

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE SECTION 5270.10 ET. SEQ. (ADDITIONAL INTENSIVE TREATMENT)**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER R-2025-295**

WHEREAS, the legislative intent of Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) section 5270.10 *et seq.* is "to reduce the number of gravely disabled persons for whom conservatorship petitions are filed and who are placed under the extensive powers and authority of a temporary conservator simply to obtain an additional period of treatment without the belief that a conservator is actually needed and without the intention of proceeding to trial on the conservatorship petition" (WIC section 5270.10);

WHEREAS, the County of Alameda (County) seeks to implement WIC section 5270.10 *et seq.* to fulfill the legislative goals as described above, in Alameda County;

WHEREAS, under the Lanterman-Petris-Short (LPS) Act, a person may be taken into custody for a period of not more than 72 hours for assessment, evaluation, or treatment, when, as a result of a mental health disorder, such person is a danger to themselves or others, or is gravely disabled (WIC section 5150);

WHEREAS, under the LPS Act, under certain conditions the person may then be certified for not more than 14 days of intensive treatment (WIC section 5250);

WHEREAS, in Alameda County, in certain cases in which a period of 17 days (WIC sections 5150 and 5250) is insufficient to stabilize a person with a serious mental health problem, the Alameda County Public Guardian-Conservator files a petition for a temporary conservatorship (T-Con) for a period not to exceed 30 days;

WHEREAS, filing a petition of conservatorship is a significant event for the affected persons and requires extensive time and involvement from several agencies and departments, including the Alameda County Behavioral Health Department (ACBHD); Social Services Agency (SSA), including the SSA Public Guardian-Conservator; and the Superior Court;

WHEREAS, implementation of WIC section 5270.10 *et seq.* in Alameda County (Implementation) allows, under the LPS Act, a person to be certified for an additional period of not more than 30 days of intensive treatment under certain conditions, upon the completion of a 14-day period of intensive treatment pursuant to WIC section 5250;

WHEREAS, the implementation would be an alternative to the significant legal steps of filing a T-Con petition;

WHEREAS, any additional costs incurred by the County in the implementation are funded either by new funding sufficient to cover the costs incurred by the implementation, or funds redirected from cost savings resulting from the Implementation, or a combination thereof; and

WHEREAS, no current service reductions will occur, and the system will incur no additional costs as a result of implementation;

WHEREAS, the implementation would serve to support ongoing collaborative care pathways to prevent institutionalization and ease system burdens;

WHEREAS, the County supports the care to individuals that is designed to promote support, recovery, and wellness in clinically appropriate and accessible settings;

WHEREAS, the implementation would afford additional care coordination planning around the identification and utilization of less restrictive alternatives to involuntary treatment;

WHEREAS, the implementation supports maintenance of individual civil rights for those with serious mental illness during an additional 30-day period; and

WHEREAS, the implementation would not change the duration of a certified person's grave disability or need for intensive treatment, funds supporting the care for individuals currently on temporary conservatorship will be redirected for care under WIC section 5270.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. The findings stated in the recitals to this Resolution are restated in full and adopted by reference.
2. The Board of Supervisors authorizes the implementation of Article 4.7 (Additional Intensive Treatment) of Chapter 2 of Part 1 of Division 5 of the Welfare and Institutions Code (section 5270.10 *et seq.*), effective August 1, 2025.

Adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Alameda, State of California, on June 17, 2025, by the following called vote:

AYES: Supervisors Tam, Márquez, Miley, Fortunato Bas and President Haubert - 5

NOES: None - 0

EXCUSED: None - 0



President of the Board of Supervisors  
County of Alameda, State of California

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors,  
County of Alameda

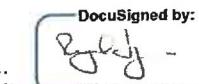
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Donna Ziegler, County Counsel

By:



Raymond Leung  
Deputy County Counsel