

SENATE BILL 43 MYTH-BUSTERS



LET'S TALK ABOUT THE COMMON MYTHS AND FACTS OF SENATE BILL 43!

Senate Bill 43 **expands the adult definition of “grave disability”** to include those individuals who are unable to care for their basic needs for health and safety due to a severe substance use disorder, mental health disorder, or a co-occurring mental health and substance use disorder. SB 43 also **expands the definition of “basic needs”** to include a person’s ability to obtain necessary medical care, personal safety, food, clothing, and/or shelter.

COMMON MYTH

FACT

YOU WILL BE PLACED ON AN INVOLUNTARY HOLD IF YOU ARE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ONE OR MORE SUBSTANCES.

IN ORDER TO PLACE AN INDIVIDUAL ON AN INVOLUNTARY HOLD, THE INDIVIDUAL MUST ALSO ACTIVELY MEET THE DEFINITION OF GRAVE DISABILITY*.

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YOU WILL BE PLACED ON AN INVOLUNTARY HOLD IF YOU DECLINE NECESSARY MEDICAL CARE.

AN INDIVIDUAL MAY DECLINE NECESSARY MEDICAL CARE IF IT IS DETERMINED BY A LICENSED HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER THAT THEY HAVE CAPACITY TO DO SO. CAPACITY IS DETERMINED BY AN INDIVIDUAL’S ABILITY TO RECEIVE, RATIONALLY PROCESS, AND UNDERSTAND RELEVANT INFORMATION IN ORDER TO MAKE A DECISION. *(PLEASE NOTE THAT GRAVE DISABILITY* CRITERIA MUST ALSO BE MET TO PLACE AN INDIVIDUAL ON AN INVOLUNTARY HOLD DUE TO DECLINATION OF NECESSARY MEDICAL CARE.)*

THERE IS NO WHERE TO GO FOR VOLUNTARY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ASSISTANCE.

SACRAMENTO COUNTY IS HOME TO MANY VOLUNTARY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES INCLUDING A 24/7 WALK IN CLINIC! CHECK OUT OUR SERVICES BY VISITING: [HTTPS://DHS.SACOUNTY.GOV/BHS](https://dhs.sacounty.gov/bhs).



***Grave Disability Definition (Adult):** A condition in which a person, as a result of a mental health disorder, severe substance use disorder, or co-occurring mental health and substance use disorder, is unable to provide for their basic personal needs for food, clothing, shelter, safety, and medically necessary care. Note that the existence of a mental health disorder, severe substance use disorder, or co-occurring disorder does not, in itself, justify a finding of grave disability.

***Grave Disability Definition (Minor):** A minor who, as a result of a mental disorder, is unable to use the elements of life that are essential to health, safety, and development, including food, clothing, and shelter, even though provided to the minor by others. Note that the existence of a mental health disorder does not, in itself, justify a finding of grave disability.