

TITLE 3: HUMAN RESOURCES
DIVISION 2: HEALTH

§ 2505. Evaluation; Treatment and Care; Release or Other Disposition.

(a) Each person admitted to an evaluation facility pursuant to 3 CMC §§ 2503 and 2504 shall receive an evaluation within 72 hours of being admitted, and shall receive the prompt and adequate treatment and care his condition requires for the full period he is held, consistent with his patient's rights. The person shall be released consistent with the provisions of 3 CMC § 2504(c) only if approved by an attending physician or chief of the medical staff.

(b) A person subject to 72-hour emergency detention for evaluation and treatment shall be released, referred for services or further care and treatment on a voluntary basis, or held further only on order of the court.

(c) Unless involuntary civil commitment is sought and ordered before the expiration of the time period provided in 3 CMC § 2504(c), the facts and circumstances that supported the 72-hour emergency detention shall not be grounds for further involuntary commitment. Nothing in this section shall preclude introduction of evidence of the 72-hour emergency detention in involuntary civil commitment proceedings supported by subsequent factual grounds.

Source: PL 8-36, § 7, modified.