CAUSE NO. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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OF \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (initials only) § \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY, TEXAS

**JUDGMENT-NO JURY**

**COURT-ORDERED EXTENDED OUTPATIENT MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES**

On the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 202\_\_\_, came on to be heard the Application for Court-Ordered Extended Outpatient Mental Health Services in the above numbered and entitled cause, alleging that **Patient Name Here,** hereinafter called "Patient," is a person with mental illness and meets the criteria for court-ordered mental health services; and no jury having been requested, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**,** the attorney representing the Patient, and the Assistant District/County Attorney for the State, announced ready, and all matters of fact and law were submitted to the Court, and the Court finds as follows:

That all necessary notices and copies of the Application have been served as required by law, that, if applicable, there has been filed with the Court a recommendation for the most appropriate treatment alternative for the Patient, that all of the terms and provisions of the Texas Health and Safety Code have been complied with, and that appropriate mental health services are available to the Patient.

That **Drs. First and Second Doctor's Name Here**, both of whom are duly licensed to practice medicine in the State of Texas or are employed by an agency of the United States having a license to practice medicine in any state of the United States, having timely filed in this cause Certificates of Medical Examination for Mental Illness stating that the Patient is a person with mental illness; said Certificates are in compliance with the Texas Health and Safety Code.

That **Doctor’s Name Here, M.D.,** duly licensed to practice medicine in any state of the United States, having timely filed in this cause a Certificate of Medical Examination for Mental Illness, and if applicable, having offered testimony in open court, stating that the Patient is a person with mental illness; said Certificate is in compliance with the Texas Health and Safety Code.

That, after considering all the evidence, the recommendation for the most appropriate treatment alternative, if any, and the expert, competent medical or psychiatric testimony, it appears to the Court that the allegations of the Application are true and correct and are supported by clear and convincing evidence that:

(A) the proposed patient is a person with severe and persistent mental illness;

(B) as a result of the mental illness, the proposed patient will, if not treated, experience deterioration of the ability to function independently to the extent that the proposed patient will be unable to live safely in the community without court-ordered outpatient mental health services;

(C) outpatient mental health services are needed to prevent a relapse that would likely result in serious harm to the proposed patient or others; and

(D) the proposed patient has an inability to participate in outpatient treatment services effectively and voluntarily, demonstrated by:

(i) any of the proposed patient's actions occurring within the two-year period that immediately precedes the hearing; or

(ii) specific characteristics of the proposed patient's clinical condition that significantly impair the proposed patient's ability to make a rational and informed decision whether to submit to voluntary outpatient treatment.

**IT IS THEREFORE DETERMINED** that the Patient is a person with mental illness and meets the criteria for, and requires, Court-Ordered Extended Outpatient Mental Health Services and that the same shall be ordered in the least restrictive appropriate setting available. The court has identified \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Facility Administrator of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, as the person responsible for Court-Ordered Outpatient Services. It has also been ordered that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ submit to the court prior to the entering of this Order, a General Program of Treatment for the Patient to be incorporated in this Order, and thereafter Monthly Status Reports. Said General Program of Treatment is hereby incorporated into this order:

Accordingly, it is **ORDERED** that the Patient be, and is hereby, required to participate in Outpatient Mental Health Services with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ The court finds that the Proposed Patient is in need of Extended Court-Ordered Mental Health Services and therefore orders treatment for a period of time not to exceed twelve (12) months. This order expires on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

It is further **ORDERED** that the Proposed Patient is to comply with the General Program of Treatment filed with the court on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 202\_\_.

It is further **ORDERED** that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(facility administrator), or her designee, promptly inform the Court if the Patient fails to comply with the terms of this Order or the General Program of Treatment, or if the Patient's condition has so deteriorated that Outpatient Mental Health Services are no longer appropriate, or of any other substantial changes in the General Program of Treatment which may occur prior to the expiration of this Order.

It is further **ORDERED** that **Patient Name Here,** patient, report to, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 202\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_.m. for the first Court-Ordered Outpatient Mental Health Services appointment.

**SIGNED** on this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 202\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

PRESIDING JUDGE

**GENERAL PROGRAM FOR TREATMENT FOR COURT-ORDERED**

**OUTPATIENT MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES**

**TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF SAID COURT:**

On this the \_\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 202\_\_, I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the individual responsible for services, show the Court that by Order that may be issued on the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 202\_\_, in the above-entitled and numbered cause, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Patient Name Here), Patient, may be Court-Ordered to participate in Outpatient Mental Health Services at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for a period not to exceed the \_\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 202\_\_.

Pursuant to the Order and Section §574.0125 and §574.037 Texas Health and Safety Code, and prior to the issuance of said Order, I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the individual responsible for services, hereby submit to this Court the following General Program of Treatment for said patient to be incorporated in the Court’s Order:

(see attached form)

**GENERAL PROGRAM OF TREATMENT**

Sec. §574.037 Texas Health and Safety Code

TO: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Judge of the Court)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

From: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, with\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (facility/provider)

RE: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Patient Name Here)

Cause No. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

In response to requirements of the Texas Health and Safety Code concerning the general program of treatment for patient’s court-ordered outpatient mental health services, I submit the following:

**GOAL:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**OBJECTIVE: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**STRATEGY: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

SIGNED:

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Individual Responsible

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Case Manager

It is further **ORDERED** that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, patient, report to\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(LMHA name) at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 202\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_ .m. for the first Court-Ordered Extended Outpatient Mental Health Services appointment.

SIGNED on this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 202\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

PRESIDING JUDGE

[COURT LETTERHEAD HERE]

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (facility administrator name)

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (LMHA name)

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (address)

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (city, state, zip code)

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (date)

RE: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (patient name), Cause No. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Dear \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(facility administrator name)

Enclosed herewith is a copy of a Judgment committing the above referenced Patient to extended outpatient care and treatment through your facility. Please keep me appraised of the status of this matter through the end of the commitment period dated \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

If \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (patient) fails to comply with this Order, or the Patient’s condition has so deteriorated that outpatient services are no longer appropriate, in addition to being advised of that fact, I will want any recommendations that the person responsible for the case may choose to make to the court regarding further care.

The Patient’s last known address is:

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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If you have any questions, please feel free to inquire.

Sincerely,

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Judge’s signature