ADMINISTRATIVE



## MEMORANDUM

December 2, 2022

- **TO:** Superior Court and District Court Judges and Commissioners, Court Administrators, County Clerks, Prosecuting Attorneys, Defense Attorneys, and Law Libraries
- **FROM:** Natasha Johnson, Sr. Legal Analyst AOC, Legal Services and Appellate Court Support Court Services Division (CSD)
- **RE:** Summary of Changes for Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) Forms, Based on Laws of 2022, Ch. 210.

The table below outlines changes to the Assisted Outpatient Treatment forms based upon newly enacted legislation.

| 1. | <b>MP 002</b><br>Notice of Hearing<br>(NTHG) | <u>NEW FORM</u> : Created to initiate clerk's action in various<br>AOT proceedings. Several notice of hearing examples<br>were used to create this version specific for AOTs.   |
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|    |  | Current versions do not properly inform the respondent of<br>the purpose of the hearing nor do they contain the<br>statutory statement of rights.   |
| 2. | <b>MP 003</b><br>Declaration (DCLR)          | <u>NEW FORM</u> : Created by suggestion of subcommittee<br>based on feedback from community that AOTs should<br>have a complete form set. The petition (MP 408) requires<br>a declaration, but no current declaration forms adequately<br>address the necessary information as required by statute. |
| 3. | MPi 408<br>AOT User Guide                    | <ul> <li><u>NEW FORM</u>: Statutorily created to assist with completing the AOT petition. Used Joel's Law petition user guide as reference sample.</li> <li>Changed form name to "User Guide", updated effective date</li> </ul>  |

|    |  | <ul> <li>Updated sections to be specific to AOT needs</li> <li>Provided specific instructions for how to complete each section in the petition</li> <li>Drafted "what happens after" section</li> </ul>   |
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| 4. | MP 408<br>Petition for AOT<br>(PTAOT)  | <u>NEW FORM</u> : Contains statutorily required sections to properly file for an AOT order. Used reference samples from Spokane and Pierce County.  |
| 5. | MP 411<br>Petition for<br>Modification or<br>Revocation of AOT<br>(PTMAOT, PTRAOT) | <u>NEW FORM</u> : Created by suggestion of subcommittee<br>based on feedback from community that AOTs should<br>have a complete form set. Statute changes slightly<br>amended this process, and the subcommittee believed<br>having a petition would better serve respondents in need<br>of further support beyond their current AOT. |