

Assessment orders

Assessment Criteria:

- (a) the person appears to have a mental illness; and
- (b) because the person appears to have a mental illness, the person appears to need immediate treatment to prevent—
 - (i) serious deterioration in the person's mental or physical health; or
 - (ii) serious harm to the person or to another person; and
- (c) if the person is made subject to an assessment order, the person can be assessed; and
- (d) there are no less restrictive means reasonably available to enable the person to be assessed

Restrictions on treatment

Treatment may only be given:

- with consent of the person; or
- if a registered medical practitioner employed or engaged by the designated mental health service is satisfied **urgent treatment is needed** to prevent serious deterioration in the patient's mental or physical health or serious harm to the patient or another person registered urgent treatment may be provided to proc

*Communication requirements

Whenever the Registered Medical Practitioner or Authorised Mental Health Practitioner is communicating with a person, reasonable steps must be taken to provide appropriate supports to assist the person to understand information, make decisions and communicate. This includes finding out what supports are required. Reasonable steps must be taken to explain and answer questions clearly and completely. This includes when explaining the examination, when conducting the examination and when the person is communicating their views and when explaining the order.

