

Sheriff Curran,

I have asked for more measurable and specific list of requirements that will be required from you in executing the modification for cell phones.

Fortunately there is no additional standard guideline except for what is written in the Modification itself; the reason for this, is that of the 27 plus reentry centers that the BOP does business with throughout the nation there are approximately 5 VERSIONS of the Residential Reentry SOW due to the different laws and requirements in each state. This forces the language for our standard Modifications to be written with simplistic language so not to contradict any one of the 5 versions of the SOWs that are being used.

With that said, there are some generally known answers that I can give you based on my 3/21/2016 conversation with Mary Bloom in the BOP's Residential Reentry CO, here in the DC office.

They include the following:

1. When are the Cell phones to be given out to the reentry inmates?

Answer : The Agency/ Local Government Entity is not required to purchase the cell phone for the resident nor pay for their service.

2. Who pays for the phone itself?

Answer: The resident pays for his or her phone and gets it when they have the resources.

3. Who pays for the service for the phone?

Answer: The resident pays for his or her phone and gets it when they have the resources.

Also the Agency/ Local Government Entity should review what the Modification says in light of what their SOW requires:

4. What does it mean in the Modification's narrative "Cell Phones are not to be used as the sole means of accountability."

Answer: Every Residential reentry SOW has guidance for how the residents are to be accountable to be in the facility at certain times during the day, this statement is saying that the contractor cannot call them on their cell phones and ask them if they are in the building. A "physical check" is required.

2. Also the Mod is requires that " Agency/ Local Government Entity will develop a cell phone agreement to be signed by all residents which outlines cell phone use."

The next requirement (Number 3) should be included in this written and signed agreement.

3. "No resident-to-resident contact will be allowed to include calls, text messages, e-mails, photos, or other contact.

"You may want to review what your SOW says about "discipline" along with other sections that may pertain.

Thank you for your help in this matter. If you have any other questions call me at 202 514 8839

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