

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION INTO A MENTAL HEALTH INSTITUTION BY CONSENT

Description

There are many different mental health problems with different symptoms. Some are more serious than others in the way they affect the individual, family and community. The causes of mental health problems differ, but generally they are a combination of biological, psychological and social reasons.

Steps to follow

- Provide details of the patient.
- Provide details of the applicant if the application is done on behalf of the patient.
- Make a declaration and sign it as an applicant.

Legal framework

This service is provided in terms of the Mental Health Care Act, 2002 (Act 17 of 2002)

Service standard

Only a spouse, next of kin, partner, associate, parent or guardian of a mental healthcare user may make an application, but where the:

- user is below the age of 18 years on the date of the application, the application must be made by the parent or guardian of the user
- spouse, next of kin, partner, associate, parent or guardian of the user is unwilling, incapable or not available to make such an application, the application may be made by a healthcare provider.

Cost

The cost for the service depends on two conditions. Where a patient is admitted involuntarily, that is, the person is so sick that they need medical attention without their consent, the service is free.

Were a patient voluntarily consents and request the service, they are liable for payment in terms of the Uniform Patient Fees Schedule

Forms to complete

Application forms are available from public or private clinics.