



**FY2017 RECOMMENDATION/FY17-CC03 Community Reentry Process Procedures**

**Status:** Implementation Unknown

**Actions/Updates**

**2023 UPDATE (JUNE)**

During the FY 2023 Legislative Session, Senate Bill 2023-158 to reauthorize the Colorado Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice (CCJJ) was postponed indefinitely on May 7, 2023. Therefore, with the sunset of the Commission, all activities of the CCJJ ceased on June 30, 2023.

No further monitoring of CCJJ recommendations will occur.

**2018-2022 UPDATE**

Status unknown.

**2017 UPDATE**

Status unknown.

**2016 UPDATE**

This recommendation includes recommended actions by the Colorado Department of Corrections and the Office of Community Corrections in the Division of Criminal Justice of the Colorado Department of Public Safety.

**Description**

This recommendation addresses three elements of reentry process procedures: 1) the timing of and criteria for the reentry process, 2) the definition of "successful community corrections completion," and 3) the eligibility for achievement earned time. (See "Community Reentry Procedures" in the "Recommendation Text" or "Status" documents.)

**Agencies Responsible**

Colorado Department of Corrections Office of Community Corrections/DCJ/CDPS

**Discussion**

Community Reentry Procedures

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

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