

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH**

**NOTICE OF RIGHTS**

To be given to all patients admitted under M.G.L. c. 123, s. 12 (b)

Temporary Involuntary Hospitalization  
M.G.L. Chapter 123, Section 12 (b)

You have been admitted to this facility under M.G.L. c. 123, s. 12 (b) for a period of up to three (3) business days. By the end of the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) business day, if the Superintendent or other head of the facility decides that your release would create a likelihood of serious harm to you or others by reason of your mental illness, he or she may file a petition for your civil commitment to the facility for a period of up to six months. If a petition is filed, the District Court will begin the hearing within five (5) business days, not including Saturday, Sunday or holidays, during which time you will have to remain in the facility.

At your request, we will notify the Committee for Public Counsel Services (CPCS) of your name and location. CPCS will then appoint an attorney to meet with you. Would you like CPCS contacted at this time?

Yes   
No

If you say No and change your mind later, CPCS will be contacted at that time.

If you have reason to believe that your admission to this facility under M.G.L. c. 123, s. 12 (b) is the result of an abuse or misuse of the admissions process, you may request, on your own or through counsel, an emergency hearing in the District Court in whose jurisdiction this facility is located. If you wish to file such a request, the facility will provide you with the appropriate form.

I have received and read this Notice:

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Name

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Date

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Staff witness signature

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Date