

Service Center
New Hampshire Circuit Court

FILING A PETITION TO EXPUNGE (REMOVE)

Items listed below are needed to start this type case:

- ☐ A petition to expunge can be filed in the circuit court-probate division where the petitioner lives or where the abuse, neglect or exploitation occurred.
- ☐ The form to use is the Petition to Expunge (NHJB-2619-P).

How much will this cost?

- ☐ There is no filing fee.

Other information

- ☐ The Bureau of Adult and Aging Services (BAAS) State Registry must receive a copy of the petition. It is the petitioner's responsibility to send a copy to the BAAS State Registry at the same time they are filing the petition with the Probate Court.
- ☐ Court staff shall sign and date the notice section of the form and send to BAAS State Registry prior to scheduling the matter before a judge.
- ☐ The statute does not specifically state that these matters must be treated as confidential. However the state registry is confidential by statute and the petition may have the names of others not involved in the case including the person who was abused, neglected and/or exploited. Therefore, Petition to Expunge cases will be handled as confidential in the probate courts.

What happens next?

- ☐ The court will not take action until at least 30 days after the BAAS report has been filed in probate court.
- ☐ No hearing will be scheduled unless the petitioner or the Bureau of Adult and Aging Services State Registry requests a hearing.

**Forms and Instructions are available at any NH Circuit Court – Probate Division
or at**

www.courts.state.nh.us/probate