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**PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT ANNOUNCES NEW STANDING ORDER
and RELATED FORMS**

The Probate and Family Court announces the implementation of Standing Order 4-11 entitled **Administrative Process for Uncontested Rogers Reviews and Extensions**. The full text of the standing order is available at:

<http://www.mass.gov/courts/courtsandjudges/courts/probateandfamilycourt/standingorders.html>

In order to provide for the orderly and efficient administration of uncontested Rogers review cases and extensions, and for the convenience of Incapacitated Persons (hereinafter "IP") and other interested parties, all requests for review and/or extension of court orders authorizing the use of antipsychotic medications may be submitted to the Court for administrative allowance without a hearing where the requests are uncontested.

Requests for reviews and extensions of Rogers Orders shall be considered by Judicial Case Managers, Assistant Judicial Case Managers, or other designees of the First Justice of each Probate and Family Court Division (hereinafter collectively referred to as "judicial designees"). See Rogers v. Commissioner of the Department of Mental Health, 390 Mass. 489 (1983).

Initial petitions for guardianship seeking authority to administer antipsychotic medication to an IP shall continue to be heard by a judge. Initial petitions and all annual reviews for wards (minors) shall also be heard by a judge.

Forms promulgated for use in this process are:

Motion to Extend and / or Amend Treatment Plan

Motion to Waive Appearance of Respondent

Clinician's Affidavit and Report for extension / Amendment

Treatment Plan

Report of Monitor

Representation of Respondent's Counsel

Review Order

Motion to Reinstate Rogers Authority

These forms may be accessed at:

<http://www.mass.gov/courts/courtsandjudges/courts/probateandfamilycourt/upcforms.html>

Standing Order 4-11 and the related forms have an effective date of **July 1, 2011.**