

**THE GENERAL RULES AND WAIVER OF RIGHTS
FOR MENTAL HEALTH COURT PROGRAM**

NAME: _____ **ADDRESS** _____

PHONE: _____

You have been accepted as a participant in the Delaware County Mental Health Court Program. You are therefore placed under the supervision of the Office of Adult Probation and Parole and must comply with the following rules and regulations.

1. You will report to your Probation/Parole Officer according to their instruction. You are not to attend any appointment with a Probation/Parole Officer or any Court ordered program under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol.
2. You will live at the address/phone number listed above, and you may not change your residence without permission from your Probation/Parole Officer. You will give consent to your Probation/Parole Officer to search your person, residence, vehicle and any and all personal electronic devices. The devices, including but not limited to, are cell phones, ipods, ipads, digital cameras, computers, etc. You must also give consent to your Probation/Parole Officer to view any and all social networks (facebook, twitter and/or emails).
3. You will comply with all Municipal, County, State and Federal criminal laws, and abide by any written instructions of the Mental Health Court Program or your Probation/Parole Officer. You must notify your Probation/Parole Officer within 72 hours if you are arrested, questioned or stopped by any law enforcement officers.
4. You must agree to sign any and all releases necessary to further the treatment goals of the Mental Health Court Program. You further agree to sign a release, which will allow the Mental Health Court Program team to review diagnostic, treatment and medical information. You will attend a recovery based support group on a regular basis.
5. Attendance at scheduled court sessions and or review hearings is mandatory. It is your responsibility to know the date and time of your next court session. You must arrive at the scheduled date and time. No changes in the court schedule will be allowed unless an emergency exists or you get prior approval through the Court. Lateness WILL NOT be tolerated.
6. You must dress appropriately for Court. Sunglasses are not to be worn inside unless medically necessary. Speak with the Mental Health Court Coordinator and/or your Probation/Parole Officer if you need assistance with your apparel.
7. You must obtain permission from your Probation/Parole Officer before leaving the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

8. You must make every effort to obtain and maintain employment. If you lose your job, you must notify your Probation/Parole Officer within 72 hours. If you are not gainfully employed, you must actively seek employment. The Court may also order attendance for employment counseling, a GED, or further education as part of the program and/or any treatment program or other condition deemed necessary by the Court.

9. You must support your dependents, if any and assume all your legal obligations for them.

10. You must not knowingly supply false information to Adult Probation/Parole and/or the Mental Health Court team.

11. You agree to participate in the Delaware County Mental Health Court Program for a period of time specified by the Court. This time period will be a minimum of twenty four (24) months. You must participate in any education, treatment and/or rehabilitation program ordered by the Court. You must abide by any additional terms or conditions as indicated by the Court and you must complete all treatment, medication compliance (if deemed necessary) and related programs to the satisfaction of the Court.

12. If your charges were held in abeyance, you must successfully complete the Mental Health Court Program in order to have your charges dismissed. If you are removed from the Mental Health Court Program your case will immediately proceed to sentencing/resentencing.

13. You must abstain from the use, unlawful possession, or sale of controlled substances, as defined within the Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act (35 P.S. Section 780-101 et.seq. as amended to date) and all mind-altering substances. You CANNOT take any medications prescribed and/or over the counter unless it is first approved by the Mental Health Court team. **You must submit to urine analysis and breathalyzer testing at times and dates deemed appropriate by the Court and your Probation/Parole Officer.** You shall not consume alcoholic beverages of any kind. You shall avoid all alcohol containing products, including alcohol in foods, hygiene products or over the counter medications containing alcohol; no communion wine, no topical gels or medications containing alcohol, eg. mouthwash, Nyquil, cough syrups or hand sanitizers. OBSERVED urine testing is mandatory. Testing is done to ensure compliance of treatment program and rules and regulations. You must be present and prompt at the appropriate testing time. You cannot go to unlawful or disreputable places, including but not limited to bars and liquor stores and cannot associate with disreputable individuals.

14. You cannot own or possess any firearm, deadly weapons, or offensive weapons.

15. If you dispute the drug testing results, you have the right to have the lab retest the sample by paying the retesting lab fee, \$50.00 dollars. The fee must be paid within twenty-four (24) hours of when you are notified of the positive test. . If the test is confirmed positive, you will face additional sanctions by the Court. If you attempt, at any time to submit a fake urine sample you can and will be prosecuted.

16. If you test positive for illegal drugs and/or alcohol, fail to appear in court as directed, fail to timely attend all treatment sessions, fail to abide by any term of these rules and regulations and any

other conditions imposed by the Court, or are arrested on new criminal charges, the Court can impose sanctions within the Mental Health Court Program and/or terminate you from the Mental Health Court Program.

17. If you are arrested on new charges after your entry into the Mental Health Court Program you **will be terminated from the program.**

18. You cannot make threats towards other participants or staff or behave in a violent manner. Violent or inappropriate behavior will not be tolerated and will be reported to the Judge. This may result in termination from the Mental Health Court Program.

19. You must pay all fines, costs restitution and a monthly supervision of \$40.00 a month.

20. If you successfully complete all program phases, live a law-abiding life, and demonstrate a successful reintegration into the community you are eligible to graduate.

I hereby acknowledge that I have read, or have had read to me, the foregoing conditions, rules and regulations of my Mental Health Court Program participation. I fully understand them and agree to follow them; and I fully understand the penalties involved should I, in any manner, violate them.

Witness

Signature of Probationer/Parolee

Date

Docket No.(s)