

## **A.R.S. §36 - MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES (ALSO REFERRED TO AS “Title 36”)**

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#### **COURT-ORDERED MENTAL HEALTH EVALUATION AND TREATMENT**

Arizona statutes create a procedure for seeking a court-ordered evaluation for a person who needs immediate mental health care. If a court finds certain criteria are met, it may order the person to submit to an evaluation. If the evaluation establishes that the person needs treatment, a multidisciplinary team of psychiatrists, nurses, social workers, and other behavioral health professionals will then work collaboratively with referring physicians, behavioral health agencies, and other health care professionals in an effort to ensure the best possible outcome for the patient.

The Pima County Attorney's [Health Law Unit](#) participates in the legal proceedings necessary to seek a court order for involuntary mental health evaluation or treatment. If a court orders a person involuntarily committed for evaluation or treatment, the commitment is civil in nature, and its duration is limited by statute. [Pima County Attorney, Mental Health](#)