



**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF SOUTH DAKOTA  
PROBATION & PRETRIAL SERVICES OFFICE**

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March 23, 2018

Re: 2018 Treatment Service Contract(s)

Dear Vendor:

Enclosed please find a memo from Kim Williams clarifying how supervision conditions and treatment service contracts interact. This memo is pertinent to any contract(s) you have pending with our office. If you have any questions please feel free to call me.

Sincerely,

Colleen Schulte  
Administrative Services Specialist

Enclosure

March 2018

Clarification regarding how supervision conditions and treatment contracts interact:<sup>1</sup>

Every individual under supervision with the U.S. Probation Office has conditions imposed by the releasing authority such as a court or the parole commission. The conditions define the limits of restrictions placed on the individual under supervision.

National contracting regulations do not prohibit vendors from utilizing treatment contracts with clients, and the U.S. Probation Office for the District of South Dakota supports vendors establishing clear expectations for clients, which is often done through treatment contracts. The U.S. Probation Office encourages vendors to ensure their treatment contracts do not impose civil liberty restrictions beyond the legal authority reflected in the person's conditions of supervision.

For example, treatment contracts which establish expectations such as arriving to sessions on time, completing homework, actively participating during sessions, and treating other group members with respect are allowed under national contracting regulations and encouraged by the U.S. Probation Office.

However, a treatment contract which prohibits an individual from accessing the Internet, from using a cellular telephone, from possessing adult pornography, from having contact with a specific person, or from residing with minors cannot be included in a treatment contract without a condition imposed by the releasing authority that restricts that specific civil liberty.

Vendors are encouraged to contact the U.S. Probation Office if they believe an individual poses a risk which may support adding a restricting condition that is not reflected in the person's supervision conditions.

As always, contract vendors are invited to call their U.S. Probation Office contact person with any questions or concerns. The contact individuals are:

Western Division	Rick LeVeque, Program Development Specialist, 605-399-5928
Southern Division	Brent Lindner, Program Development Specialist, 605-977-8926
Central & Northern Division	Joel Filler, Community Partnerships & Correctional Interventions Coordinator, 605-945-4654

Respectfully,

Kim H. Williams  
EB Research & Program Administrator

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<sup>1</sup> "Treatment contracts" for purposes of this document refers to contracts vendors may develop between themselves/their program and their clients and does not refer to the contract between the U.S. Probation Office and the vendor.