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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE RECOVERY & EMPOWERMENT ACT (CARE ACT)

On September 14, 2022, Governor Newsom signed <u>SB-1338</u> enacting the Community Assistance, Recovery and Empowerment Act (CARE Act). The CARE Act creates a new pathway to deliver mental health and substance use disorder services to the most severely impaired Californians who often suffer in homelessness or incarceration without treatment. The CARE Act is intended to support people living with schizophrenia spectrum or other psychotic disorders by providing treatment, services, support and a housing plan.

Commencing December 2, 2024, the San Bernardino County Superior Court will begin accepting Petitions to Commence CARE Act proceedings. Petitions may be filed at the Fontana Court District located at 17780 Arrow Boulevard, Fontana, CA 92335.

<u>Self Help Services</u> will be available to assist CARE Act petitioners, respondents, and families as they navigate the CARE Act process. Self-Help services will also help connect individuals to other available resources in the San Bernardino County community.

CARE Act proceedings will be heard in Department F3 at the Fontana Court District located at 17780 Arrow Boulevard, Fontana, CA 92335, with remote appearances also available. It should be noted that CARE proceedings are confidential and not open to the public.

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