

**222.434 Seventy-two-hour emergency involuntary treatment.**

- (1) Following an examination by a qualified health professional and a certification by that professional that the person meets the criteria specified in KRS 222.431, the court may order the person hospitalized for a period not to exceed seventy-two (72) hours if the court finds, by clear and convincing evidence, that the respondent presents an imminent threat of danger to self, family, or others as a result of alcohol and other drug abuse.
- (2) Any person who has been admitted to a hospital under subsection (1) of this section shall be released from the hospital within seventy-two (72) hours of admittance.
- (3) No respondent ordered hospitalized under this section shall be held in jail pending transportation to the hospital or evaluation unless the court has previously found the respondent to be in contempt of court for either failure to undergo treatment or failure to appear at the evaluation ordered pursuant to KRS 222.433.

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