

# Common Terms

TERM	STATUTE	DEFINITION	EXAMPLE
Assisted Outpatient Eligibility Criteria	<a href="#">Welfare and Institutions Code 5346.</a>	The standard that must be met for a petition to be granted by the Court which will order an individual into AOT.	Conditions that must be met in order for an individual to qualify for Sacramento County AOT.
Deterioration	<a href="#">Welfare and Institutions Code 5643 (a) (3)</a>	The process of becoming progressively worse.	A decline in functioning that causes an individual to not be able
Welfare and Institutions Code 5150	<a href="#">Welfare and Institutions Code 5150</a>	5150 is the number of the section of the Welfare and Institutions Code, which allows a person with a mental illness to be involuntarily detained for a 72-hour psychiatric hospitalization. A person on a 5150 can be held in the psychiatric hospital against their will for up to 72 hours.	A person who has made threats of harming themselves, and/or attempts, and/or has a plan to harm themselves or others.
Serious Mental Illness (SMI)	<a href="#">Welfare and Institutions Code 5600.3</a>	A diagnosable mental, behavioral or emotional disorder that cause psychological and behavioral disturbances that interfere with or limit major life activities.	A diagnosis that can cause an individual to behave in various ways that unlike their normal behavior. This SMI can cause the individual to be a danger to themselves and/or others.
Grave Disability	<a href="#">Welfare and Institutions Code 5008 (h)</a>	A condition in which a person, as a result of a mental health disorder, is unable to provide for his/her basic personal needs such as food, clothing or shelter.	

Clinical Determination		Identifying clinically significant distress, impairment, or other important areas of functioning, utilizing the Diagnostic Criteria outlined in the most recent Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DMS 5)	Examples: (not limited to) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Schizophrenia</li> <li>• Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder</li> <li>• Bipolar Disorder</li> <li>• Schizoaffective Disorder</li> <li>• Major Depressive Disorder, Recurrent</li> <li>• Borderline Personality Disorder</li> </ul>
Psychotropic Medication		Medication prescribed by a psychiatrist to treat and/or manage mental illness symptoms.	Examples: (not limited to) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thorazine</li> <li>• Clozapine</li> <li>• Zoloft</li> <li>• Prozac</li> </ul>
Petition	<a href="#">Petition WIC 5346 (b)(1)</a>	A court document created by the County Mental Health Clinician that outlines the evidence of the participant meeting the outlined eligibility criteria for AOT.	The criteria limits the persons who can file a petition to the County Behavioral Health Director—only persons outlined in the criteria in <a href="#">WIC 5346 (b)(2)</a> can submit a referral for a petition.
Violent Behavior (Threats/Attempts)		Physical force intended to hurt, damage, or kill themselves, someone or something. This force can be verbal or physical including gestures.	
Least Restrictive Placement		The safest community based environment for the client to receive clinically appropriate mental health treatment.	A full service partnership that provides the highest level of intensity of services outside of inpatient treatment.