



BC MENTAL HEALTH ACT INFOBITS

Monthly MHA news, tips and resources



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The Island Health [Online MHA Learning Hub Module](#) has been updated to reflect the incoming changes to the medical certificates. It aims to deliver learning grounded in culturally safe, trauma-informed and recovery-oriented practices.



In this issue we'll share some key updates to the module, and what makes it a comprehensive and engaging learning tool.

HIGHLIGHT

THE MHA MODULE IS DESIGNED TO GIVE LEARNERS AN OVERVIEW OF THE COMPONENTS OF THE MHA.

WHO'S IT FOR?

- All staff, leaders & physicians, who interact with persons receiving involuntary treatment under the MHA, and
- Are responsible for completion and review of MHA forms



WHAT TO EXPECT?

- Reflections - throughout the module you'll be promoted to reflect on practice scenarios
- Knowledge testing - via short & interactive quizzes
- Practice approaches - trauma-informed, culturally-agile and person-centered
- Resources and tools

WHAT TOPICS COVERED?

- Underpinning practices
- Considerations for use of MHA
- Involuntary admission criteria
- Patient rights under the MHA
- Involuntary admission process, involving renewals, warrants, panel hearings, leave authorization, recalls and discharges.

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MHA - ISLAND HEALTH MODULE



Meet Jayla

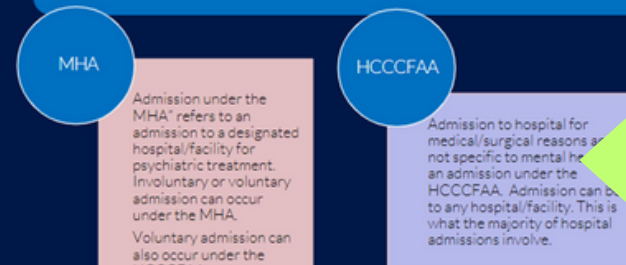
Jayla is a 22 year person in a committed relationship with her long time partner Susan, although she lives with her Father Kwame on Vancouver Island in British Columbia.

As a child Jayla and Kwame immigrated to Canada due to unsafe living conditions in her home country where she experienced poverty and violence. Since arriving in Canada, she is unsure of the culture and norms, and is often marginalized and stigmatized by her peers

CASE STUDY

Admissions: which Act?

The Mental Health Act (MHA) vs the Health Care Consent and Care Facility Admission Act (HCCCFAA)



ADMISSION CONSIDERATIONS

What's new on the Form 4.1?

- Nurse Practitioners licensed to practice in BC can complete a Form 4.1
- The Forms clearly distinguish the four involuntary admission criteria
- The involuntary admission begins after a MHA delegate reviews and approves that the form is complete
- Approval is documented with dated & timed MHA

NEW FORM OVERVIEW

Earn up to 1 Mainpro+ CME credits

92.5% of physicians who recently completed the module, indicate they are more prepared to complete the required MHA forms

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