

**MENTAL HEALTH ACT, 1976**

**Medical Recommendation for Admission for Observation (Sections 14, 15 and 17)**

(See Explanatory Note)

(1) Name and address of medical practitioner. 1. I (1) ..... of ..... being a registered medical practitioner, recommend that (2) .....

(2) Name and address of patient. .... of ..... be admitted to hospital for observation in accordance with Part III of the Mental Health Act, 1976.

2. I last examined the patient on ..... 19.....

\* Delete if not applicable 3. \*(a) I was acquainted with the patient previously to conducting that examination.

\*(b) I have been approved by the Minister responsible for Public Health under section 17 of the Act as having special experience in the diagnosis or treatment of mental disorder.

4. I am of the opinion:—

(a) that this patient is suffering from mental disorder of a nature or degree which warrants his/her detention in a hospital under observation for at least a limited period.

AND

(b) that this patient ought to be so detained:

Delete (i) or (ii) unless both apply.

(i) in the interests of the patient's own health or safety.

(ii) with a view to the protection of other persons.

5. (This section is to be deleted unless the medical recommendation is the first recommendation in support of an emergency application under section 15).

In my opinion it is of urgent necessity for the patient to be admitted and detained under section 15 of the Act and compliance with the requirements of the Act relating to applications for admission for observation other than emergency application would involve undesirable delay.

Signed .....

Date .....

**Record of Receipt**

(This is not part of the recommendation, and is to be completed only if the medical recommendation is the second recommendation in support of an emergency application under section 15)

(3) Insert time and date This recommendation was received on behalf of the manager at (3) ..... on ..... 19.....the patient having been admitted at (3) on ..... 19.....

Signed ..... on behalf of the manager

Date .....

**Explanatory Note**

**SECTION 17(3) MENTAL HEALTH ACT**

This medical recommendation shall not be given by any of the following persons:

- (a) applicant;
- (b) a partner of the applicant or of a practitioner by whom another medical recommendation is given for the purpose of the same application;
- (c) a person employed by the applicant or by any such practitioner as aforesaid;
- (d) a person who receives or has an interest in the receipt of any payments made on account of the maintenance of the patient; or
- (e) the husband or wife or a relative by consanguinity or affinity up to the second degree of the patient, or of any such person as aforesaid or of a practitioner by whom another medical recommendation is given for the purpose of the same application.

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