

To seek a Mental Health Warrant, a family member or friend would need to take the following steps:

Step 1: Fill out the following Mental Health Warrant documents:

Application for Emergency Detention/Mental Health Warrant

Note: Do NOT sign the Application for Emergency Detention/Mental Health Warrant. You will need to sign the Application for Emergency Detention/Mental Health Warrant at the same time the document is notarized. See the steps below about how to get the Application for Emergency Detention/ Mental Health Warrant notarized.

Step 2: Drive to the Comal County Annex Courthouse located at 199 Main Plaza, 1st Floor, Texas 78130 with a printed copy of the completed Mental Health Warrant documents.

Step 3: When you arrive at the Comal County Annex Courthouse, go to the Court Room B, to speak with the Mental Health Court Coordinator, Lewis Jones. He will review your documents, field any question you may have and notarize your Application for Emergency Detention/ Mental Health Warrant.

Step 4: Once the Application for Emergency Detention/Mental Health Warrant is notarized, the Mental Health Court Coordinator will forward the application to the judge for review. You will be asked to wait in the hallway until the judge has reviewed the Mental Health Warrant documents.

**The judge may ask you questions regarding whether the proposed patient is a danger to himself or others.

Step 5: The judge will decide if the proposed patient meets criteria for Emergency Detention as provided by section 573.012 of the Texas Mental Health Code. If criteria is met, the judge will issue an Order for Emergency Detention/Mental Health Warrant.

Step 6: The Mental Health Court Coordinator will file all the applicable documents with the Comal County Clerk's office. A certify copy of the Order for Emergency Detention and Mental Health Warrant will be sent to New Braunfels Police Department or Comal County Sheriff's Office for execution. A certified mental health officer or peace officer will serve the Order on the proposed patient and transport the individual to an appropriate facility for a preliminary psychiatric evaluation.