

6.1 Overview

The legally responsible person may voluntarily admit a minor to a 24-hour facility by written application. Judicial review and concurrence is required to ensure that the admission is appropriate, as the minor does not have capacity to consent to the admission. Procedures for the voluntary admission of a competent adult generally apply, with the legally responsible person giving or refusing consent as necessary. The provision for keeping the minor up to fifteen days in the facility prior to a hearing and the lack of a requirement for the court to find danger to self or others in order to concur in the admission are important differences from the involuntary commitment procedures.