

ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY NAME: FIRM NAME: STREET ADDRESS: CITY: STATE: ZIP CODE: TELEPHONE NO.: FAX NO.: EMAIL ADDRESS: ATTORNEY FOR (name):	STATE BAR NUMBER:	FOR COURT USE ONLY
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF STREET ADDRESS: MAILING ADDRESS: CITY AND ZIP CODE: BRANCH NAME:		
CARE ACT PROCEEDINGS FOR (name):		
RESPONDENT		
NOTICE OF RESPONDENT'S RIGHTS—CARE ACT PROCEEDINGS		CASE NUMBER:

A petition to begin CARE Act proceedings for you has been filed. You have been appointed an attorney, free of charge. Your court-appointed attorney will be contacting you about these proceedings. You may also retain an attorney of your choosing to represent you instead of the appointed attorney. If you choose your own attorney, you are responsible for their fees. A person who, like you, is the subject of a CARE Act petition is called the respondent.

THE CARE ACT RESPONDENT'S RIGHTS

Each respondent has all of the following rights.

During the CARE Act proceedings, the respondent has a right to:

- Be informed of the proceedings;
- Receive notice of each hearing;
- Be present and personally participate at each hearing;
- Be represented by counsel at all stages of the proceedings, regardless of ability to pay;
- Receive a copy of the petition;
- Receive a copy of the court-ordered evaluation and court-ordered report;
- Have a supporter be present with them and assist them, as explained below;
- Present evidence;
- Call witnesses;
- Cross-examine witnesses;
- Appeal decisions; and
- Keep confidential all evaluations, reports, documents, and filings submitted to the court for CARE Act proceedings.

CARE Act hearings are closed to the public unless the court orders otherwise (see below). However, the respondent has a right to:

- Demand that the hearing be public and be held in a place suitable for attendance by the public;
- Request the presence of any family member or friend, including a supporter, without waiving the right to keep the hearing closed to the rest of the public; and
- Be informed by the judge of these rights before each hearing begins.

Note: The court may grant a request by any other party to the proceeding to make a hearing public if the judge conducting the hearing finds that the public interest in an open hearing clearly outweighs the respondent's interest in privacy.

The respondent has a right to a supporter throughout the CARE Act process.

The supporter's role is to assist the respondent with understanding, communicating, and making decisions and expressing preferences at hearings and meetings throughout the CARE Act process. For more information, see *Information for Respondents—About the CARE Act* (form [CARE-060-INFO](#)).

What if I don't speak English?

When you file your papers, ask the clerk if a court interpreter is available. You can also use *Request for Interpreter—Civil* (form [INT-300](#)) or a local court form or website to request an interpreter. For more information about court interpreters, go to <https://selfhelp.courts.ca.gov/request-interpreter>.

What if I have a disability?

If you have a disability and need an accommodation while you are at court, you can use *Disability Accommodation Request* (form [MC-410](#)) to make your request. You can also ask the ADA Coordinator in your court for help. For more information, see *How to Request a Disability Accommodation for Court* (form [MC-410-INFO](#)).

