

**NOTICE OF A HEARING ON
PETITION FOR INVOLUNTARY TREATMENT
AND EXPLANATION OF RIGHTS
(304c)**

This notice is to inform you that:

1. A petition has been filed with the Court of Common Pleas for your involuntary examination and treatment at a mental health facility. The court will consider this petition at a hearing as described in the attached summons. A copy of this petition is attached to this notice.
2. An attorney, _____
(NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER)
has been appointed to represent you at the hearing and will represent you unless you obtain another attorney yourself.
3. You have a right to be assisted during the hearing by an expert in the field of mental health (such as a psychiatrist, psychologist, or a psychiatric social worker) of your own choosing.
4. You may request, or the court may order, that you undergo an examination by a psychiatrist before a decision is made at the hearing. During this examination your attorney may be present if you desire.
5. You will be permitted to attend the hearing. You and your lawyer will have the right to question your examining doctor and any other witnesses and to present information on your behalf.
6. If you are committed to a mental health facility, you will have the rights described in the attached bill of rights while you are a patient there.
7. If you do not understand any of your rights under these procedures, ask your attorney or the judge or hearing officer to explain them further to you.