

Flowchart for Referring Practitioners

This flowchart must be read in conjunction with the 'Information for Referring Practitioners' (MHA14)

Medical Practitioner (MP) or Authorised Mental Health Practitioner (AMHP) conducts an assessment on a person either face to face or in non-metro areas by Audio-visual (AV) means.

The referrer reasonably suspects the person is in need of an involuntary treatment order and completes a **Referral Order - Form 1A** within 48 hrs of assessment.

The **Referral Order - Form 1A** lasts for up to 72 hrs to enable the person to be taken to the place of examination, which can be either an authorised hospital or other place where a psychiatrist can examine the person. The person must be given a copy of information in Form 1A, excluding confidential information in **Attachment to Form 1A**

In non-metro areas if the Form 1A will expire before the person arrives at the place of examination, it can be extended for further 72 hrs (maximum 144 hrs)
Variation of Referral Order - Form 1B

If a practitioner forms the opinion that the referred person no longer requires involuntary treatment the practitioner can revoke the referral by completing the **revocation section** of a **Referral Order - Form 1A**.

If the person needs to be detained to enable them to get to the place of examination, the referrer or another practitioner may detain the referred person for up to 24 hrs - **Detention Order - Form 3A**. Personal support person must be notified

The referrer or another practitioner may detain the referred person for further periods of 24 hrs - **Continuation of Detention Order - Form 3B**. The maximum period a person can be detained is until the referral expires, which is 72 hours in metro areas (or in non-metro areas, if the referral is extended then 144 hours)

If the condition of the person is such that transport by a Transport Officer or Police is required, the referrer can make a **Transport Order - Form 4A**. Personal support person must be notified

If a Referral Order is revoked the Transport Order is automatically revoked. A Transport Order can also be revoked without the Referral Order being revoked if the Transport Order is no longer required - **revocation section** of a **Transport Order Form 4A**

In non-metro areas if the Referral Order is extended, the Transport Order is automatically extended, and will expire when the Referral Order expires.

The referrer or another practitioner may change the place where the examination will be conducted after consulting with practitioners at the new destination, and must advise the person carrying out the transport - **Variation of Referral - Form 1B**

Person received at authorised hospital or other place and can be detained for 24 hours for examination by psychiatrist. (The Referral Order then no longer applies)