MDO Extended

Department of State Hospitals

Forensic Services Departments Staffing Study

MDO PC 2962 & 2972

Forensic Process Workflow

Mentally Disordered Offender (MDO): The MDO commitment was created to provide a mechanism to detain and treat severely mentally ill prisoners who have reached the end of their determinate prison terms and are dangerous to others as a result of a severe mental disorder. As a condition of parole, DSH adm MDO patients under Penal Code section 2962.

Penal Code section 2962: MDO Criteria

1. The prisoner has a severe mental disorder.
2. Their severe mental disorder is not in remission and/or cannot be kept in remission without treatment.
3. The severe mental disorder was one of the causes of, or was an aggravating factor in, the commission of a crime for which the prisoner was sentenced to prison.
4. The prisoner has been in treatment for the severe mental disorder for 90 days or more within the year prior to the prisoner’s parole or release.
5. The prisoner meets criteria of Penal Code section 2962, subdivision (a). If the prisoner does meet the criteria of Penal Code section 2962, subdivision (a), the prisoner may be placed in an inpatient setting or an outpatient setting as described in this subdivision.

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