

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

8-507 Placement and Security

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HG §8-505 & §8-507 Purpose

- 8-505 evaluation- comprehensive evaluation to determine the ASAM level of care an individual requires to treat a substance use disorder.
- 8-505 evaluations are completed within 7 days.
- 8-507 order is used to place individuals into a substance use treatment program.
- Placement occurs within 21 days of signing of the 8-507.
- Current cycle time is 10 days.

Current status of 8-507

Since October 1, 2017:

- 448 Defendants have been admitted into treatment
- 62 Successfully completed treatment
- 32 Unsuccessful in treatment
- 3 Administrative discharge
- 287 Currently in treatment
- 63 Absconded

Treatment outcomes

- Successful- Completed the program to which they were admitted and stepped down to the next level of care .
- Unsuccessful- Did not complete the treatment program.
- Administrative Discharge- issues outside of the defendant or programs control.
- Absconded- Left treatment without permission.

Security measures

- 8-507 residential programs are conducted in facilities within the community that are not locked.
- Programming is conducted within the facility throughout the day. Participants are expected to adhere to their program schedule.
- Programs are required to escort all individuals under 8-507 orders when they leave the facility for outside appointments.
- Attendance at the program is vigorously monitored. Participants are required to sign in and out of the facilities in instances when they are going out to an authorized appointment (e.g., doctor's appointments; NAA or AA meetings; religious services).

Absconding Reporting Process....

- Treatment programs are required to contact the Court and Justice Services **within one hour** of individual absconding regardless of the time upon which the incident occurs.
- Notification to the courts is done by email or phone call by program staff.
- Justice Services notifies the Court through Maryland Electronic Court (MDEC) case management system if operational within the jurisdiction.
- Notification is provided to jurisdictions not on-line with the MDEC system as follows:
 - Baltimore City District Court is using a generic email address for notification from BHA's Justice Service unit.
 - Montgomery County is in process of creating a generic email address and are currently notified via e-mail, fax and mail.
 - Baltimore County and Prince George's have not yet committed to using a generic email and are currently notified via e-mail, fax and mail.

Procedure followed after a defendant has absconded.....

- After notifying the courts, Justice Services closes the case.
- If the defendant is reconsidered by the court for a new 8-505 evaluation and if the person is amenable for treatment, an 8-507 order is signed for substance use treatment.