



1 person by a psychiatrist may be conducted by telemedicine utilizing video  
2 conferencing technology provided that a licensed health care professional who can  
3 adequately and accurately assist with obtaining any necessary information including  
4 but not limited to the information listed in Paragraph (4) of this Subsection shall be  
5 in the examination room with the patient at the time of the video conference. A  
6 patient examined in such a manner shall be medically cleared prior to admission to  
7 a mental health treatment facility. Failure to conduct an examination prior to the  
8 execution of the certificate will be evidence of gross negligence.

9 (2) The certificate shall state:

10 (a) The date of the physician's, **physician assistant's**, psychiatric mental  
11 health nurse practitioner's, or psychologist's examination of the person, which shall  
12 not be more than seventy-two hours prior to the date of the signature of the  
13 certificate.

14 (b) The objective findings of the physician, **physician assistant**, psychiatric  
15 mental health nurse practitioner, or psychologist relative to the physical or mental  
16 condition of the person, leading to the conclusion that the person is dangerous to self  
17 or others or is gravely disabled as a result of substance abuse or mental illness.

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19 F. An emergency certificate shall constitute legal authority to transport a  
20 patient to a treatment facility and shall permit the director of such treatment facility  
21 to detain the patient for diagnosis and treatment for a period not to exceed fifteen  
22 days, and to return the patient to the facility if he is absent with or without  
23 permission during authorized periods of detention. If necessary, peace officers shall  
24 apprehend and transport, or ambulance services, under appropriate circumstances,  
25 may locate and transport, a patient on whom an emergency certificate has been  
26 completed to a treatment facility at the request of either the director of the facility,  
27 the certifying physician, **physician assistant**, psychiatric mental health nurse  
28 practitioner, or psychologist, the patient's next of kin, the patient's curator, or the  
29 agency legally responsible for his welfare. In the case of an emergency certificate

