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## COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS TASK FORCE

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### FY17-CC #03. Community Reentry Process Procedures (Policy)

#### Recommendation FY17-CC #03

This recommendation addresses three elements of reentry process procedures: 1) the timing of and criteria for the reentry referral process, 2) the definition of "successful community corrections completion," and 3) the eligibility for achievement earned time.

#### Community Reentry Procedures

Timing and Referral Criteria: DOC will define "displayed acceptable institutional behavior" under C.R.S. 18-1.3.301 (2) (b) as the following:

- The offender has spent as least 6 months continuously incarcerated upon admission, regression or revocation
- The offender has a classification/institutional placement of medium or lower
- The offender has not received a Class I COPD in the last year
- The offender has not received a Class II COPD in the last 6 months

Definition of Successful Community Corrections Completion: The Division of Criminal Justice Office of Community Corrections defines successful completion of a Community Corrections program as having advanced through level four in the Progression Matrix or having advanced through the final phase/level of a program.

Achievement Earned Time: Inmates are eligible for Achievement Earned Time in accordance with C.R.S. 17-22.5-405 and DOC AR 550-12. DOC will communicate the Achievement Earned Time eligibility and process to all programs.

#### **Discussion**

The new community reentry process:

- Eliminates the Intensive Supervision Parole Inmate Status (ISP-I) problem by removing the possibility that an inmate could successfully complete a Community Corrections program and then not be paroled.
- Creates a better process to ensure that those being referred to Community Corrections are appropriate for placement.
- Creates additional incentives to successfully complete Community Corrections programs.
- Creates process efficiencies in the Community Corrections referral process.
- Increases transparency of confinement and reentry to the community for victims.
- Increases inmate incentives to compete institutional rehabilitation and treatment programs.
- Furthers the purpose of Parole and Community Corrections.
- The purpose of repealing the statutory definition of Intensive Supervision Program-Inmate is to remove from statute the minimum requirements of ISP and instead allow the DOC

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more discretion to craft evidence-based program requirements commensurate with recommended policy change. This will facilitate the elimination of the ISP-I population.