

Official Section 35 sources

Official Massachusetts process

The Mass.gov Section 35 process and criteria page explains the civil commitment process, eligibility, and key questions. Use the current state guidance or qualified counsel for legal questions.

Questions to take to an official source

Ask who may petition, what information is required, what follows filing, and who can explain the rights of the person named in the petition. Do not assume an online summary determines the outcome in a particular case.

Ongoing treatment questions

Ask the treating team about clinical recommendations and discharge planning. Legal requirements and clinical fit are different questions.

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.