



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
Republic of South Africa

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**72-HOUR ASSESSMENT AND FINDINGS OF MEDICAL PRACTITIONER OR MENTAL HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER AFTER HEAD OF HEALTH ESTABLISHMENT HAS GRANTED APPLICATION FOR INVOLUNTARY CARE, TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION**  
[Section 34(1) of the Act]

Surname of user .....

First name(s) of user .....

Date of birth ..... or estimated age .....

Gender: Male  Female

Occupation ..... Marital status:  S  M  D  W

Residential address: .....

Date of beginning of 72-hour assessment: .....

Place of assessment: .....

Category of designated mental health care practitioner for example "nurse", "psychologist" or "medical practitioner": .....

Physical health status (filled in only by mental health care practitioner qualified to conduct physical examination):

(a) General physical health

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(a) Are there signs of injuries? Yes  No

(b) Are there signs of communicable diseases? Yes  No

If the answer to (b) or (c) is Yes, give further particulars:  
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Facts concerning the mental condition of the user which were observed on previous occasions (State dates and places):

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Mental health status of the user at the time of the present assessment:

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Type of illness (provisional diagnosis):

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In my opinion the above-mentioned user

Has homicidal tendencies

Yes

No

Has suicidal tendencies

Yes

No

Is dangerous

Yes

No

"If 'No' to all the above-mentioned questions, the following recommendation and reason(s) therefore are as follows:"

**Recommendation to head of health establishment – application for assisted care**

The user is capable of making an informed decision on the need to receive care, treatment and rehabilitation services:

Yes

No

The user is suffering from a mental illness / severe or profound intellectual disability, and as a consequence of this requires care, treatment and rehabilitation for their own health and

safety or the health and safety of others

Yes

No

If Yes, this should be on an inpatient or outpatient basis:

Inpatient

Outpatient

Give reasons:

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**Recommendation to head of health establishment – application for involuntary care**

The user is capable of making an informed decision on the need to receive care, treatment and rehabilitation services:

Yes

No

The user is willing to receive care, treatment and rehabilitation services

Yes

No

In my view, the user is likely to inflict serious harm on him / herself or others

Yes

No

In my view, care, treatment and rehabilitation is necessary for the user's financial interests and reputation

Yes

No

The user should receive involuntary care, treatment and rehabilitation

Yes

No

If Yes, should this use receive involuntary outpatient care, treatment and rehabilitation

Yes

No

If No, would you recommend that the user receive assisted care?

Yes

No

Print initials and surname.....

Signature: *[Handwritten Signature]*.....

(mental health care practitioner / medical practitioner)

Date: .....

Place: .....