



Overview of Laura's Law

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LAURA'S LAW

The Assisted Outpatient Treatment Demonstration Project Act of 2002

1. Background
2. County program
3. What is Assisted Outpatient Treatment?
4. What Assisted Outpatient Treatment is NOT



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ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

A person may be placed in assisted outpatient treatment only if, after a hearing, a court finds that all of the following have been met (Welfare and Institutions Code Section 5346(a):

- Eighteen years or older;
- Suffering from a mental illness (WIC 5600.3(b));
- Unlikely to survive safely in the community without supervision, based on a clinical determination;



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ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA CONT.

- Have a history of non-compliance with treatment;
- Have been offered an opportunity to voluntarily participate in a treatment plan by the local mental health department, but continues to fail to engage in treatment;
- Substantially deteriorating;



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ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA CONT.

- In view of his or her treatment history and current behavior, in need of assisted outpatient treatment in order to prevent a relapse or deterioration that would likely result in the person meeting California's inpatient commitment standard;
- Likely to benefit from assisted outpatient treatment; and
- Participation in the assisted outpatient program is the least restrictive placement necessary to ensure the person's recovery and stability.



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CHALLENGES/LIMITATIONS

1. Benefits
2. Challenges
3. Updates to Laura's Law in 2020 (AB 1976)



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QUESTIONS?



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