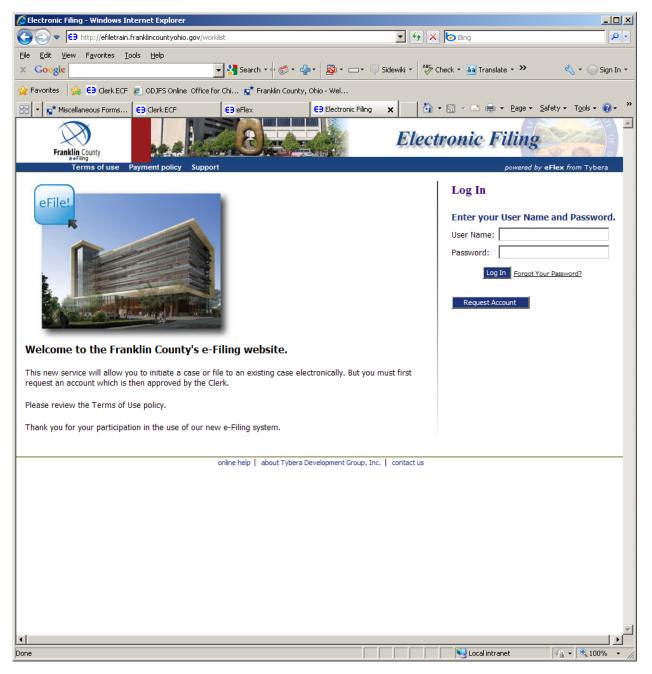
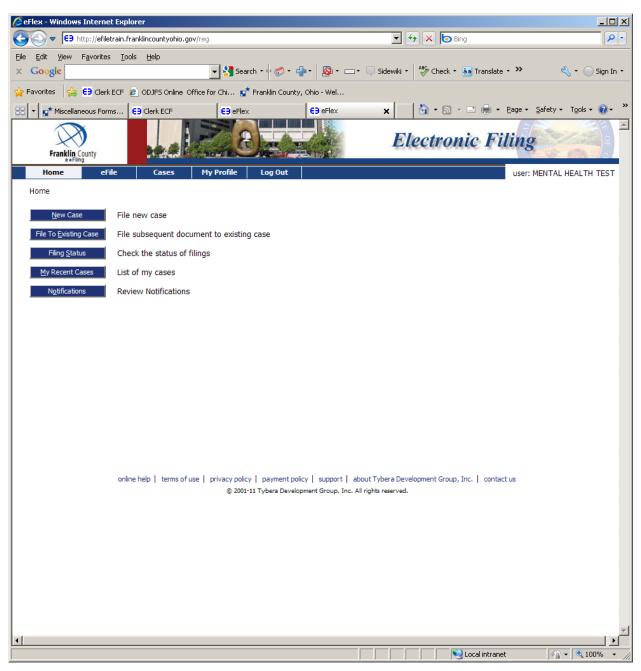
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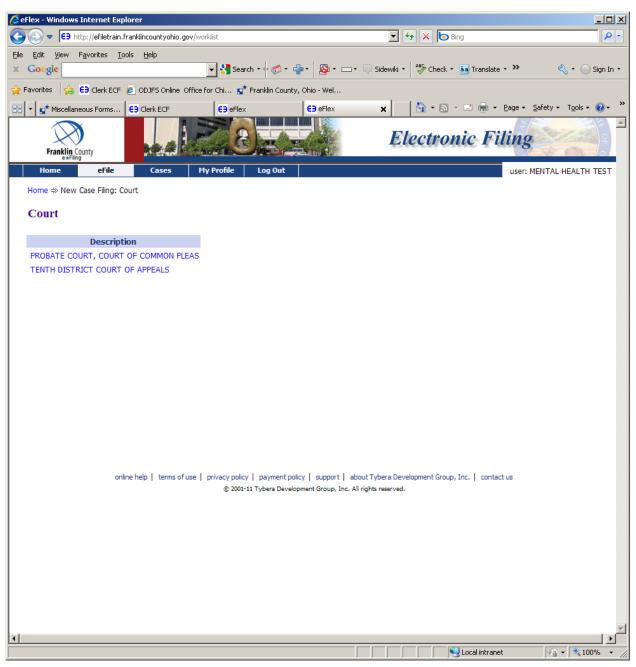
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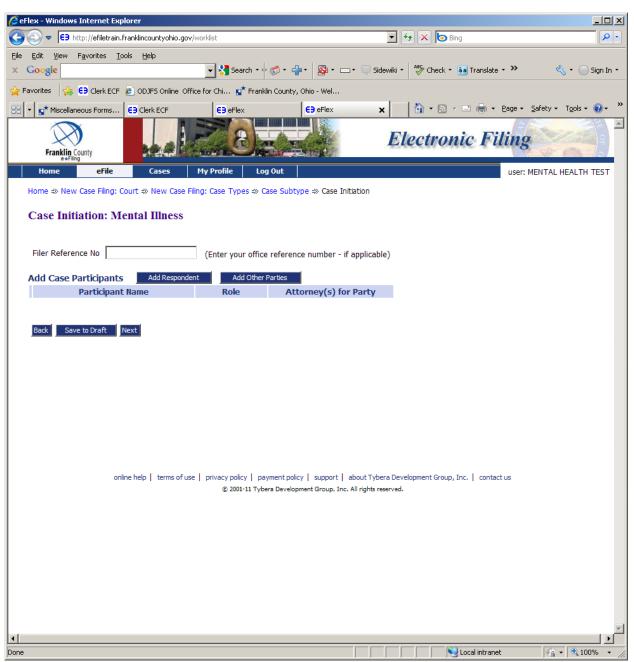
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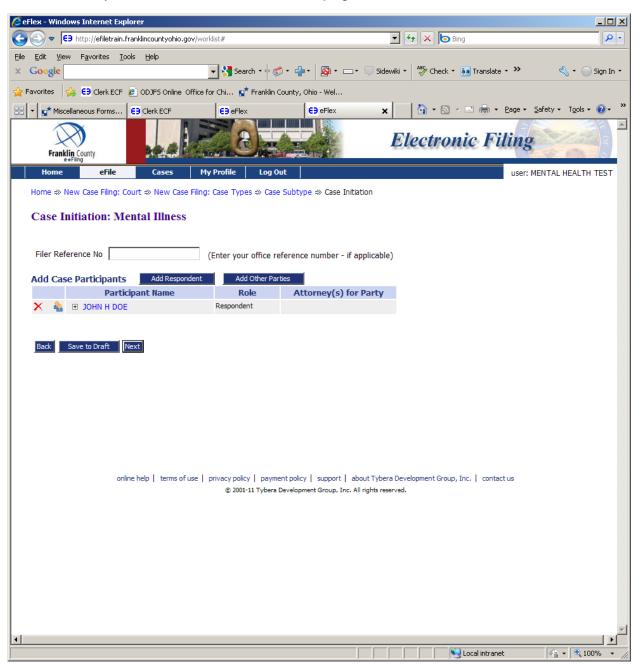


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Enter respondent's Name, Alias if applicable, DOB, SSN, Address and County of Residence. If the respondent is homeless, check homeless.

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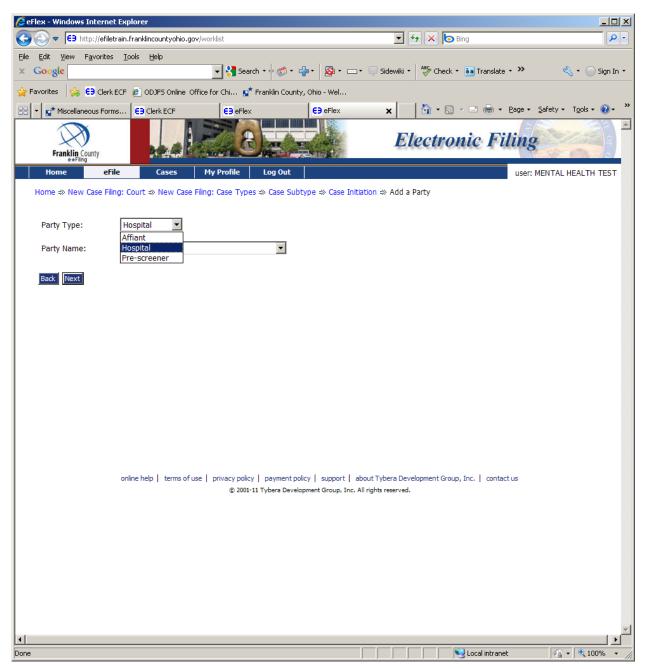
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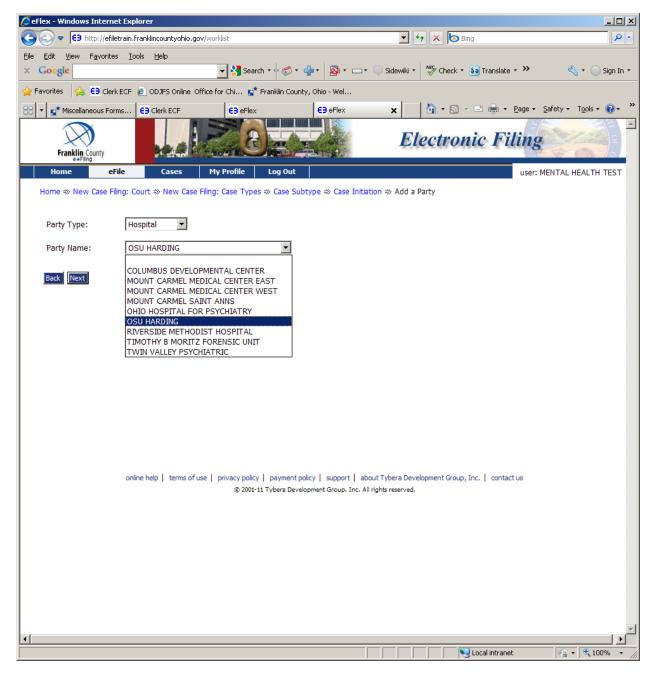
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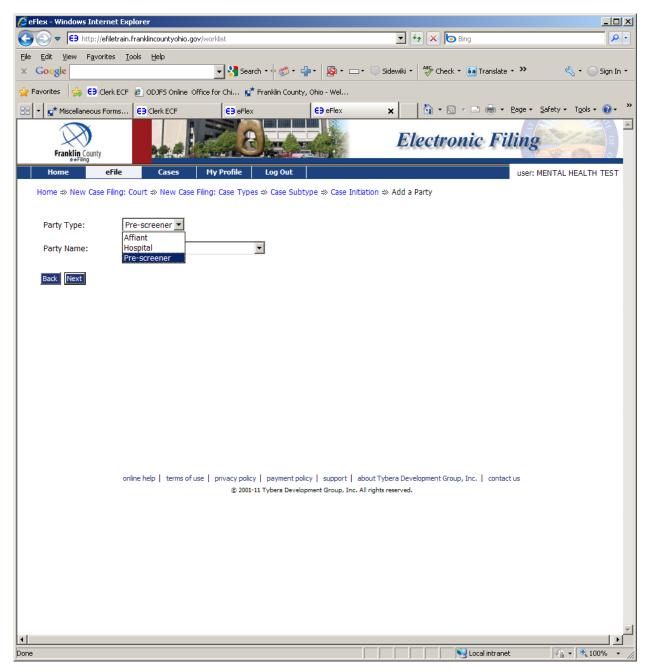
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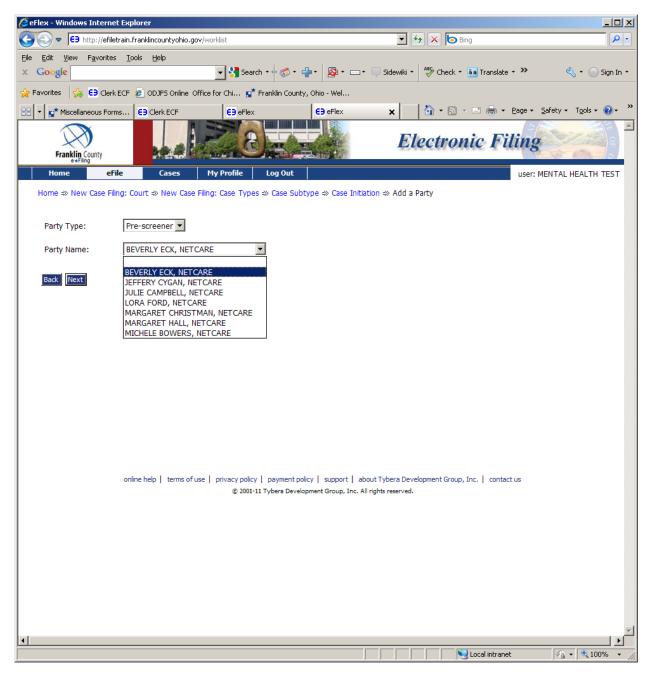
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From the 'Party Name' dropdown box, choose the pre-screener

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This will take you back to the Case Initiation screen. All parties are now listed. Click on the + box next to the participant's name to check the information. If you find any errors, you can click on the participant's name and it will allow you to edit the information.

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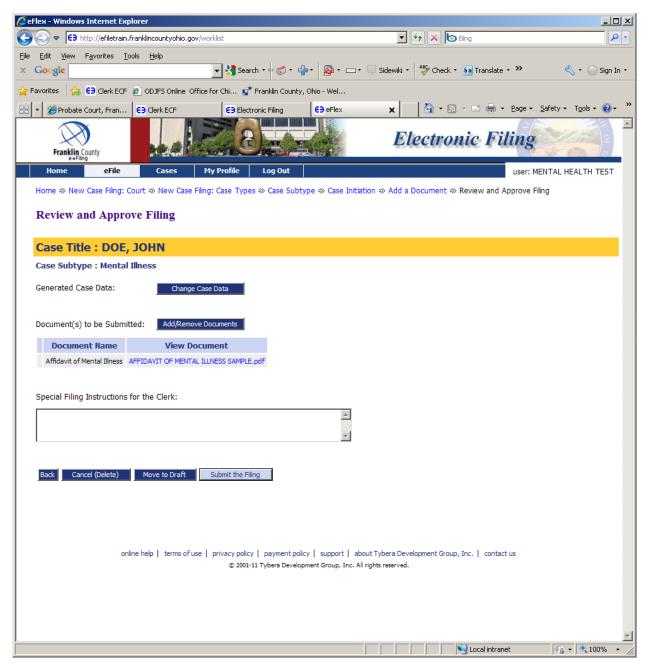
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Click on the 'Browse' button to browse where you saved the Affidavit of Mental Illness. If it was saved as a .pdf you will not need to enter the page count. If the Affidavit was

saved as a word document you will need to enter the number of pages. Once this is done, click on the Add to Submission button, 'Add'.

The Affidavit will appear below the blue line, 'Document Name'. Under the 'View Document' column, click on the link to make sure you uploaded the correct document.

Once you are satisfied that you are ready to submit your document, click on the 'Next' button. You will be taken to the Review and Approve Filing page.



This gives you one more chance to check your party information, and the documents you uploaded to make sure you are ready to submit. If all is well, click on the 'Submit the Filing' button. A window will open telling you to 'Click OK to file to the Court.'

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Once the Affidavit of Mental Illness is submitted to the Court, it is automatically approved for filing only. A magistrate will review the Affidavit. If the Affidavit meets all the statutory requirements, the magistrate will submit an Entry Approving Affidavit of Mental Illness. If the Affidavit does not meet the statutory requirements, the magistrate will submit an Entry Denying Affidavit of Mental Illness and order the case expunged.

Because Mental Commitment cases are confidential, the only way you will know if the Affidavit was accepted by the Court is if your follow-up filings have been 'filed'.

If you receive a rejection of a filing from the Court, be sure to read the reason the Court rejected your submittance. It is possible that the Affidavit was accepted but there was a problem with the follow up filings.

FOLLOW UP FILINGS

You will receive an e-mail like the samples below stating that your Affidavit of Mental Illness was received by the Probate Court, and a second e-mail stating the Affidavit has been accepted by the Probate Court. At this point, accepted does not mean that the Court has *approved* your Affidavit only that it has been 'filed'.

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<u>Second e-mail:</u> This e-mail will give you the case number M025221 and the case name, Doe, John, as seen in the sample below.

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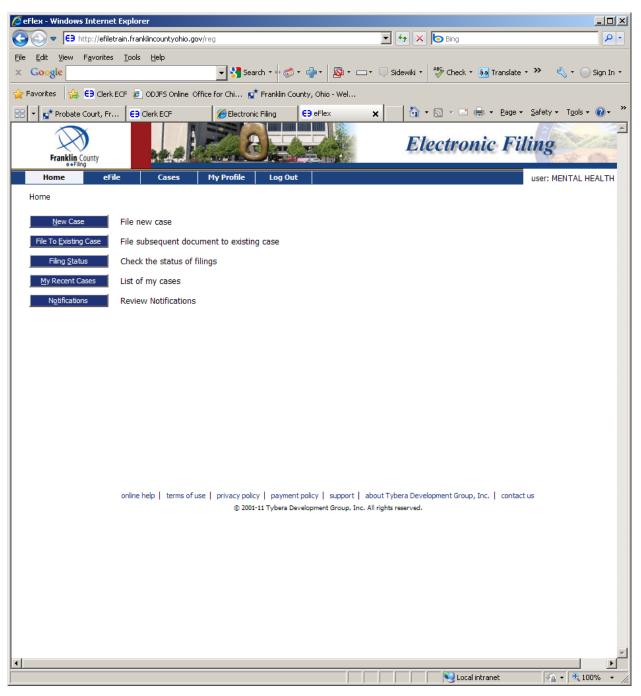
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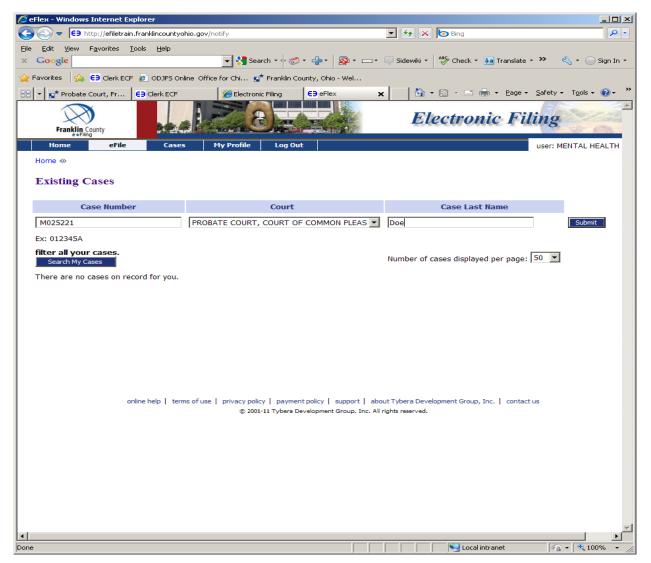
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The clerk will look at your subsequent filings and if the magistrate approved your Affidavit of Mental Illness, the clerk will approve your subsequent filings. You will get an e-mail when your filings are approved.

If the magistrate denied your Affidavit of Mental Illness, the clerk will also deny your subsequent filings with a note telling you that the Affidavit was denied.