services, or
5 designee, shall be authorized to direct the removal of an assisted
6 outpatient who is present in his or her county to an appropriate hospi-
7 tal, in accordance with the provisions of this subdivision, based upon a
8 determination of the appropriate director of community services direct-
9 ing the removal of such assisted outpatient pursuant to this subdivi-
10 sion. Such person may be retained for observation, care and treatment
11 and further examination in the hospital for up to seventy-two hours to
12 permit a physician to determine whether such person has a mental illness
13 and is in need of involuntary care and treatment in a hospital pursuant
14 to the provisions of this article. Any continued involuntary retention
15 of the assisted outpatient in such hospital beyond the initial seventy-
16 two hour period shall be in accordance with the provisions of this arti-
17 cle relating to the involuntary admission and retention of a person. If
18 at any time during the seventy-two hour period the person is determined
19 not to meet the involuntary admission and retention provisions of this
20 article, and does not agree to stay in the hospital as a voluntary or
21 informal patient, he or she must be released. Failure to comply with an
22 order of assisted outpatient treatment shall not be grounds for involun-
23 tary civil commitment or a finding of contempt of court.

24 ~~[(e)]~~ (g) Effect of determination that a person is in need of assisted
25 outpatient treatment. The determination by a court that a person is in
26 need of assisted outpatient treatment shall not be construed as or
27 deemed to be a determination that such person is incapacitated pursuant
28 to article eighty-one of this chapter.

29 ~~[(p)]~~ (r) False petition. A person making a false statement or provid-
30 ing false information or false testimony in a petition or hearing under
31 this section shall be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to arti-
32 cle one hundred seventy-five or article two hundred ten of the penal
33 law.

34 ~~[(q)]~~ (s) Exception. Nothing in this section shall be construed to
35 affect the ability of the director of a hospital to receive, admit, or
36 retain patients who otherwise meet the provisions of this article
37 regarding receipt, retention or admission.

38 ~~[(r)]~~ (t) Education and training. (1) The office ~~[of mental health]~~,
39 in consultation with the office of court administration, shall prepare
40 educational and training materials on the use of this section, which
41 shall be made available to local governmental units, providers of
42 services, judges, court personnel, law enforcement officials and the
43 general public.

44 (2) The office, in consultation with the office of court adminis-
45 tration, shall establish a mental health training program for supreme
46 and county court judges and court personnel, and shall provide such
47 training with such frequency and in such locations as may be appropriate
48 to meet statewide needs. Such training shall focus on the use of this
49 section and generally address issues relating to mental illness and
50 mental health treatment.

51 § 6. Section 29.15 of the mental hygiene law is amended by adding a
52 new subdivision (o) to read as follows:

53 (o) If the director of a department facility does not petition for
54 assisted outpatient treatment pursuant to section 9.60 of this chapter
55 upon the discharge of an inpatient admitted pursuant to section 9.27,
56 9.39 or 9.40 of this chapter, or upon the expiration of a period of

conditional release for such inpatient, such director shall report such discharge or such expiration in writing to the director of community services of the local governmental unit in which the inpatient is expected to reside.

§ 7. Subdivision 3 of section 404 of the correction law, as added by chapter 1 of the laws of 2013, is amended and a new subdivision 5 is added to read as follows:

3. Within a reasonable period prior to discharge of an inmate committed from a [~~state correctional facility from a~~] hospital in the department of mental hygiene to the community, the director shall ensure that a clinical assessment has been completed to determine whether the inmate meets the criteria for assisted outpatient treatment pursuant to subdivision (c) of section 9.60 of the mental hygiene law. If, as a result of such assessment, the director determines that the inmate meets such criteria, prior to discharge the director of the hospital shall either petition for a court order pursuant to section 9.60 of the mental hygiene law, or report in writing to the director of community services of the local governmental unit in which the inmate is expected to reside so that an investigation [~~may~~] shall be conducted pursuant to section 9.47 of the mental hygiene law.

5. Within a reasonable period prior to release or discharge of an inmate who is not currently committed to a hospital in the department of mental hygiene from a state correctional facility to the community, if such inmate has a serious mental illness pursuant to paragraph (e) of subdivision six of section one hundred thirty-seven of this chapter, the department shall notify the director of a hospital who shall ensure that a clinical assessment has been completed to determine whether the inmate meets the criteria for assisted outpatient treatment pursuant to subdivision (c) of section 9.60 of the mental hygiene law. If, as a result of such assessment, the director determines that the inmate meets such criteria, prior to release or discharge, the director of the hospital shall either petition for a court order pursuant to section 9.60 of the mental hygiene law, or report in writing to the director of community services of the local governmental unit in which the inmate is expected to reside so that an investigation shall be conducted pursuant to section 9.47 of the mental hygiene law.

§ 8. Section 18 of chapter 408 of the laws of 1999, constituting Kendra's Law, as amended by chapter 67 of the laws of 2017, is amended to read as follows:

§ 18. This act shall take effect immediately, provided that section fifteen of this act shall take effect April 1, 2000, provided, further, that subdivision (e) of section 9.60 of the mental hygiene law as added by section six of this act shall be effective 90 days after this act shall become law[~~, and that this act shall expire and be deemed repealed June 30, 2022~~].

§ 9. Severability. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, section or part of this act shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, and after exhaustion of all further judicial review, the judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, section or part thereof directly involved in the controversy.

§ 10. This act shall take effect immediately.