

Certificate of Need (CON)

★ Legal document for
involuntary confinement

★ Any licensed physician can
sign

★ Keep original on chart and
send with patient upon
transfer

Emergency Detention

★ Physician's order – pt held on
emergency detention while
evaluating to see if CON is
needed for involuntary
confinement

★ Per our policy, Emergency
Detention and Medical Hold
are considered the same
process. However, medical
holds may be DC'd by any
provider, regardless of
Psychiatric involvement

★ Can be discontinued at any
point as long as assessment
determines CON will not be
necessary

★ When it's determined a CON
isn't needed, Behavioral
Health will cancel the order
in EPIC and send a secure
chat message indicating this
to the floor team to help
facilitate care and planning



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★ **Medical Hold – non-behavioral health holds such as acute delirium or dementia patients who are at baseline but still shouldn't leave AMA – or who have a conservator** ★

*****If we evaluate a patient in the ED with a suspected/reported suicide attempt but find no injuries requiring trauma admission – EM physician will need to put in an order for emergency detention for that patient*****