



## Minnesota Sex Offender Program Provisional Discharge and Reintegration

The Minnesota Sex Offender Program (MSOP) is a comprehensive treatment program for individuals who have been civilly committed as a Sexually Dangerous Person (SDP) and or a Sexual Psychopathic Personality (SPP). Clients participate in a three-phase treatment program intended to prepare them for a safe and successful return to the community.

### Provisional Discharge

To be provisionally discharged, a client must petition the Special Review Board and the Commitment Appeal Panel. If a provisional discharge is granted by the court, the client remains civilly committed, but is permitted to live in the community. The client must follow the terms of an individualized, court-approved provisional discharge order that addresses their treatment needs, dynamic risk and criminogenic factors. MSOP is responsible for ensuring that clients comply with the terms of their provisional discharge order.

### Residential Placement

Court approval is required for the client's initial placement in the community and for every subsequent change in residence. Housing placement, both type and location, is established by the client's provisional discharge order. The provisional discharge order takes into consideration public safety concerns and the client's reintegration risk and needs. Appropriate placements include settings that address the client's individual treatment and reintegration needs. This may or may not be located in the county of commitment. Some MSOP clients who are granted provisional discharge may have disabilities or cognitive impairments that call for ongoing intensive support and supervision. For them, a direct placement into a long-term residential facility, such as a group home or other very structured housing, may be more appropriate.

### Supervision and Case Management

During their reintegration, clients are assigned an MSOP reintegration agent who acts as both a case manager and a supervising agent. MSOP's primary case management services are intended to help clients to access community resources, continue support/treatment services and successfully reintegrate into society. Depending upon individual needs, clients participate in a range of community-based programming such as sex offender treatment, support groups, pro-social groups and activities. Ongoing supervision levels are reviewed quarterly and adjusted according to each client's risk, needs and progress.

Throughout a client's provisional discharge, the reintegration agents employ a range of supervision tools, including regular face-to-face and telephone contacts, surveillance, random drug testing and room searches, curfews, and GPS monitoring. Under certain conditions, MSOP has the ability to revoke provisionally discharged clients and return them to an MSOP facility.

## **Costs & Financial Responsibility**

Clients who are able are expected to secure employment and contribute to their rent, household and living expenses, with the goal of becoming self-sufficient. If clients are unable to earn sufficient income to cover their essential living expenses, MSOP will act as a financial safety net, only as needed, to ensure that housing, utilities, food and essential services are maintained. If a client on provisional discharge is elderly, frail or disabled, MSOP will assist the client with applying for retirement, health or disability benefits.

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