

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
NOTICE OF RIGHTS
(Parent or Guardian of a Minor)

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

Your child/ward has 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 (3rd) business day, if the Superintendent or other head of the facility decides that your child/ward's release would create a likelihood of serious harm to your child/ward or others by reason of mental illness, he or she may file a petition for your child/ward's 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 your child/ward will have to remain in the facility.

At your request, we will notify the Committee for Public Counsel Services (CPCS) of you and your child/ward's name and location. CPCS will then appoint an attorney to meet with you and your child/ward. Would you like us to contact CPCS on your child/ward's behalf at this time?

Yes

No

If you say No and change your mind later, we will notify CPCS for you and your child/ward at that time.

If you have reason to believe that your child/ward's 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:

Parent/Guardian's Name

Date

Patient Name

Staff witness signature

Date