

Section 35 family checklist

Questions for the court or legal counsel

Who may petition in this situation?

What information is required?

What happens after a petition is filed?

Who can answer questions about the respondent's rights?

Which contact should I use for updates?

Questions about continuing care

Who is coordinating discharge and follow-up?

When may family participate, and what consent is required?

What appointments are recommended?

How will records and medication information reach the next provider?

Important distinction

Section 35 is a civil court process. Brave Path can discuss non-emergency outpatient care; it cannot interpret an order or guarantee placement or legal outcomes.

Source and more information

[Mass.gov Section 35 process and criteria](#)

Source checked September 15, 2026. Contact the relevant organization to confirm current service details.

For immediate danger, call 911. For emotional crisis support, call or text 988. For Massachusetts care navigation, call or text 833-773-2445.