



**Superior Court of California
COUNTY OF ALAMEDA**

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PROBATE PACKET – CARE Act Proceedings

This packet contains the Judicial Council forms required to initiate a formal Petition to Commence CARE Act Proceedings. “The Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment” (CARE) Act authorizes specified adult persons to petition a civil court to create a voluntary CARE agreement or a court-ordered CARE plan that can include treatment, housing support, and other services for persons with untreated schizophrenia or other psychotic disorders.

A Petition to Commence CARE Act Proceedings may be filed at the following court locations: Berkeley Courthouse, Hayward Hall of Justice, and the Rene C. Davidson Courthouse.

CARE Act proceedings will be heard on Thursdays in Department 103 at the Oakland- Wiley W. Manuel Courthouse, commencing December 12, 2024.

To begin your Petition to Commence CARE Act Proceedings, please complete the following Judicial Council forms.

Description	Form No.
Petition to Commence CARE Act Proceedings	CARE-100*
Mental Health Declaration-CARE Act Proceedings or evidence that the respondent was detained for a minimum of two intensive treatments, the most recent one within the last 60 days.	CARE-101*

Forms have been adopted for Mandatory Use

It is recommended that you **bring an additional copy of the completed forms** when you file the petition and any subsequent documents in-person, by mail, or drop box with the clerk of the court.

eFiling – If you are self-represented, you may also electronically file (eFile) the petition and any supporting documents. However, If you are represented by an attorney, the petition and subsequent documents must be filed electronically. (See Local Rule 7.2 Electronic filing and service in probate proceedings.)

For information on electronic filing, please refer to our Probate eFiling website:
<https://www.alameda.courts.ca.gov/online-services/e-filing/probate-e-filing>

Filing Fee: There is no filing fee to file a Petition to Commence CARE Act Proceedings (WIC 5975.3).

Additional Information

Description	Form No.
Information for Petitioners- About the CARE Act	CARE-050 INFO
Purpose: Explains the CARE Act process, petitioner and respondent eligibility, what documents are needed to start the CARE Act process and gives instructions on how to properly fill out the petition, form CARE-100.”	
Information for Respondents- About the CARE Act	CARE-060 INFO
Purpose: Provides information for the respondent about the CARE Act. Explains what CARE Act proceedings are, summarizes petitioner’s and respondent’s rights and describes the role of the supporter.”	

To learn about CARE Act Court services and eligibility, please refer to our website: <https://www.alameda.courts.ca.gov/divisions/care-act-court>



Other Resources

CARE Act Resource Center: <https://care-act.org>

CARE Act Self-Help Guide website: <https://selfhelp.courts.ca.gov/care-act>

CARE Act Forms are available online @ <https://selfhelp.courts.ca.gov/care-act/forms>