**Hospitalization protocol**

Hospitalization for mental health issues is a very serious thing that nonetheless is almost always consensual and positive. To be hospitalized, one must have eminent thoughts of self- or other-harm (eminent meaning both plan and intention, or the feeling that it would not be safe for the person to go home after an appointment).

Hospitalization steps:

1. The first step is the determination that a student must be hospitalized. This is **almost always voluntary,** and usually stems from conversations from a Monsour crisis appointment.
2. After determination that they must be hospitalized, they must be transported to a nearby facility.
	1. Campus safety can transport students; however, if they do transport students, they **must** tell a Dean of the respective school (advantages and disadvantages of that discussed below)
	2. A private company can also transport students, which does not require reporting to a Dean but also is a service that must be billed to insurance (advantages and disadvantages of that discussed below)
3. After the student has been hospitalized and released, they have to do a re-entry evaluation (if they were transported by campus safety) and are encouraged to do a re-entry evaluation if not transported by campus safety. Generally that is done by Anneka, Monsour’s crisis counselor; if she is not available then any senior staff member is qualified to do so as well

Hospitalization considerations:

* The meaning of eminent
	+ Eminent means that there is both a plan for self- or other-harm and the intent to carry that plan out
	+ Additionally, if a student does not feel that they would be safe going home after the appointment, that qualifies as eminent danger and is grounds for hospitalization
* Transportation: campus safety versus private company
	+ Campus safety:
		- A Dean from the student’s school must be told, and a re-entry evaluation must be done
		- Dean protocol requires them to tell the parent / guardian that a hospitalization occurred. However, this is not a hard-and-fast rule, and if the student can convincingly show that there would be major disadvantages to this happening, then the Dean may agree to not do this
			* Monsour can also be supportive in having family-based clear-the-air talks
		- Campus safety transportation means there is no associated transportation bill
	+ Private company:
		- No Deans must be told this way, and so a re-entry evaluation is not mandated (but still may happen if the student is comfortable with it)
		- Deans will not know. This is both an advantage (bureaucracy of dealing with Deans can be stressful) and a disadvantage (Deans who do not know a student has been hospitalized cannot advocate on their behalf, meaning that all the work they missed cannot be officially accommodated)
		- Transport will be billed to insurance, meaning that parents can find out if they look at the bill