



AOT Eligibility Criteria Considerations

Required Criteria

- Criteria listed in state law

Highly Recommended Criteria (if not already listed in state law)

- Person is 18 years old or older
- Person has been diagnosed with a serious mental illness (schizophrenia spectrum disorders and/or severe bipolar disorder)
- Person is unlikely to survive safely in the community without supervision
- Person has a history of lack of compliance with treatment for mental illness which has resulted in two or more hospitalizations and/or one or more acts of violence within the previous 36 months
- Person is unlikely to voluntarily participate in necessary treatment
- Person needs treatment to prevent relapse or deterioration which would likely result in harm to self or others

Other Criteria to Consider

- Person can understand what is expected under the terms of the AOT court order
- Person does not have a significant intellectual deficit
- Person may have a substance use disorder, but it is not the primary diagnosis
- Needed treatment for the person is available in the community
- Person's location is known
- Person is housed or housing options are available
- Person does not take pleasure in being hospitalized
- Person does not have a pending criminal charge that would make them eligible for mental health court or other specialty docket program
- Other _____
- Other _____