



ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY STATEMENT GEORGIA MEDICAID

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Involuntary Hospitalization/ Form1013		AD-0090
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A. SUBJECT

Involuntary Hospitalization/ Form 1013

B. BACKGROUND

Any physician within the state of Georgia may execute a certificate stating that he or she has personally examined a person within the preceding 48 hours and found that, based upon observations set forth in the certificate, such person appears to be a mentally ill person requiring involuntary treatment. A physician's certificate shall expire seven days after it is executed. Any peace officer, within 72 hours after receiving such certificate, shall make diligent efforts to take into custody the person named in the certificate and to deliver him or her forthwith to the nearest available emergency receiving facility serving the county in which the patient is found, where he or she shall be received for examination.

C. DEFINITIONS

- Involuntary Hospitalization/ Form 1013: This certificate is used to legally transport and hospitalize an individual with severe mental health illness who is unwilling or unable to get treatment. A 72 hour psychiatric hospitalization can be initiated by a professional with statutory authority, such as: an Psychiatrist, Psychologist, LCSW, LPC, Medical Doctor or via 911 or law enforcement
- Involuntary Hospitalization/ Form 2013: This certificate is used to legally transport and hospitalize an individual with severe substance abuse or addiction disorders who is unwilling or unable to get treatment. A 72 hour psychiatric hospitalization can be initiated by a professional with statutory authority, such as: an Psychiatrist, Psychologist, LCSW, LPC, Medical Doctor or via 911 or law enforcement

D. POLICY

- I. CareSource does **NOT** require Prior Authorization and/or pre-certification for Emergency Services, including crisis stabilization services, post-stabilization services, or urgent care services; including, involuntary hospitalization due to severe mental illness or substance abuse disorders.
 - A. CareSource considers involuntary inpatient treatment necessary when the following criteria are met:
 1. Must be an imminent danger to themselves or others, evidenced by recent overt acts or expressed in threats of violence OR
 2. Must be unable to care for their own physical health and safety, which creates an imminent life endangering crisis.

Note: Although involuntary hospitalization does not require a prior authorization, CareSource may request documentation to support medical necessity. Appropriate and complete documentation must be presented at the time of review to validate medical necessity.

E. CONDITIONS OF COVERAGE

HCPCS

CPT

AUTHORIZATION PERIOD

F. RELATED POLICIES/RULES

N/A



G. REVIEW/REVISION HISTORY

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H. REFERENCES

1. O.C.G.A. 37-3-41 Examination, Treatment, ETC., For Mental Illness. Article 3 Examination, Hospitalization and Treatment of Involuntary Patients.
2. O.C.G.A. 37-3-1 Examination, Treatment, ETC., For Mental Illness. Article 1-General Provisions.

The Administrative Policy Statement detailed above has received due consideration as defined in the Administrative Policy Statement Policy and is approved.