

I can provide information related to the Alaska Psychiatric Institute (API) because it's a state entity. The other two designated evaluation and treatment facilities (Bartlett Regional Hospital in Juneau and Fairbanks Memorial Hospital) are outside this report.

The Attorney General's Office tracks the number of incoming ex parte petitions that order a person to be transported to API for a 72-hour evaluation period. We tracked 1694 of those orders in 2013. In thirty-eight of those cases, the person was not admitted to API for one reason or another (could not be located/stabilized and discharged prior to admission/admitted to a different hospital, etc.). By our calculation, **1656 people admitted to API under an ex parte civil involuntary order in 2013**. There may be more because patients are sometimes admitted voluntarily without an order or involuntarily when APD or the troopers deliver a person directly to API without an order.

Once a person is admitted to API under an involuntary order for evaluation one of three things will happen:

- API staff determines the patient **does not meet the criteria** for involuntary treatment beyond the 72-hour evaluation period and the patient is **discharged**; **or**,
- API staff determines the patient **needs continuing treatment**, the patient agrees and signs an application for **voluntary admission**; **or**,
- API staff determines the patient **needs continuing treatment** and, the patient either refuses voluntary treatment or is not able to competently agree to voluntary treatment – this typically results in API filing a **petition for 30-day commitment**.

The Attorney General's Office does not track the number of 30/90/180-day petitions filed by API once a person is admitted to the hospital. We may be able to round up that information, but it wasn't available immediately – so I at least wanted to provide this info. Since late 2011, API hearings have been held 3 days a week unless there are holidays or other court closures. We have statistics based on the hearing results from **131 hearing days at API in 2013**. There may be some missing data from a handful of dates, but it would be negligible.

These statistics (below) show only 51 petitions for 30-day commitment were actually heard by the court in 2013. Up to twice that many may have been filed, but never actually proceeded to hearing. Just over half of those 51 petitions for 30-day commitment included petitions for involuntary medication. These numbers are greatly reduced from 2011, when it was not uncommon for there to be five to ten or more 30-day commitment petitions filed on every hearing day. Today, API has a more stable group of full-time psychiatrists that are dedicated to working with patients on a cooperative basis rather than confrontation and coercion through the court process. The vast majority of patients either sign voluntary or are discharged before the 72-hour evaluation period ends.

The second table below, with "2013 Other Hearings," shows "Continuances" which are the number of times the hearing for a petition for 30/90/180-days was continued – the majority of these continuances are by stipulation between the patient and doctor. Usually this is because the patient cooperated with treatment after the petition was filed, but had not been accepted for a voluntary admission by the time of the hearing.

A "Compliance Hearing" is held for a patient who is still in the 72-hour evaluation period and has not been discharged or signed voluntary. The compliance hearing puts the court, counsel for the patient, the hospital, and the AGO on notice of the calculated date and time that the 72-hour evaluation period will end. (See AS 47.30.805 for calculation/periods of exclusion).

<b>2013 Contested Hearings</b>	<b>Granted</b>	<b>Denied</b>	<b>Heard</b>	<b>Prevailed</b>
30 - Day Petitions	37	14	51	73%
Medication Petitions (30)	27	1	28	96%
90- Day Petitions	4	1	5	80%
Medication Petitions (90)	2	0	2	100%
180-Day Petitions	1	1	2	50%
Medication Petitions (180)	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals for 131 Hearing Days</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>81%</b>

<b>2013 Other Hearings</b>			<b>Heard</b>	<b>Num/ Hrg Day</b>
Continuances (30/90/180)	0	0	176	1.344
Compliance Hearing	0	0	627	4.786
Status Hearing	0	0	48	0.366
<b>Totals for 131 Hearing Days</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>851</b>	<b>6.519</b>