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CARE-113

ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY NAME: FIRM NAME: STREET ADDRESS: CITY: TELEPHONE NO.: EMAIL ADDRESS: ATTORNEY FOR (name):	STATE BAR NUMBER: STATE: ZIP CODE: FAX NO.:	FOR COURT USE ONLY
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF STREET ADDRESS: MAILING ADDRESS: CITY AND ZIP CODE: BRANCH NAME:		
CARE ACT PROCEEDINGS FOR (name):		RESPONDENT
NOTICE OF RESPONDENT'S RIGHTS—CARE ACT PROCEEDINGS		CASE NUMBER:

Someone filed a petition to begin CARE Act proceedings for you. You have been appointed an attorney, free of charge. That attorney will contact you about this case. You may also choose an attorney to represent you instead of the appointed attorney. If you choose your own attorney, you will be responsible for their fees. A person who, like you, is the subject of a CARE Act petition is called the respondent.

THE CARE ACT RESPONDENT'S RIGHTS

Every respondent has all of the following rights.

During the CARE Act proceedings, you have a right to:

- Be informed of the proceedings;
- Receive notice of each hearing;
- Be present and personally participate at each hearing;
- Be represented by an attorney at all stages of the proceedings, regardless of ability to pay;
- Receive a copy of the petition;
- Receive a copy of the court-ordered evaluation and court-ordered report;
- Have a supporter be present with you and assist you;
- Have an interpreter assist you, if necessary;
- Present evidence;
- Call witnesses;
- Cross-examine witnesses;
- Appeal decisions; and
- Keep confidential all evaluations, reports, documents, and filings submitted to the court for CARE Act proceedings.

CARE Act hearings are closed to the public unless the court orders otherwise (see below). However, you have a right to:

- Demand that the hearing be public and be held in a place the public can attend;
- Request any family member or friend, including a supporter, attend the hearing without giving up your right to keep the hearing closed to the rest of the public; and
- Be informed by the judge of these rights before each hearing begins.

Note: The court may allow a hearing to be public if the judicial officer finds that the public interest in an open hearing clearly outweighs your interest in privacy.

You have a right to a supporter throughout the CARE Act process.

A supporter can help you understand, communicate, make decisions, and express your preferences. You can have a supporter with you at hearings and meetings throughout the CARE Act process. For more information, see *Information for Respondents—About the CARE Act* (form [CARE-060-INFO](#)).

What if I don't speak English?

When your appointed attorney contacts you, let them know that you will need an interpreter at court hearings. Let the court know as early in the case as possible that you need an interpreter. If there is no interpreter when you get to court, ask the clerk for one. You can also use *Request for Interpreter—Civil* (form [INT-300](#)) or a local court form or website to request an interpreter. For more information about court interpreters, go to <https://selfhelp.courts.ca.gov/request-interpreter>.

What if I have a disability?

If you have a disability and need an accommodation while you are at court, you can use *Disability Accommodation Request* (form [MC-410](#)) to make your request. You can also ask the ADA Coordinator in your court for help. For more information, see *How to Request a Disability Accommodation for Court* (form [MC-410-INFO](#)).

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