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ER-specific Quick Guide to the current, legally required MHA forms

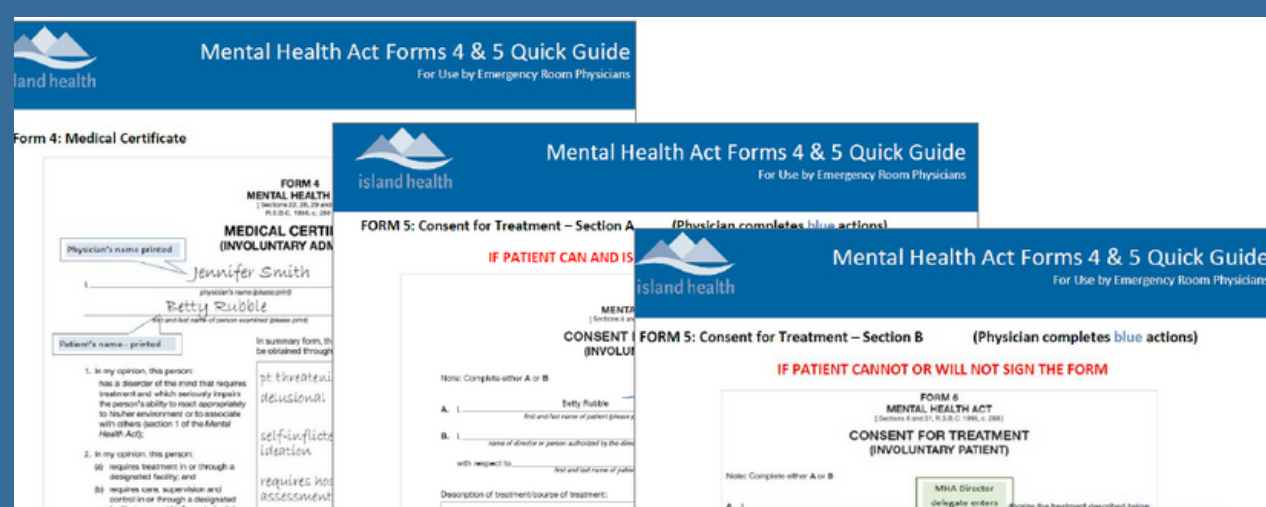
The Ministry of Health's revisions to some of the MHA forms: expected changes and our preparations

HIGHLIGHT

NEW!

MHA Form 4 and Form 5 Quick Guide for Emergency Departments

- 3-page document walking you through the required legal forms: Form 4 and Form 5
- Provides examples on filling the forms so they meet the legal requirements:
 - Physician's reasons for opinion
 - Treatment and interventions used to stabilize the person while they're an ER patient



The MHA Quick Form 4 & Form 5 Guide for Emergency Departments is available through the [MHA Intranet Site](#)  

FORMS 4.1 AND 4.2

UPDATE!

THE MHA FORMS AND PROCESSES ARE CHANGING

REVISED FORM: Medical Certificate (Form 4), completed, so a person can receive involuntary psychiatric treatment in a designated facility.

Form 4 will be replaced with Form 4.1 & Form 4.2
NEW FORMS:

- Can be completed by Nurse Practitioners (4.1) or Physicians (4.1 & 4.2)
- Are person and patient-centered, culturally safe, trauma-informed & gender-affirming

The current Form 4s will continue to be used until education and training has been provided to all affected Physicians, Nurse Practitioners, Leadership and Staff.

Updates to Island Health's education are now underway and you will be updated when they are available.

Form 4 will be discontinued on January 31, 2024, as per the Ministry of Health's directive.

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