

207–Availability of resource.

Immediate availability of a detention bed will not be a factor in detention decision making.

If no resources are available the DMHP will follow RSN and county practices.

If the individual meets the detention criteria the DMHP can explore the following options after determining the availability of local resources.

- Pursue resources (Certified E&T beds) in counties within close proximity
- Locate and secure Certified E&T beds elsewhere within the state
- Request a Single Bed Certification

“Single Bed Certification” refers to the process or result of a DBHR designee request for a one-time waiver that allows involuntary treatment to occur in a facility that is not currently certified under WAC 388-865-0500.

When an individual meets one of the following criteria:

1. The consumer requires services that are not available at a facility certified under this chapter or a state psychiatric hospital.
2. The consumer is expected to be ready for discharge from inpatient services within the next thirty days and being at a community facility would facilitate continuity of care, consistent with the consumer's individual treatment needs.
3. The consumer can receive appropriate evaluation and treatment in one of the following facilities and the certification will be only to that facility:
 - A. A residential treatment facility, as defined under chapter 246-337 WAC.
 - B. A hospital with a psychiatric unit.
 - C. A hospital that can provide psychiatric services.
 - D. A psychiatric hospital

When a person is going to be detained to a Single Bed Certification bed, the DMHP will follow all applicable Washington State laws for the ITA or LRA process. The steps are as follows:

1. The DMHP determines whether or not to detain the person observing the legally required time frames.
2. If the DMHP determines that the individual meets emergent detention criteria, the DMHP locates an E&T bed and secures provisional acceptance from that facility.
3. If no E&T bed can be located, the RSN responsible for the region in which the DMHP is designated should locate an appropriate bed capable of providing individualized treatment and request single bed certification from the State Hospital which serves their RSN.
4. *The Single Bed Certification Form* requires that the RSN or its designee attest that the facility can provide adequate treatment services and that the facility will provisionally accept placement upon

receipt of the approved Single Bed Certification. Note: the State Hospitals will only process requests submitted on the 9/18/14 or later form.

5. The State Hospital will process the request within two hours and fax the approved request back to the RSN's representative.
6. Upon receipt of the state hospital approved *Single Bed Certification Form*, the person may be served the ITA or LRA Revocation paperwork.
7. The DMHP will provide a copy of the approved *Single Bed Certification Form* to the facility where the person is held.
8. The DMHP will file the ITA or LRA Revocation paperwork with the Superior court of the county where the person is physically present (It is suggested that DMHP get a court certified copy of the legally filed paperwork to send with the client once an E&T bed is found). RCW 71.05.160, RCW 71.05.340 and RCW 71.34.710, RCW 71.34.780 .
9. The DMHP does not have legal authority to dismiss or "drop" the ITA or LRA hold. This must be done by the treating physician or person in charge of the facility. RCW 71.05.210 and RCW 71.34.770.

For involuntarily detained children, a hospital may request an exception to allow treatment in a facility not certified under WAC 388-865-0500 until the child's discharge from that setting to the community, or until they transfer to a bed in a children's long-term inpatient program (CLIP).