

Internal Memo

Date: August 24, 2020

To: DOC Staff

From: Michelle Smith & Curtis Shanklin, Deputy Commissioners

RE: Updated Covid-19 Medical Release Process

Effective August 24, 2020, we will return to the traditional process of Health Services staff identifying those individuals who may be appropriate candidates for conditional medical release rather than using an application process initiated by incarcerated individuals.

During the temporary process, 2358 applications were received and there are now just a few applications remaining to start the internal review process. This allows us to return to the regular process, which will also take into consideration the potential risks of grave harm associated with an individual's particular situation during this pandemic.

Going forward, Health Services staff will initiate communication directly with any individual they may be reviewing for consideration of conditional medical release, and applications will no longer be accepted.