

## Resources

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**National Alliance on  
Mental Illness, CA**

<https://namica.org/care>

**CA Health and Human  
Services Agency**

[www.chhs.ca.gov/care-act/](http://www.chhs.ca.gov/care-act/)

**CA Department of  
Health Care Services**

[www.dhcs.ca.gov/  
Pages/CARE-Act.aspx](http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/Pages/CARE-Act.aspx)

**CARE Act Process Flow**

<https://care-act.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/CARE-Act-Brief-CARE-Process-Flow-08.30.2023-2.pdf>

El Dorado County  
Health and Human  
Services Agency  
Behavioral Health  
Division

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768 Pleasant Valley Rd,  
Suite 201, Diamond  
Springs, CA 95619

1900 Lake Tahoe Blvd.,  
South Lake Tahoe, CA  
96150

530.621.6290  
800.929.1955

[www.eldoradocounty.ca.gov/Health-Well-Being/Behavioral-Health](http://www.eldoradocounty.ca.gov/Health-Well-Being/Behavioral-Health)

# CARE Act

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Community  
Assistance,  
Recovery, and  
Empowerment

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**HEALTH AND HUMAN  
SERVICES AGENCY**  
**EL DORADO COUNTY**

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## CARE Act Summary

Senate Bill (SB) 1338 (Chapter 319, Statutes of 2022) established the Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment (CARE) Act to provide community-based behavioral health services and supports to Californians living with untreated schizophrenia spectrum or other psychotic disorders through a civil court process.

CARE Act is intended as an intervention for the most severely impaired Californians to prevent avoidable psychiatric hospitalizations, incarceration, and conservatorship.

It is not for all mental health conditions and it is not a conservatorship, criminal court, or the solution to homelessness.

## Eligibility Criteria

- At least 18 years old
- Schizophrenia Spectrum or Other Psychotic Disorder diagnosis not due to substance abuse, traumatic brain injury, autism, or dementia.
- Severe and persistent symptoms
- The person is not stabilized with ongoing voluntary treatment

### CARE Act Eligibility

<https://care-act.org/resource/care-act-eligibility-criteria-fact-sheet/>

## Who can file a petition

Petitions can be filed by self, first responder, family member, public guardian/conservator, hospital director or delegate, behavioral health provider, cohabiting adult.

### Petitioner Resources

<https://care-act.org/library/petitioners>

**County Self-Help Center at 495 Main St., Placerville & 1354 Johnson Blvd., SLT**

[www.Eldorado.courts.ca.gov/self-help](http://www.Eldorado.courts.ca.gov/self-help)

## Volunteer Supporter

Each respondent may CHOOSE a volunteer supporter

**National Alliance on Mental Illness, CA**

<https://namica.org/care>

**Volunteer Supporter Toolkit**

<https://care-act.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Volunteer-Supporter-Toolkit.pdf>