

UNDERSTANDING Your Deferral



You were petitioned for mental health treatment and after talking to your assigned attorney have decided to defer the hearing. What this means is that you have agreed to voluntarily participate in the recommended mental health services for a specific amount of days (60 days if your petition was for hospitalization only and 180 days if the petition included outpatient services). If at any time during the deferral period, you refuse the agreed upon mental health services, then the AOT Program must notify Genesee County Probate Court. Once Probate Court is notified, a hearing will take place to talk about an order for mental health treatment. Additionally, the Judge may order you to go to the hospital.

You have rights during the deferral period:

- You have the right to talk to your prescriber about the medications you are taking.
- You have a right to demand a hearing.
- You have a right to complain about services provided.
- You have a right to only participate in the least restrictive services that have been found to be medically necessary for your mental health treatment.

The AOT Program is available to help you during this time. If you ever have any concerns or need help, please contact the AOT Program at **810-496-5388**.

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