

Filing a Petition

Petitions must be filed by an agency or by someone who has a qualifying relationship with the potential participant, including:

- Adult family members (spouse, parent, adult sibling, adult child, grandparent)
- An individual who stands in place of a parent for the participant
- A person with whom the participant resides
- A person petitioning for self

CARE Act Goal

CARE Act focuses on a small population of the most vulnerable individuals with the most severe mental health disorders. The goal is to provide supportive services to this population and keep them out of homelessness, hospitals, and jails.

CARE Act Questions? CONTACT:

Solano County Behavioral Health

Phone: 1-800-547-0495
Email: BHCareAct@solanocounty.com

Scan QR Code for Website:



NAMI Solano County

Resource Line: 707-422-7792
<https://namisolano.org/>

Need help filing a Petition? CONTACT:

Solano Legal Access Center

600 Union Avenue,
Second Floor, Rm 205
Fairfield

Email: flf@solano.courts.ca.gov

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Community Assistance Recovery Empowerment CARE Act



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CARE Act Program

The CARE Act program is a civil court created by the California Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment Act. The CARE Act serves people with specific, untreated severe mental health disorders. The CARE Act allows certain adults to file a petition to refer eligible individuals directly to the Court.

CARE Act Agencies

The Solano County Superior Court and Solano County Behavioral Health (SCBH) are responsible for managing the CARE Act.

- The Court determines participant eligibility; manages hearings; approves care plans; and monitors progress for 1 year (up to 2 years max).
- SCBH provides or arranges treatment and services; reports on progress; and attends all hearings.

CARE Act Services

Participants in the CARE Act Program are appointed a public defender by the Court.

With the help of the public defender and a supporter who they choose, participants work with SCBH to develop a CARE Agreement or a CARE Plan.

Each Agreement or Plan is customized for a participant's specific needs; and outlines the services, treatment, and supports that the participant will receive to help them achieve wellness and recovery.

Services may include mental health and substance use treatment, housing supports, and social services.

Court Hearings

CARE Act involves a series of court hearings to establish eligibility; develop and approve a Care Agreement or Plan; review progress; and make adjustments as needed to help the participant succeed.

Eligibility Requirements

Not every person with a severe mental health disorder may be eligible for services under the CARE Act. The participant is:

- 18 years or older
- Diagnosed with Schizophrenia Spectrum or another Psychotic Disorder
- Unlikely to survive safely in the community without supervision and their condition is substantially deteriorating; OR need services and supports to prevent a relapse or deterioration that would result in grave disability or serious harm to themselves or others (5150)
- Not currently stabilized in ongoing voluntary treatment
- Likely to benefit from the CARE Act process AND the CARE Act is the least restrictive alternative for their stability and recovery