

**202A.026 Criteria for involuntary hospitalization. (Effective until October 1, 2026)**

No person shall be involuntarily hospitalized unless such person is a mentally ill person:

- (1) Who presents a danger or threat of danger to self, family or others as a result of the mental illness;
- (2) Who can reasonably benefit from treatment; and
- (3) For whom hospitalization is the least restrictive alternative mode of treatment presently available.

**Effective:** July 1, 1982

**History:** Created 1982 Ky. Acts ch. 445, sec. 4, effective July 1, 1982.

**Legislative Research Commission Note.** This section was enacted in 1982 Acts, Chapter 445, which contains the following language in Section 45 of that Act: "This Act shall become effective on July 1, 1982." The Ky. Constitution, in Section 55, requires that a reason be set forth for the emergency. However, no reason is set forth in this Act. The effective date for 1982 Acts with no emergency provision is July 15, 1982.