**HOW DOES AN EMERGENCY DETENTION (ED) WORK?**

Law enforcement takes the person into custody because they have reason to believe the person has a mental illness and is a danger to self or others.

Police transport the person to a hospital/health facility (usually an ER).

Police consult with the county’s crisis service provider to determine if an emergency detention is necessary.

Does crisis services determine that detention is necessary?

- **N**
  - Detention ends, and follow-up resources given

- **Y**
  - Does the person agree to inpatient treatment?
    - **N**
      - Emergency detention continues
    - **Y**
      - Voluntary hospitalization
        - Person requests discharge or refuses treatment
          - **N**
            - Does person meet criteria? (page 51)
          - **Y**
            - Person is discharged from the hospital with a discharge plan

Hospital treatment director initiates emergency detention. This is often referred to as a “treatment director’s hold.”

Commitment Process Begins (see page 54)

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