

**ELLIS COUNTY COURT AT LAW
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER**

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IN THE ELLIS COUNTY

2022-2

COURTS AT LAW NO. 1

**MENTAL HEALTH CASES DETENTION EXTENSION ORDER
AND PATIENT PLACEMENT AUTHORIZATION**

Pursuant to the Texas Mental Health Code (hereinafter "Code"), this Court has the authority to extend the period of detention in a facility for mental health patients detained under the Code.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED In the event of extremely hazardous weather conditions or a disaster which prevents the opening of the Ellis County Courts Building or this Court, a facility is hereby authorized to extend the detention of a patient being detained pursuant to the Code for an Ellis County patient subject to the jurisdiction of this Court for an additional 24-hour period. A facility may verify the closure of the Court by reference to the Ellis County web homepage, <https://www.co.ellis.tx.us/>. This Order shall automatically renew and extend the detention authorization each day during the closure for successive 24-hour periods until the first business day the Court reopens. Any existing case setting is reset until 1:30 p.m. on the date the Court reopens.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that each facility shall, pursuant to the authority granted to it under the Code, place the patient in the bed or area of the facility that is most appropriate to that patient's need without further Order of this Court. The facility, if appropriate to a patient's needs, shall also transfer the patient to an appropriate mental health facility upon obtaining the consent of the facility the patient is to be transferred to, all without further Order of this Court.

Ordered this 4th day of February 2022,



Jim Chapman
Judge, Ellis County Court at Law No. 1