

PROGRAM OPERATIONS DIRECTIVE

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SUBJECT: Extreme Risk Protection Order (ERPO) Process

ISSUED: 4/17/2026

PURPOSE:

To clarify the procedure for requesting an Extreme Risk Protection Order (ERPO) which authorizes civil courts to temporarily prevent people at risk of harming themselves or others from buying or possessing guns.

POPULATION:

All.

PROCEDURE:

Clinical staff who have documented concerns regarding an individual's risk of harm to self or others, who are known or suspected of possessing firearms, should complete a case consultation with their immediate supervisor, and assigned prescriber (if applicable). If the treatment team determines that it is necessary to go forward with filing an ERPO, the clinician should complete the ERPO Complaint Form found at [Attorney General: Extreme Risk Protection Order \(ERPO\)](#). The clinician then takes the form to Probate Court. A judge then reviews the form and makes a determination as to whether to go forward with the order. The Petitioner will be notified by the court of the judge's decision. A copy of the ERPO complaint form should be forwarded to the Chief Operating Officer and a copy scanned into the individual's Electronic Health Record (EHR).