

**641.155 DISCHARGE PLANS; OFFENDERS WITH SERIOUS AND PERSISTENT MENTAL ILLNESS.**

The commissioner of corrections shall develop a model discharge planning process for every offender with a serious and persistent mental illness, as defined in section 245.462, subdivision 20, paragraph (c), who has been convicted and sentenced to serve three or more months and is being released from a county jail or county regional jail.

An offender with a serious and persistent mental illness, as defined in section 245.462, subdivision 20, paragraph (c), who has been convicted and sentenced to serve three or more months and is being released from a county jail or county regional jail shall be referred to the appropriate staff in the county human services department at least 60 days before being released. The county human services department may carry out provisions of the model discharge planning process such as:

- (1) providing assistance in filling out an application for medical assistance, general assistance medical care, or MinnesotaCare;
- (2) making a referral for case management as outlined under section 245.467, subdivision 4;
- (3) providing assistance in obtaining a state photo identification;
- (4) securing a timely appointment with a psychiatrist or other appropriate community mental health providers; and
- (5) providing prescriptions for a 30-day supply of all necessary medications.

**History:** *1Sp2005 c 4 art 2 s 18*