

**MENTAL HEALTH CODE (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 258 of 1974**

**330.1519 Alternative care and treatment.**

Sec. 519. (1) Before making an order of disposition under section 518(2), the court must consider ordering a course of care and treatment that is an alternative to admission to a facility. To that end, the court shall review the report submitted to the court under section 516(3), specifically reviewing alternatives and recommendations as provided under section 516(6)(c) and (d).

(2) If the court finds that a program of care and treatment other than admission to a facility is adequate to meet the individual's care and treatment needs and is sufficient to prevent harm or injury that the individual may inflict upon himself, herself, or others, the court shall order the individual to receive whatever care and treatment is appropriate under section 518(2)(c).

(3) If at the end of 1 year it is believed that the individual continues to meet the criteria for treatment, a new petition may be filed under section 516.

(4) If at any time during the 1-year period it comes to the attention of the court either that an individual ordered to undergo a program of alternative care and treatment is not complying with the order or that the alternative care and treatment has not been sufficient to prevent harm or injuries that the individual may be inflicting upon himself, herself, or others, the court may without a hearing and based upon the record and other available information do either of the following:

(a) Consider other alternatives to admission to a facility, modify its original order, and direct the individual to undergo another outpatient program of alternative care and treatment for the remainder of the 1-year period.

(b) Enter a new order under section 518(2)(a) or (b) directing that the individual be admitted to a facility recommended by the community mental health services program. If the individual refuses to comply with this order, the court may direct a peace officer to take the individual into protective custody. After the individual is taken into protective custody, a peace officer or a security transport officer shall transport him or her to the facility recommended by the community mental health services program.

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