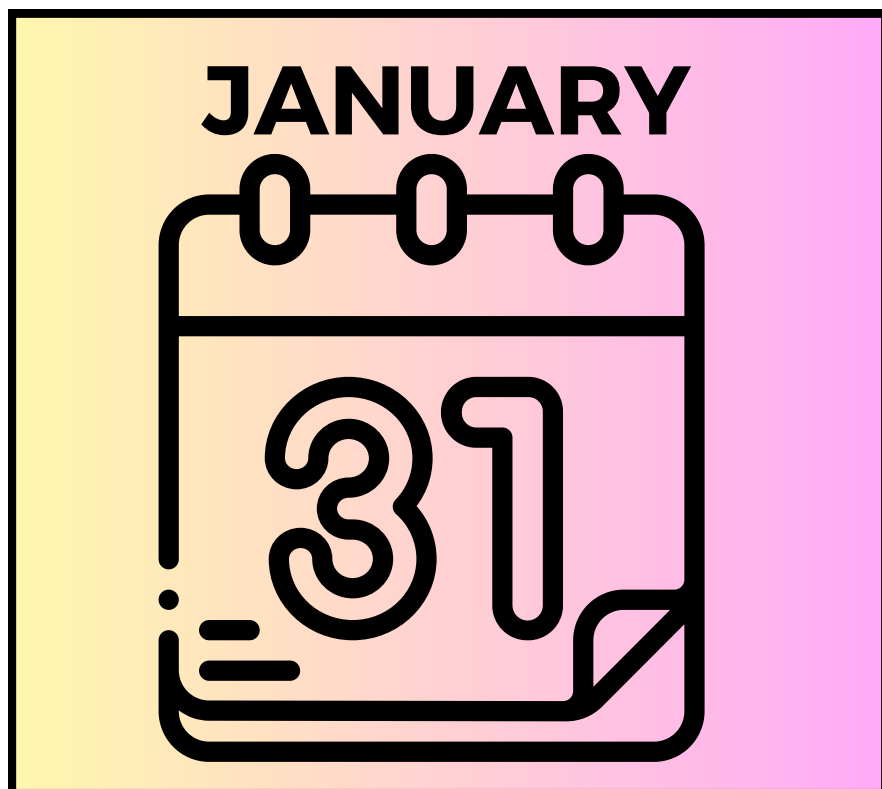




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OLD FORMS 4 MUST NOT BE USED TO INITIATE INVOLUNTARY ADMISSIONS AFTER JAN 31, 2024

The New Year brings major changes to the administration of the MHA, starting with the new Medical Certificates taking effect as of Feb 1, 2024.

This issue advises of the actions required to make the switch.

HIGHLIGHT

FORMS 4.1 & 4.2



As of February 1, 2024 the legally recognized medical certificates for an involuntary admission under the MHA are:

- [Form 4.1 - First Medical Certificate](#)
- [Form 4.2 - Second Medical Certificate](#)

Destroy all printed copies of blank Form 4s in all resource storage areas, etc.

Replace with new Forms 4.1 and 4.2.

NEW REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MEDICAL CERTIFICATE COMPLETION

Ensure processes in place for Sections 2 be completed for every Form 4.1 & 4.2 immediately after completion of Section 1

- Form 4.1 Section 2 date & time starts the involuntary admission.
- Form 4.2 Section 2A date & time continues the involuntary admission for up to one month

Ensure all physicians and nursing staff understand the role of the MHA Director Delegate with the new forms

Use the [Form 4.1](#) & [4.2](#) Checklists to review Section 1 of the forms for completion & timeliness before co-signing in Section 2

- FOR PRACTICE SUPPORTS:**
- Refer to the Intranet sub-page [DEDICATED to the MHA Changes](#)
 - Download forms [4.1](#) & [4.2](#)
 - Form [Completion video](#)
 - Form [Completion Guide](#)
 - MHA [Education Module](#)
 - Delegation [Matrix](#)
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