



BUCKS COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Regional Treatment & Transfer Protocols

Prehospital Emergency Mental Health Examination

Purpose: Provide guidance to EMS practitioners who encounter a patient who is a clear and present danger to themselves or others and will not accept transport to the hospital

Inclusion: Patient is a clear and present to themselves or others.
Medical Command Physician agrees patient is a clear and present danger
Law enforcement is not willing to complete the 302
The Medical Command Physician is not going to complete the 302

Exclusion: Medical Command Physician does **not** believe patient is a clear and present danger go to Protocol 111 Refusal of treatment & Transport
Law enforcement initiate a warrantless 302

Clear and present danger to others:

The person has inflicted or attempted to inflict serious bodily harm on another and that there is reasonable probability that such conduct will be repeated. A clear and present danger of harm to others may be demonstrated by proof that the person has made threats of harm and has committed acts in furtherance of the threat to commit harm

Clear and present danger to self:

The person has acted in such manner as to evidence that he/she would be unable, without care, supervision and the continued assistance of others, to satisfy his/her need for nourishment, personal or medical care, shelter, or self-protection and safety, and that there is reasonable probability that death, serious bodily injury or serious physical debilitation would ensue within 30 days unless adequate treatment were afforded under the act

Or

The person has attempted suicide and that there is reasonable probability of suicide unless adequate treatment is afforded under this act. For the purpose of this subsection, a clear and present danger may be demonstrated by the proof that the person has made threats to commit suicide and has committed acts which are in furtherance of the threat to commit suicide.

Or

the person has substantially mutilated himself/herself or attempted to mutilate himself/herself substantially and that there is the reasonable probability or mutilation unless adequate treatment is afforded under this act. For the purposes of this subsection, a clear and present danger shall be established by proof that the person has made threats to commit mutilation and has committed acts which are in furtherance of the threat to commit mutilation.



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EMS practitioner believes the patient is a clear and present danger to themselves or others by observed behavior and assessment. Patient is not willing to accept treatment or transport

