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Judicial Review	ACA Standards: 2-CO-1A-14		
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Judicial Review

Inmates with an imposed sentence or probation revocation, and who have not been in confinement in any state or federal prison system for any previous felony conviction during the ten year period preceding the date of the current Judgment and Sentence or with an order revoking a suspended sentence, may be eligible for judicial review within 60 months of the initial imposed sentence or within 60 months after probation is revoked, under the statutory provisions of 22 O.S. § 982a.

Subsequent to an order by the sentencing court scheduling such judicial review, the Oklahoma Department of Corrections (ODOC) will prepare a report for the court as outlined in this procedure. (2-CO-1A-14)

I. Assessment Packet

A. Assessment

Assessment and reception center staff will assess the placement eligibility of all inmates. If security or medical considerations prohibit program placement as recommended by the court, the facility classification manager will notify the probation and parole office responsible for supervision in the county of conviction. The probation and parole office will notify the sentencing judge in writing, of the alternate placement.

B. Packet Contents

1. When an inmate is received with a scheduled judicial review court date on their sentencing documents, a packet will be compiled by the assessment and reception center staff. The packet, as detailed in Section I.B.3 of this procedure, will be compiled during the assessment and classification process and will be placed in ICON. The appropriate probation and parole office will be notified upon completion.
2. Upon notification that an offender has been granted a judicial review court date that was not scheduled during sentencing, the current facility will compile a packet as detailed in Section I.B.3 of this procedure and will notify the appropriate probation and parole office upon completion.
3. The packet will contain copies of the following:
 - a. Offender case history;

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- b. "Initial Custody Assessment Scale" ([DOC 060102A \(M\)\(F\)](#)/ICON);
- c. "Consent for Release of Confidential Information" ([OP-060210](#), [Attachment C](#)) signed by the inmate;
- d. Criminal record (JOLTS, NCIC);
- e. Judgment and Sentence(s) for all cases (CF#'s) or Delayed Sentencing Order;
- f. Risk Assessment Score;
- g. Adult Substance Use Survey (ASUS); and
- h. "Case Plan" ([OP-060102 \(M\)\(F\)](#), [Attachment B](#));

C. Packet Review

- 1. Packets will be reviewed in their entirety for complete and pertinent reception information by the assessment and reception center court services staff.
- 2. Packets that have a review date listed on the sentencing documents will be forwarded to the appropriate probation and parole office within five working days of receipt of the packet.
- 3. Inmates with a sentence of death are excluded from eligibility for judicial review and no packets will be prepared for such inmates.
- 4. Inmates sentenced to life without parole for an offense other than a violent crime, as enumerated in 57 O.S. § 571, who have served at least ten years in custody may be considered for judicial review. Inmates serving life without parole for a violent crime as enumerated in 57 O.S. § 571, are not eligible for judicial review and no packets will be prepared for such inmates.
- 5. The assigned probation and parole staff member will document the hearing date and prepare a judicial review hearing report which will be distributed to the official court file, sentencing court, district attorney, defense attorney, current case manager and affected inmate in accordance with Section II of this procedure.

II. Judicial Review Report

A. Report Development

The probation and parole office within the court of conviction's jurisdiction

will prepare the report, utilizing the “Judicial Review Accountability Plan” ([Attachment A](#)/located in ICON under “Investigations/Reports”). Report development will include a review of all assessment information. Case note entries will be made of contacts with the inmate, the inmate’s case manager, the sentencing judge, the prosecuting attorney, and the defense attorney. If the inmate does not have a proposed residence, the case manager will assist the inmate in developing a plan for obtaining residency upon release.

B. Report Contents

The report will provide the sentencing court with a concise, factual overview of the offender’s assessed needs as documented on the “Case Plan” ([OP-060102\(M\)\(F\)](#), [Attachment B](#)) and the inmate’s compliance or noncompliance with such programs. The report will include sentencing information, program participation, misconduct history, case manager observations, proposed residence and employment, summary evaluation, community supervision plan and the related sentence modification recommendation.

1. The sentencing information will provide a concise summary of the instant offense and its disposition. It will include the crime, sentence, date, attorneys for the state and defense, and the immediate needs of the inmate as determined from information compiled at the assessment and reception center (e.g., substance abuse, employment, mental health etc.). Additionally, it will indicate if the sentence was imposed pursuant to a plea agreement or jury verdict.
2. Program participation will include the type and name of any recommended program(s), a short description of the components of the program, the inmate’s cooperation and the treatment provider’s assessment of the inmate while in the program. Job assignments and evaluations will also be included. All misconducts and negative incidents will be reported within this section as well. Any other assessments or activities in which the inmate has participated will also be identified. A notation of the inmate’s remaining time and any relevant parole information will also be included.
3. The proposed residence will include the name and address of the person(s) with whom the inmate intends to live. Verification will be made by the probation and parole office responsible for the community in which the offender plans to reside as to the legitimacy of the home offer.
 - a. When verifying the residence, the assigned staff member will request the inmate’s family to bring clothing to the hearing for the offender to wear, if released from custody. ODOC clothing will be returned to the security staff transporting if the inmate is released.

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- b. If available, proposed employment information will also be identified in this section. Employment information will consist of the name or owner of the business and the address from which the inmate has a job offer.
4. Evaluation summary information will provide to the court a profile of the inmate including his/her potential for successful reentry into the community. In making an evaluation, the assigned staff member will take into consideration all of the information available. This information will include, but not be limited to: previous assessments and reports by ODOC personnel, personal resources of the inmate, court imposed obligations, employability, social factors (marital and/or parental support, peer influences, etc.), institutional adjustment, availability of resources in the community, potential for violence, motive for the offense, prior criminal record, aggravating or mitigating circumstances and any other information relevant to the case.
5. The community supervision plan will include recommendations for: substance abuse or mental health evaluations, community service, restitution, court costs, parenting classes, educational or vocational training and any other needs that have been assessed by the assessment and reception center, treatment provider(s), case manager(s) or probation and parole staff. Recommendations will be delineated in the report for appropriate agencies or providers.
6. A sentence modification recommendation will be made. Screening and assessment instrument(s) will be reviewed by probation and parole staff as to the inmate's appropriateness for release to the community without jeopardizing the safety of the public.
 - a. Recommendations for suspended time, split sentences, community sentence or incarceration will be considered.
 - b. If an inmate has previously been incarcerated in any state or federal prison system within the last 10 years on any other felony conviction than the one presently before the court, the inmate is not statutorily eligible and will not be recommended for sentence modification.
 - c. If the recommendation is for modification and is filed and ruled upon beyond 60 months of the initial sentence being imposed, the reporting staff member will verify approval by the district attorney and victim notification by their office.
 - d. District attorney approval is required if the sentence is pursuant to a plea agreement or jury verdict.

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III. Confidentiality and Distribution

All investigative materials are confidential. Information about cases will not be discussed openly, and files and records will not be left unattended or given to persons who do not have a proper and legitimate interest in the case.

A. Copies Will Be Included for the Following:

1. Sentencing court;
2. District attorney;
3. Defense attorney;
4. Official court file.

A copy of the report will be provided to the offender/inmate.

IV. Attendance at Hearings

A staff member will attend the court hearing as an agency representative, if requested by the court.

V. Transportation

Transportation of inmates on state criminal writs is the responsibility of the sheriff. The writ will contain a directive to a county sheriff to take custody of the inmate at the confining facility and to return the inmate to the confining facility unless the sentence is modified to time served in accordance with [OP-040111](#) entitled "Transportation of Inmates."

VI. Post-Modification Procedures

If a modification is granted and an order of probation entered, the inmate will be provided the "Rules and Conditions of Probation." Any special provisions directed by the court will be referred to on the "Rules and Conditions of Probation" and emphasized to the offender by the supervising probation and parole officer (PPO).

A. Review of Costs and Fines

The PPO will direct the inmate to the county's court Administrator for review of costs and fines if not already accomplished prior to meeting with the PPO.

B. Community Supervision

The inmate will also be directed to report to the appropriate probation and parole office for community supervision, if so ordered by the court.

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C. Voucher Forwarding

The confining facility will forward a voucher to the inmate's forwarding address in accordance with [OP-120230](#) entitled "Offender Banking System."

D. Notification to the Affected Probation and Parole Office

The confining facility will notify the affected probation and parole office of the modification of the inmate's sentence. A copy of the inmate's modified court minute/order and "Rules and Conditions of Probation" will also be provided.

E. Supervision of the Offender

Probation and parole staff will supervise the offender within the constraints dictated by the court's order or as statutorily authorized. Supervision will be accomplished as specified by the court and in accordance with [OP-160103](#) entitled "Supervision of Community Offenders."

VIII. References

Policy Statement P-060100 entitled "Classification and Case Management of Inmates/Offenders"

OP-040111 entitled "Transportation of Inmates"

OP-060102(M)(F) entitled "Male/Female Initial Custody Assessment Procedures"

OP-060210 entitled "Delayed Sentencing Program for Young Adults"

OP-120230 entitled "Offender Banking System"

OP-160103 entitled "Supervision of Community Offenders"

22 O.S. § 982a.

57 O.S. § 571

IX. Action

The facility heads/Administrators are responsible for compliance with this procedure.

The Inspector General is responsible for the annual review and revisions.

Any exceptions to this procedure will require prior written approval from the agency Director.

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This procedure is effective as indicated.

Replaced: OP-060209 entitled "Judicial Review" dated March 7, 2022

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<u>Referenced Forms</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Location</u>
DOC 060102A (F)	“Female Initial Custody Assessment Scale”	OP-060102(F) /ICON
DOC 060102A (M)	“Male Initial Custody Assessment Scale”	OP-060102(M) /ICON
<u>Attachments</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Location</u>
Attachment A	“Judicial Review Accountability Plan”	Attached/ICON
Attachment B	“Case Plan”	OP-060102(M) (F)
Attachment C	“Consent for Release of Confidential Information”	OP-060210