

**Sec. 17a-543(i)-1. Application procedures**

Any person admitted to an inpatient facility for the treatment of a mental illness, except a person committed for the restoration of criminal competency under section 54-56d of the Connecticut General Statutes, who wishes to be treated by prayer alone in accordance with the principles and practices of a church or religious denomination, may make application in writing to the facility.

(a) The application must state that the person's sincere religious beliefs require that he or she be treated by prayer alone and that a duly accredited practitioner or ordained minister, priest or rabbi of such church or religious denomination is available to provide such treatment.

(b) The application must be signed by both the person and the proposed clergyperson who will provide such treatment and shall outline the nature and frequency of the treatment to be provided, the expected outcome, and the expected length of treatment.

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