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**TO: Assignment Judges
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**RE: Civil Commitments – Continued Hold Applications
Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 30:4-27.9a – Revised Deadline**

DATE: August 17, 2026

**SUPPLEMENT TO
DIRECTIVE #06-25**

[Questions or comments may be directed to (609)
815-2900, ext. 54900]

Directive #06-25 promulgated a revised protocol for filing an emergent application to the court pursuant to N.J.S.A. 30:4-27.9a for a temporary order for the continued hold of a patient in a civil commitment matter. Effective July 30, 2026, L. 2026, c. 59 extends the deadline by which orders for continued hold may be obtained. This Supplement provides notice that new deadline is April 30, 2027 (previously August 31, 2026).

Questions related to this Supplement or Directive #06-25 should be directed to the Civil Practice Division in the Administrative Office of the Courts at (609) 815-2900 x54900 or by email to civilwebsites.mbx@njcourts.gov.

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