

Involuntary Transportation Hold (M-0.5)



Colorado Revised Statutes

Title 27, Article 65, of the Colorado Revised Statutes establishes the *Care and Treatment of Persons with Mental Health Disorders*, including the laws for how individuals receive voluntary and involuntary mental health services. Senate Bill 17-207 added section 27-65-105(1)(a)(I.5), C.R.S. that established the Involuntary Transportation for Immediate Screening Hold.

What is the Involuntary Transportation Hold?

Pursuant to 27-65-105(1)(a)(I.5), C.R.S., the Involuntary Transportation Hold is an initial intervening step to get an individual in a mental health crisis, who will not go voluntarily and does not clearly meet 72-Hour Hold criteria (imminent danger to self or others, or gravely disabled) from the community to a facility with crisis walk-in services that will then screen for the need for a 72-Hour Hold.

Why was the Transportation Hold Created?

There was no involuntary option for an individual in a mental health crisis to receive mental health services unless they met 72-Hour Hold criteria (imminent danger to self or others, or gravely disabled).

Example: Individual in mental health crisis at the grocery store, but not a danger to self or others, and not committing a crime.

Law enforcement's previous options:

1. Individual let go after contact and determination that criteria not met, only to have law enforcement called back again and again; OR,
2. Individual charged with crime when what they really need is behavioral health services.

Who can place a Transportation Hold?

An *Intervening Professional*, statutorily defined in 27-65-105(1)(a)(II), C.R.S., as:

- A certified peace officer
- A professional person (person licensed to practice medicine, licensed psychologist)
- Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW)
- Registered Nurse*
- Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)*
- Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (LMFT)*
- Licensed Addiction Counselor (LAC)*

*Who by reason of post graduate education and additional preparation has gained knowledge, judgment and skill in psychiatric or mental health nursing or psychiatric or clinical mental health therapy, forensic psychotherapy, or the evaluation of mental health disorders.

M-0.5 Form

The M-0.5 Form is the legal form used to facilitate the Transportation Hold. The M-0.5 Form must be filled out in its entirety and given to the facility and the individual.

(M-Forms can be found at: <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdhs/forms-20>)

Resource Options Prior to Placing an Involuntary Transportation Hold:

The least restrictive means of providing care should always be used; voluntary services should be pursued before involuntary services (Transportation Hold or 72-Hour Hold).

- Persuade the individual to seek mental health services voluntarily at a crisis walk-in center.
- Contact mobile crisis services; they are required to be there in 2 hours or less.
- Access co-responder programs (law enforcement-behavioral health professional partnerships).
- If you need additional resource consultation with a behavioral health professional, call [Colorado Crisis Services: 1-844-493-8255](tel:1-844-493-8255)

An individual on a Transportation Hold may be transported to a Crisis Walk-In Center

*If a Crisis Walk-In Center is not available, the person may be taken to an emergency department

Crisis Walk-In Center Locations (open 24/7 unless otherwise specified):

METRO DENVER REGION		NORTHEAST REGION	SOUTHEAST REGION
Westminster Walk-In Crisis Services 2551 W 84th Avenue Westminster, CO 80031	Boulder Walk-in Crisis Services 3180 Airport Road Boulder, CO 80301	Fort Collins Walk-In Crisis Services 1217 Riverside Ave Fort Collins, CO 80524	Pueblo Walk-In Crisis Services 1310 Chinook Lane Pueblo, CO 81001
Wheat Ridge Walk-In Crisis Services 4643 Wadsworth Blvd. Wheat Ridge, CO 80033	Denver Walk-In Crisis Services 4353 E. Colfax Avenue Denver, CO 80220	Greeley Walk-In Crisis Services 928 12th Street Greeley, CO 80631	Colorado Springs Walk-In Crisis Services <i>Lighthouse Walk-In Center</i> 115 S Parkside Drive Colorado Springs, CO 80910
Littleton Walk-In Crisis Services 6509 S. Santa Fe Drive Littleton, CO 80120	Aurora Walk-in Crisis Services 2206 Victor Street Aurora, CO 80045	WESTERN SLOPE REGION	
		Grand Junction Walk-In Crisis Services 515 28 3/4 Road Grand Junction, CO 81501	Colorado Springs Walk-In Crisis Services <i>Woodmen Walk-In Center (7a-11p)</i> 6071 E Woodmen Rd Ste 135 Colorado Springs, CO 80923

What happens at the facility?

1. Individual brought into the facility with the completed M-0.5 Form.
2. Facility staff receives the individual and M-0.5 Form and gathers collateral information from the transporter (warm hand-off).
3. Intervening professional at the facility **immediately screens** the individual to determine if he or she meets criteria (imminent danger to self or others, or gravely disabled) for 72 hour treatment and evaluation (M-1).

Outcome of screening:

- Individual agrees to receive mental health services voluntarily;
- If individual refuses voluntary services and criteria met, 72-Hour Hold (M-1) is placed; or,
- If individual refuses voluntary services and does not meet criteria, individual free to leave the facility.