

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Existing law provides that, within 72 hours of admission, a person who is admitted by emergency certificate to a treatment facility shall be independently examined by the coroner or his deputy who shall execute an emergency certificate, which shall be a necessary precondition to the person's continued confinement.

New law provides that a coroner, who is a physician, or his deputy, who is a physician, may utilize telehealth to conduct the 72-hour independent examination.

Prior law provided that, subject to specific exceptions in existing law, if the original examination by the coroner is conducted by a psychiatrist via video conferencing technology, the second examination shall be conducted in person. New law removes the references to a psychiatrist conducting such examination.

Effective August 1, 2023.

(Amends R.S. 28:53(G)(2) and (J)(3))