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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MOHAVE

IN THE MATTER OF, MODIFIED INVESTIGATIONS BY THE PUBLIC FIDUCIARY AND COURT APPOINTED INVESTIGATORS FOR PATIENTS IN MEDICAL OR PSYCHIATRIC CARE FACILITIES DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC HEALTH CRISIS	ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 16

WHEREAS, Mohave County Superior Court is committed to combating COVID-19, protecting the health and safety of community members, court staff, county employees, attorneys, and contractors; and

WHEREAS, Mohave County Superior Court acknowledges that hospitals and care facilities are prohibiting public access to those facilities in an effort to minimize the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Mohave County Superior Court is committed to protecting the rights of proposed wards and/or protected persons who are patients in medical or psychiatric facilities in Title 14 Guardianship/Conservatorship matters while balancing the need to follow national, state, and local guidance and orders limiting public contact and encouraging social distancing; and

WHEREAS, the Arizona Supreme Court encouraged the elimination of in-person contact to the extent possible in Administrative Order 2020-48; and

WHEREAS, the Arizona Supreme Court authorized the Presiding Superior Court Judge to adopt local rules and orders to address the current public health emergency to enable necessary court operations in Administrative Order 2020-48;

IT IS ORDERED that statutorily mandated investigations in Title 14 Guardianship/Conservatorship proceedings where the patient is in a medical or psychiatric care facility be conducted on a modified basis, utilizing collateral sources of information to the extent possible by reviewing relevant records and conducting secondary source interviews;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Public Fiduciary and/or Court appointed investigator conduct electronic or telephonic interviews with the patient in a medical or psychiatric care facility to the extent practicable in order to avoid in-person contact;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all reports to the Court specify the manner in which the investigation was conducted and all collateral sources of information utilized by the reporter.

DATED this 31st day of March, 2020

Honorable Charles W. Gurtler Jr., Presiding Judge
Mohave County Superior Court

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IN THE MATTER OF, ALTERNATE SERVICE OF PROCESS ON PATIENTS IN MEDICAL OR PSYCHIATRIC CARE FACILITIES DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC HEALTH CRISIS	ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 17

WHEREAS, Mohave County Superior Court is committed to combating COVID-19, protecting the health and safety of community members, court staff, county employees, attorneys, and contractors; and

WHEREAS, Mohave County Superior Court acknowledges that hospitals and care facilities are prohibiting public access to those facilities in an effort to minimize the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Mohave County Superior Court is committed to protecting the rights of patients in Title 36 Mental Health Involuntary Commitment matters and in Title 14 Guardianship/Conservatorship matters while balancing the need to follow national, state, and local guidance and orders limiting public contact and encouraging social distancing; and

WHEREAS, the Arizona Supreme Court encouraged the elimination of in-person contact to the extent possible in Administrative Order 2020-48; and

WHEREAS, the Arizona Supreme Court authorized the Presiding Superior Court Judge to adopt local rules and orders to address the current public health emergency to enable necessary court operations in Administrative Order 2020-48;

IT IS ORDERED that service of process on patients in medical or psychiatric care facilities be accomplished through electronic means to the greatest extent possible by transmitting the documents to be served on a patient to an administrator or designated recipient at the medical or psychiatric care facility for delivery directly to the patient. The serving party shall obtain confirmation of delivery on the patient. The Proof of Notice filed with the Court shall specify the date and manner of delivery on the patient;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that The Proof of Notice filed with the Court shall specify the date and manner of delivery on the patient.

DATED this 31st day of March, 2020

Honorable Charles W. Gurtler Jr., Presiding Judge
Mohave County Superior Court

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