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***High Intensity  
Supervision  
Program***

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

# High Intensity Supervision Program

HISP monitors defendants' compliance with release conditions imposed by the D.C. Superior Court and U.S. District Court and additional program requirements that may apply. HISP notifies the Court, prosecution, and defense counsel of program infractions and condition violations and also imposes immediate sanctions in response to any program infractions. PSA also provides compliance information to involved agencies for individuals who are dually-supervised.

To determine high risk status, PSA uses a risk assessment instrument that examines more than 70 risk measures specific to the District's defendant population.

## Profile of Typical HISP Defendants

- Charged with serious crimes who have prior criminal histories;
- Non-compliant with supervision conditions either on pretrial, probation or supervised release;
- Currently on work release, and have demonstrated compliance for approximately 30 days; and/or
- Have a location stay away condition to address the safety of any person or the community.

## Eligibility Criteria

Defendants must be screened for eligibility prior to placement. A PSA representative **must** be present in Court for all HISP placements.

### All eligible defendants must:

- Have no extraditable warrants or detainers (determined by complete record check);
- Provide a verified address; and
- Obtain the homeowner's verbal agree-

ment to have location monitoring equipment installed in the residence.

## Services Provided

- Comprehensive program orientation and installation of equipment within one business day after placement in HISP;
- Weekly in-person contact with PSO;
- Drug testing at least once per week;
- Electronically monitored curfew from 10pm-6am;
- 24-hour curfew for defendants on home confinement;
- GPS technology to monitor location stay away conditions;
- Referrals for drug and mental health treatment and social services;
- Monitoring of defendants participating in drug and mental health treatment;
- Weekly court reports on program violations; and
- Electronic notification to court of stay away, tamper alerts or rearrests by close of business.

## Sanctions and Incentives

Sanctions include the following responses to progressive infractions:

- Curfew modification;
- 7 to 21 days of home confinement;
- Increased drug testing; and
- Request for removal from PSA supervision with defendant remaining on home confinement until hearing is held.

Incentives include:

- Possible suspension of drug testing after 8 consecutive compliant tests;
- Eligibility for alternative reporting options, such as telephone or a random in-person schedule, after 90 days of compliance;
- Eligibility for removal from HISP supervision after 90 days of compliance; and
- Eligibility for the Community Phase after compliance with 21 days of permanent home confinement.