

§ 550.51

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§ 550.51 Drug abuse education course.

(a) *Purpose of the drug abuse education course.* All institutions provide a drug abuse education course to:

(1) Inform inmates of the consequences of drug/alcohol abuse and addiction; and

(2) Motivate inmates needing drug abuse treatment to apply for further drug abuse treatment, both while incarcerated and after release.

(b) *Course placement.* (1) Inmates will get primary consideration for course placement if they were sentenced or returned to custody as a violator after September 30, 1991, when unit and/or drug abuse treatment staff determine, through interviews and file review that:

(i) There is evidence that alcohol or other drug use contributed to the commission of the offense;

(ii) Alcohol or other drug use was a reason for violation either of supervised release (including parole) or Bureau community status;

(iii) There was a recommendation (or evaluation) for drug programming during incarceration by the sentencing judge; or

(iv) There is evidence of a history of alcohol or other drug use.

(2) Inmates may also be considered for course placement if they request to participate in the drug abuse education program but do not meet the criteria of paragraph (b)(1) of this section.

(3) Inmates may not be considered for course placement if they:

(i) Do not have enough time remaining to serve to complete the course; or

(ii) Volunteer for, enter or otherwise complete a RDAP.

(c) *Consent.* Inmates will only be admitted to the drug abuse education course if they agree to comply with all Bureau requirements for the program.

(d) *Completion.* To complete the drug abuse education course, inmates must attend and participate during course sessions and pass a final course exam. Inmates will ordinarily have at least three chances to pass the final course exam before they lose privileges or the effects of non-participation occur (see paragraph (e) of this section).

(e) *Effects of non-participation.* (1) If inmates considered for placement under paragraph (b)(1) of this section

refuse participation, withdraw, are expelled, or otherwise fail to meet attendance and examination requirements, such inmates:

(i) Are not eligible for performance pay above maintenance pay level, or for bonus pay, or vacation pay; and

(ii) Are not eligible for a Federal Prison Industries work program assignment (unless the Warden makes an exception on the basis of work program labor needs).

(2) The Warden may make exceptions to the provisions of this section for good cause.

§ 550.52 Non-residential drug abuse treatment services.

All institutions must have non-residential drug abuse treatment services, provided through the institution's Psychology Services department. These services are available to inmates who voluntarily decide to participate.

§ 550.53 Residential Drug Abuse Treatment Program (RDAP).

(a) *RDAP.* To successfully complete the RDAP, inmates must complete each of the following components:

(1) *Unit-based component.* Inmates must complete a course of activities provided by drug abuse treatment specialists and the Drug Abuse Program Coordinator in a treatment unit set apart from the general prison population. This component must last at least six months.

(2) *Follow-up services.* If time allows between completion of the unit-based component of the RDAP and transfer to a community-based program, inmates must participate in the follow-up services to the unit-based component of the RDAP.

(3) *Transitional drug abuse treatment (TDAT) component.* Inmates who have completed the unit-based program and (when appropriate) the follow-up treatment and are transferred to community confinement must successfully complete community-based drug abuse treatment in a community-based program to have successfully completed RDAP. The Warden, on the basis of his or her discretion, may find an inmate ineligible for participation in a community-based program.

(b) *Admission criteria.* Inmates must meet all of the following criteria to be admitted into RDAP.

(1) Inmates must have a verifiable substance use disorder.

(2) Inmates must sign an agreement acknowledging program responsibility.

(3) When beginning the program, the inmate must be able to complete all three components described in paragraph (a) of this section.

(c) *Application to RDAP.* Inmates may apply for the RDAP by submitting requests to a staff member (ordinarily, a member of the unit team or the Drug Abuse Program Coordinator).

(d) *Referral to RDAP.* Inmates will be identified for referral and evaluation for RDAP by unit or drug treatment staff.

(e) *Placement in RDAP.* The Drug Abuse Program Coordinator decides whether to place inmates in RDAP based on the criteria set forth in paragraph (b) of this section.

(f) *Completing the unit-based component of RDAP.* To complete the unit-based component of RDAP, inmates must:

(1) Have satisfactory attendance and participation in all RDAP activities; and

(2) Pass each RDAP testing procedure. Ordinarily, we will allow inmates who fail any RDAP exam to retest one time.

(g) *Expulsion from RDAP.* (1) Inmates may be removed from the program by the Drug Abuse Program Coordinator because of disruptive behavior related to the program or unsatisfactory progress in treatment.

(2) Ordinarily, inmates must be given at least one formal warning before removal from RDAP. A formal warning is not necessary when the documented lack of compliance with program standards is of such magnitude that an inmate's continued presence would create an immediate and ongoing problem for staff and other inmates.

(3) Inmates will be removed from RDAP immediately if the Discipline Hearing Officer (DHO) finds that they have committed a prohibited act involving:

- (i) Alcohol or drugs;
- (ii) Violence or threats of violence;
- (iii) Escape or attempted escape; or

(iv) Any 100-level series incident.

(4) We may return an inmate who withdraws or is removed from RDAP to his/her prior institution (if we had transferred the inmate specifically to participate in RDAP).

(h) *Effects of non-participation.* (1) If inmates refuse to participate in RDAP, withdraw, or are otherwise removed, they are not eligible for:

(i) A furlough (other than possibly an emergency furlough);

(ii) Performance pay above maintenance pay level, bonus pay, or vacation pay; and/or

(iii) A Federal Prison Industries work program assignment (unless the Warden makes an exception on the basis of work program labor needs).

(2) Refusal, withdrawal, and/or expulsion will be a factor to consider in determining length of community confinement.

(3) Where applicable, staff will notify the United States Parole Commission of inmates' needs for treatment and any failure to participate in the RDAP.

§ 550.54 Incentives for RDAP participation.

(a) An inmate may receive incentives for his or her satisfactory participation in the RDAP. Institutions may offer the basic incentives described in paragraph (a)(1) of this section. Bureau-authorized institutions may also offer enhanced incentives as described in paragraph (a)(2) of this section.

(1) *Basic incentives.* (i) Limited financial awards, based upon the inmate's achievement/completion of program phases.

(ii) Consideration for the maximum period of time in a community-based treatment program, if the inmate is otherwise eligible.

(iii) Local institution incentives such as preferred living quarters or special recognition privileges.

(iv) Early release, if eligible under § 550.55.

(2) *Enhanced incentives.* (i) Tangible achievement awards as permitted by the Warden and allowed by the regulations governing personal property (see 28 CFR part 553).

(ii) Photographs of treatment ceremonies may be sent to the inmate's family.