

Memorandum

Idaho Dept of Correction

Education, Treatment & Reentry Bureau

DATE: *March 14, 2013*

TO: *SUD Treatment Provider Network*

FROM: *SUD Central Office Program Team*

RE: *Revision of I.C. 19-2524 Statute*

Effective March 1, 2013, a GAIN Core evaluation will be conducted presentence on every defendant to meet the requirements of I.C. 19-2524.

IDOC staff will conduct the majority of these assessments, however due to volume or geographic restrictions the district office may make a referral to the SUD provider network.

Once fully implemented, the new process will include DHW staff conducting reviews of each GRRS to determine if they must complete a presentence mental health evaluation. The time requirements to meet each element become more critical which will require a quicker turnaround time for all assessments outsourced to the network. IDOC predicts the network will have approximately 10 business days to submit the GRRS to the district office. IDOC, the Courts and DHW are working together to develop a process to communicate cancellations and no shows to the judiciary.

It is critical that the SUD treatment providers understand and are willing to meet the expectations in this process. A cohesive partnership and process is critical for this to work. Therefore we would like the treatment providers to respond via e-mail if they wish to receive assessment referrals for the 19-2524 population. A non response will result in removing the provider agencies as a referral for presentence 19-2524 assessments.

If you wish to receive 19-2524 assessment authorizations, please submit an e-mail to idocsud@idoc.idaho.gov that you are “opting in” to be a part of the assessment network. Place the term “opting in” in the subject line to expedite the e-mail to the appropriate staff member in this process. You may include text in the body of the e-mail to address any details that may be pertinent in this process. Again, those that wish to be excluded in this process will be identified with a non-response. Only those agencies that respond will be identified to receive authorizations.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. Please contact Suzette Driscoll at 208-672-3425 if you have any questions.