



Oklahoma Treatment Law Report Card

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Method and scoring: *State involuntary civil commitment laws* are evaluated using a 100-point grading scale. The scoring criteria are in accordance with TAC's values and policy recommendations. Up to 50 points are awarded to a state based on the quality of its inpatient commitment law, and up to 50 points are awarded based on the quality of its outpatient commitment law. *Grades reflect solely what is written in law and not how those laws are implemented or applied.* Final letter grades are computed using the following scale:

97 or above	A+	87–89	B+	77–79	C+	67–69	D+	59 or below	F
93–96	A	83–86	B	73–76	C	63–66	D		
90–92	A-	80–82	B-	70–72	C-	60–62	D-		

PART ONE: Inpatient Commitment Statute (up to 50 points)

Criterion	Citation	Specifications	Points
1. Citizen access to court, emergency evaluation (5 pts)	Okla. Stat. tit. 43A § 5-207(G)	☐ Authorizes family/enumerated adults (3 pts) ☐ Authorizes any responsible adult (2 pts) (See Comment 1)	0
2. Quality of emergency petition process (5 pts)	Okla. Stat. tit. 43A §§ 5-207, 5-208	☒ Process specified and reasonable (2 pts) ☒ Timelines specified and reasonable (2 pts) ☒ Responsible entities identified (1 pt) ☐ Requires certification by more than one professional (-2 pts) ☐ Emergency evaluation criteria inconsistent with inpatient commitment criteria (-5 pts)	5
3. Emergency hold duration (5 pts)	Okla. Stat. tit. 43A § 5-208(A)(3)	☒ At least 48-hour hold allowed (3 pts) ☒ At least 72-hour hold allowed (2 pts) Not to exceed 120 hours	5
4. Citizen access to court, inpatient petition (5 pts)	Okla. Stat. tit. 43A § 5-410(A)(2)	☒ Authorizes family/enumerated adults (3 pts) ☐ Authorizes any responsible adult (2 pts) Any parent, spouse, grandparent, guardian, sibling or child over 18	3
5. Quality of criteria for harm or violence to self or others (up to 10 pts)	Okla. Stat. tit. 43A § 1-103(13)(a)(1)–(3)	☒ Contains explicit criteria (10 pts) ☐ Language is vague/ambiguous (-3 pts) ☒ Harm must be imminent (-3 pts)	7
6. Quality of criteria for grave disability/basic needs (up to 10 pts)	Okla. Stat. tit. 43A § 1-103(13)(a)(5)	☒ Contains explicit criteria (10 pts) ☐ Language is vague/ambiguous (-3 pts) ☒ Endangerment must be imminent (-3 pts) ☐ Criteria require family to turn person out of home to receive treatment (-3 pts) ☒ Unreasonably high risk of harm (-3 pts) (See comment 2 below)	4
7. Quality of criteria for psychiatric deterioration (up to 10 pts)	Okla. Stat. tit. 43A § 1-103(13)(a)(4)	☒ Contains explicit criteria (10 pts) ☒ Language is vague/ambiguous (-3 pts)	7
SUBTOTAL			31

PART ONE: Extra Credit

1. Specifies in which court a petition for inpatient commitment shall be filed (1 pt)	Okla. Stat. tit. 43A § 5-410(A)	District Court	1
Extra Credit			1
PART ONE TOTAL			32

PART TWO: Outpatient Commitment Statute (up to 50 points)

Criterion	Citation	Specifications	Points
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1. AOT explicitly authorized (5 pts)	Okla. Stat. tit. 43A § 1-103(21)	☐ Requires local government to adopt (-3 pts)	5
2. Citizen access to court for AOT (5 pts)	Okla. Stat. tit. 43A § 5-410(C)	☐ Authorizes family/enumerated adults (3 pts) ☐ Authorizes any responsible adult (2 pts) ☐ Authorizes citizen petition to mental health system only (-2 pts) <i>Specified licensed mental health professional</i>	0
3. Criteria sufficiently broad to provide actual access (up to 10 pts)	Okla. Stat. tit. 43A § 1-103(20)	Evaluate applicable provision only: ☐ If inpatient/outpatient criteria are the same: ☐ Inpatient criteria include psychiatric deterioration standard (10 pts) <u>or</u> ☐ No psychiatric deterioration standard, adequate grave disability standard (5 pts) <u>or</u> ☒ If outpatient criteria are distinct from inpatient criteria: ☒ Allows consideration of length of treatment history ≥ 36 months (2 pts) ☒ Does not exclude periods of incarceration or hospitalization (-1 pt) ☒ Does not limit application to those currently dangerous or unstable (4 pts) ☒ Does not limit application to those refusing service or currently lacking insight (4 pts) <i>(See comment 3 below)</i>	9
4. Authorizes AOT directly from community (5 pts)	Okla. Stat. tit. 43A § 1-416(B)(1)		5
5. Procedures sufficiently detailed to guide practitioners (up to 5 pts)	Okla. Stat. tit. 43A § 5-416	☒ Process specified and reasonable (1 pt) ☒ Timelines specified and reasonable (1 pt) ☒ Responsible entities identified (1 pt) ☐ Periodic reporting to court required (1 pt) ☒ Renewal process expressly specified (1 pt)	4
6. Procedures require the treatment plan to be shared with the court (5 pts)	Okla. Stat. tit. 43A § 5-416(F)		5
7. Specifies procedures and consequences for nonadherence (5 pts)	Okla. Stat. tit. 43A § 5-416(B)(2), (P)		5
8. Duration of initial order	Okla. Stat. tit. 43A § 5-416(M)	☐ = 90 days (2 pts) <u>or</u> ☒ > 90 days (5 pts) <i>One year</i>	5
9. Duration of continued order	Okla. Stat. tit. 43A § 5-416(M)	☐ = 180 days (2 pts) <u>or</u> ☒ > 180 days (5 pts) <i>One year</i>	5
SUBTOTAL			43
PART TWO: Extra Credit			
1. Specifies court for AOT (1 pt)	Okla. Stat. tit. 43A § 5-410(A)	<i>District Court</i>	1
2. Court monitoring of voluntary settlement agreements (5 pts)			
Extra Credit			1
PART TWO TOTAL			44

FINAL SCORE	
PART ONE TOTAL	32
PART TWO TOTAL	44
TOTAL	76

Comments:

1. While Okla. Stat. tit. 43A § 5-413 provides a process for requesting “prehearing detention” in conjunction with a petition for commitment, this “prehearing detention” is separately defined and does not prescribe the same examination procedures to be considered synonymous with emergency detention.
2. Okla. Stat. tit. 43A § 1-103(13)(a)(5) requires a substantial risk of immediate serious physical injury or death to meet the grave disability standard. By excluding the probable harm of serious illnesses due to an inability to meet basic needs, and requiring imminence, the statute sets a high bar for intervention.
3. Okla. Stat. tit. 43A § 1-103(20)(d) allows consideration of 36 months for history of hospitalization or receipt of services in a forensic setting and 24 months for history of acts of, threats of, or attempts at physical harm towards others or self.