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To: Incarcerated Population & Friends and Family

From: Commissioner Paul Schnell

MRRA Update

We know that it is difficult to remain patient as the MRRA policies are being developed, and that many of you are wondering when you might be released. Here's what you need to know:

Goal: We expect the final MRRA policies to be ready in January 2025. Early next year, we also expect to share the implementation plan which will detail the timeline for how the MRRA policies will be put into practice. We expect that implementation will take place in stages over time.

Current status: Because policies related to earned incentive early release remain in the final stages of development, case managers and other staff are unable to provide further information or speak to individual circumstances or cases. To be clear, at this time, staff cannot tell you if you are eligible for early release through MRRA, because the policies are not yet complete.

Next steps: The MRRA policies will be reviewed by the DOC Executive Team and legislatively identified consultation groups. After review, the Commissioner will finalize the policy positions and have them ready for publishing in mid- to late-January 2025.

In the coming weeks, new groups will come together to begin implementation planning, which will include the creation of a retroactive review process to determine each person's current eligibility. The MRRA rollout will start at a single facility, allowing for learning and adjustments before the process is introduced at other facilities.

Unfortunately, non-DOC individuals and organizations have been sharing information that is not accurate. The DOC will continue to update you as decisions are made.

In the meantime: We encourage you to make decisions about programming and services based on your personal needs and goals and not on a potential release date connected to MRRA. As a reminder, the best way for you to prepare for MRRA is to remain involved in positive and productive programming and behavior.