



PSA Pretrial Services Agency for the District of Columbia

Promoting pretrial justice and enhancing community safety

HIGH INTENSITY SUPERVISION PROGRAM | HISP

Electronic monitoring, supervision and intensive case management for higher risk defendants

ABOUT HISP

The High Intensity Supervision Program (HISP) is designed for higher risk defendants who may have supervision-related failures from other PSA units; are charged with violent misdemeanors and felonies; were initially detained, but are now eligible for release; or are compliant with halfway house conditions of work release and are now appropriate for placement back into the community.



The program consists of two components – Community Supervision and Home Confinement.

During the Community Supervision component, defendants are monitored for compliance with curfew requirements and required to report to PSA at least weekly for drug testing and meetings with their Pretrial Services Officers (PSO).

Compliance with program requirements can result in a reduction in drug testing and/or reporting obligations. Non-compliance can result in assignment to Home Confinement.

Home Confinement is intended primarily as a graduated sanction for defendants who violate program requirements during the Community Supervision component.

When used as a sanction, defendants may be required to complete 7, 14 or 21 days of home confinement, depending upon the severity of the infraction.

In some cases, the Court may opt to order a defendant directly into Home Confinement and require the defendant to demonstrate compliance before graduating down to Community Supervision.

During Home Confinement, defendants are subject to up to 21 days of 24-hour electronically monitored curfew. Defendants are allowed to leave their homes only for work/school, to report to PSA for supervision or drug testing, and for other pre-approved purposes.

Defendants are returned to the Community Supervision component once they have completed the 21 days without incurring any infractions.

ELIGIBILITY

Defendants must be screened by PSA for eligibility prior to placement. A PSA representative **must** be present in court for all HISP placements. To participate, a defendant must:

- Have no extraditable warrants or detainers (as determined by a complete record check);
- Provide a verified address; and

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- Obtain homeowner/leaseholder's verbal agreement to have location monitoring equipment installed in the residence (if the defendant is not the homeowner/leaseholder).

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Defendants assigned to HISP must:

- Complete the Orientation Program upon placement;
- Agree to wear a non-removable GPS bracelet;
- Charge the GPS bracelet daily for two consecutive hours;
- Not remove or tamper with the GPS bracelet;
- Properly care for all GPS equipment, as instructed;
- Allow authorized personnel to install necessary monitoring equipment in the approved residence;
- Not leave his/her residence during established curfew hours; and
- Report all school and work schedules to the PSO and receive approval for attendance if participation conflicts with curfew hours.

HISP SERVICES

HISP utilizes a variety of techniques to promote compliance with supervision conditions, including:

- Comprehensive program orientation and installation of equipment within one business day of placement into HISP;
- Weekly, in-person contact with a PSO;
- Drug testing at least once per week;
- Electronically monitored curfew from 10:00 PM – 6:00 AM daily;
- 24-hour curfew for defendants on home confinement;
- GPS technology to monitor orders to stay away from designated locations;
- Referrals to substance use disorder and mental health assessment and treatment services;
- Monitoring of participation in treatment services; and
- Rapid notification to the Court of stay away, tamper alerts and rearrests.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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