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Honorable Richard B. Decker
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June 22, 2010

Dear Chairman Decker:

On November 18, 2009, Governor David A. Paterson signed into law the Child Passenger Protection Act or Chapter 496 of the Laws of 2009, referred to as "Leandra's Law". As you are aware, this important new law will help reduce drunken driving in New York State and promote traffic and community safety. "Leandra's Law" charged the NYS Division of Probation and Correctional Alternatives with the responsibility to promulgate regulations governing the monitoring of compliance by persons ordered to install and maintain ignition interlock devices on vehicles they own or operate. These regulations were promulgated as emergency regulations on April 23, 2010. Section 358.4 of these regulations requires that every County establish an ignition interlock program plan with respect to usage of ignition interlock devices and monitoring the compliance of an operator subject to installation of an ignition interlock device as directed by the sentencing court.

In order to facilitate this process, DPCA prepared a simple plan document, which was largely prescriptive in format to ease preparation and submission. DPCA has received your plan and very much appreciates its timely submission. We have carefully reviewed and hereby approve your plan. I would like to take this opportunity to compliment you on its thoroughness, your initiative to communicate the plan to the superior and local courts in Chenango County, and your coordination of inmate release dates with the Division of Parole. Your plan indicates that Chenango County will be well-positioned to implement the new law on August 15th.

I would like to take this opportunity to make a few observations regarding the new statewide ignition interlock initiative and the newly promulgated regulations. In the process of crafting the new regulations the workgroup learned that first time offenders have a relatively low recidivism rate and are not likely to need the higher levels of technology and scrutiny offered by Class III devices. Additionally, there was a lot of feedback from counties concerning the cost of the

devices and what they perceived would be high rates of “unaffordability”. Given these factors the workgroup crafted regulations that allow for different levels of devices with different levels of costs so that monitors can match risk with appropriate devices. Higher risk cases can receive higher Class devices and lower risk cases can receive lower Class devices. The selection of all Class III devices for both probation and conditional discharge cases could inflate the cost to operators and increase the number of waivers granted by the court due to the increased cost of the devices, without providing the commensurate increase in public safety. As counties move forward with the implementation of the interlock initiative, DPCA recommends that the monitors of both the probation and conditional discharge cases be allowed the flexibility to choose the Class of device for each operator so they can align the risk of the operator with the appropriate level of device.

DPCA looks forward to our continued work together as we implement this new public safety measure. Should you have any questions please feel free to call or e-mail Walter Cogswell at 518-485-5168 or Walter.Cogswell@dpc.state.ny.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Robert M. Maccarone", is centered on the page. The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

Robert M. Maccarone
State Director

c. Lauren Clarke, Probation Director



New York State
Division of Probation and Correctional Alternatives (DPCA)

IGNITION INTERLOCK PROGRAM PLAN

DAVID A. PATERSON
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STATE DIRECTOR

CHENANGO COUNTY IGNITION INTERLOCK PROGRAM PLAN

INSTRUCTIONS: In accordance with New York State Division of Probation and Correctional Alternatives (DPCA) Rules and Regulations 9 NYCRR Section 358.4, every county, and the City of New York, shall establish an ignition interlock program plan with respect to the usage of ignition interlock devices and monitoring compliance of any operator subject to the condition of an ignition interlock device as directed by a sentencing court. Such plan shall be approved, as applicable, by the county executive, county administrator, etc., and in cities with a population of one million or more, the mayor, and become effective on or before August 15, 2010. **The plan shall be filed with DPCA no later than June 15, 2010.** Where a plan has been amended by the county/city, it shall be promptly filed with DPCA in advance of its new effective date. Please complete all portions of the attached plan and return **no later than June 15, 2010** to:

**Walter Cogswell
Community Corrections Representative III
NYS Division of Probation and Correctional Alternatives
80 Wolf Road – Suite 501
Albany, New York 12205**

Or E-Mail
Applications2010@dpca.state.ny.us

NOTE: This plan form has been prepared so that you may check appropriate boxes and type responses into expanding text boxes.

Plan prepared by:
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Questions about plan should be directed to:

Same as above
Or

Name
Phone
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1. Every county/city shall develop a plan in consultation with the county/city's probation director, district attorney, and in New York City the district attorney from each of the five boroughs, sheriff or Police Commissioner where applicable, STOP-DWI Coordinator, a representative of its drinking driver program where applicable and where more than one program exists in the county, a representative designated by the county executive, a superior and local criminal court judge designated by the administrative judge for the county, and in New York City a superior and local criminal court judge designated by the deputy chief administrative judge, a representative of an agency providing legal services to those unable to afford counsel in criminal cases designated by the county executive. A county/city may consult with other persons or entities as the county executive deems appropriate with respect to development of its plan. Indicate those consulted in the preparation of this plan. Check all that apply:

- District Attorney and in NYC the District Attorney from each of the five boroughs
- Drinking Driver Program Representative
- Local Criminal Court Judge
- Police Commissioner (Specify Department)
- Probation Director
- Representative of Legal Services for Indigent
- Sheriff
- STOP-DWI Coordinator
- Superior Court Judge
- Other (Specify Public Defender)
- Other (Specify)

2. Every plan shall specify monitoring by the probation department where the operator is subject to a period of probation supervision.

The Probation Department is designated as the monitor where the operator is subject to a period of probation.

3. Every plan shall specify the persons or entities responsible for monitoring where an ignition interlock device has been imposed pursuant to a conditional discharge. The following are designated to monitor conditional discharge cases:

- District Attorney
- Drinking Driver Program
- Police Commissioner (Specify Department)
- Probation
- Sheriff
- STOP-DWI Coordinator
- TASC
- Traffic Safety Board Representative
- Other Agency or Organization* (Specify:)

*Must be similar individual, agency or organization; cannot be a qualified manufacturer and/or installation/service provider.

Comments: (Provide any additional comments, if any, regarding the monitoring of conditional discharge cases here)

Provide contact information for your designated monitors: (attach additional pages if necessary)

Department/Agency: Probation Department Contact Name: Laureen J. Clarke Phone Number: 607-337-1733 E-Mail: laureenc@co.chenango.ny.us Address: Street:5 Court Street City: Norwich Zip Code: 13815	Department/Agency: Contact Name: Phone Number: E-Mail: Address: Street: City: Zip Code:
Department/Agency: Contact Name: Phone Number: E-Mail: Address: Street: City: Zip Code:	Department/Agency: Contact Name: Phone Number: E-Mail: Address: Street: City: Zip Code:

4. Every plan shall establish that where an operator is under probation supervision, the department selects the specific class and features of the interlock device from a qualified manufacturer in its region. The operator may select the model of the ignition interlock device, meeting the specific class and features selected by the probation department from a qualified manufacturer in the operator's region of residence.

This plan establishes that where an operator is under probation supervision, the department selects the specific class and features of the interlock device from a qualified manufacturer in its region. The operator may select the model of the ignition interlock device, meeting the specific class and features selected by the probation department from a qualified manufacturer in the operator's region of residence.

5. Every plan shall establish that where an operator has received a sentence of conditional discharge, the monitor shall select the class of ignition interlock device available from a qualified manufacturer in its region for any such operator. The operator may select the model of the ignition interlock device from within the class designated by the monitor from a qualified manufacturer in the operator's region of residence.

This plan establishes that where an operator has received a sentence of conditional discharge, the monitor shall select the class of ignition interlock device available from a qualified manufacturer in its region for any such operator. The operator may select the model of the

ignition interlock device from within the class designated by the monitor from a qualified manufacturer in the operator's region of residence.

6. In the event more than one qualified manufacturer does business within its region, the county/city shall establish an equitable procedure for manufacturers to provide ignition interlock devices without costs where an operator has been determined financially unable to afford the costs and has received a waiver (waiver cases) from the sentencing court. The equitable procedure should be based upon the proportion of ignition interlock devices paid to each qualified manufacturer by operators in the county/city.

Describe the procedure that the county/city will utilize to ensure the equitable distribution of waiver cases among manufacturers operating in the county/city. This will require coordination between the courts and monitors. The Probation Director will keep monthly records of all probation and conditional discharge waivers for ignition interlock received, and proportion referrals to vendors equitably.

7. Every plan shall establish a distribution formula for any available funding earmarked for probation supervision and/or monitoring purposes associated with 9 NYCRR Part 358 (Handling of Ignition Interlock Cases Involving Certain Criminal Offenders).

Describe the distribution formula that the county/city will utilize for any funding specifically provided for probation supervision and/or monitoring purposes associated with DPCA Rules and Regulations 9 NYCRR Part 358. Counties may choose to distribute funds according to the percentage of cases handled by each monitoring entity. The Probation Department will be the sole recipient of any funds so earmarked.

Provide contact information for fiscal officer:

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City: Norwich

Zip Code: 13815

8. Every plan shall establish a procedure whereby the probation department and any other monitor will be notified no later than five (5) business days from the date an ignition interlock condition is imposed by the sentencing court, any waiver of the cost of the device granted by the sentencing court, and of any intrastate transfer of probation or interstate transfer of any case which either has responsibility to monitor. Such procedure shall also establish a mechanism for advance notification as to date of release where local or state imprisonment is imposed.

a. Describe the procedure the county/city will utilize to ensure the probation department and any other monitor will be notified of the ignition interlock condition no later than five (5) business days from the date an ignition interlock condition is imposed by the sentencing court. The Probation Director will mail a copy of the fully authorized Ignition Interlock Program Plan to the superior and local courts in Chenango County. The cover letter to this document will emphasize the need for all courts to fax or email to the Probation Department the Report of Disposition and the Order and Conditions of Probation or Conditional Discharge, inclusive of any local or state imprisonment imposed, within five (5) business days of sentencing.

b. Describe the procedure the county/city will utilize to ensure the probation department and any other monitor will be notified no later than five (5) business days from the date an ignition interlock condition is imposed by the sentencing court of any waiver of the cost of the device granted by the sentencing court. The Probation Director will mail a copy of the fully authorized Ignition Interlock Program Plan to the superior and local courts in Chenango County. The cover letter to this document will emphasize the need for all courts to fax or email to the Probation Department the waiver form within five (5) business days of sentencing.

c. Describe the procedure the county/city will utilize to ensure the probation department and any other monitor will be notified no later than five (5) business days from the date an ignition interlock condition is imposed by the sentencing court of any intrastate transfer of probation or interstate transfer of any case which either has responsibility to monitor. The Probation Director will mail a copy of the fully authorized Ignition Interlock Program Plan to the superior and local courts in Chenango County. The cover letter to this document will emphasize the need for all courts to fax or email to the Probation Department the Order of Inter or Intrastate Transfer of Probation Supervision as applicable within five (5) business days of sentencing.

d. Describe the procedure the county/city will utilize for advance notification as to date of release where local or state imprisonment is imposed. Jurisdictions may wish to utilize the VINE network. Subsequent to the Probation Department's receipt of the Report of Disposition and Order and Conditions of Probation or Conditional Discharge from the court, the Probation Director will monitor the dates of release for those offenders sentenced to local or state imprisonment. In cases of Conditional Discharge with jail and/or straight local/state imprisonment, a Probation Department representative will interview these offenders in the local correctional facility to obtain their anticipated residence upon release and will notify the sentencing court of the offender's release date and address, and/or will coordinate the same with the local NYS Division of Parole representative.

9. Every plan shall establish a procedure governing failure report recipients, including method and timeframe with respect to specific notification and circumstances. Failure report recipients are all persons or entities required to receive a report from the monitor of an operator's failed tasks or failed tests pursuant to a county/city's plan which may include, but is not limited to the sentencing court, district attorney, operator's alcohol treatment provider, and the drinking driver program, where applicable. At a minimum, the procedure shall be consistent with the provisions of DPCA Rules and Regulations Section 358.7(d) with respect to sentencing court and district attorney notification of specific failed tasks and failed tests reports.

Describe the county/city plan to report operator's failed tasks or failed tests to failure report recipients. Identify report recipients, method of reporting, events to be reported, and reporting time frames. The report recipients will be the sentencing court and the district attorney's office; the method of reporting is by mail or facsimile message; the events to be reported are: when the operator fails to have an ignition interlock installed on his/her own vehicle(s) or vehicle(s) he/she operates, where the operator has not complied with a service requirement, any report of alleged tampering with or circumventing an ignition interlock device or an attempt thereof, or any report of a failed test or re-test where the BAC is .05% or higher; the reports will be forwarded by the Probation Department within three (3) business days of their receipt from the vendor.

Acknowledgement

This Ignition Interlock Program Plan has been developed in accordance with NYS Division of Probation and Correctional Alternatives Rules and Regulations Part 358.

County Executive Signature: _____

Title of County Executive: Chairperson, Board of Legislators

Date