



**U.S. Department of Justice**  
**Memorandum**  
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MEMORANDUM FOR CORRECTIONAL PROGRAM ADMINISTRATORS

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SUBJECT: Furlough and Home Confinement Additional Guidance

The following guidance is provided from information contained in the CARES Act, memoranda from Attorney General Barr, and the Bureau of Prisons. This memorandum rescinds guidance previously provided.

**Furlough**

The current pandemic is considered an urgent situation that may warrant an emergency furlough under 570.32(b)(1) and 570.33(b). These regulations authorize a non-transfer emergency furlough if the inmate is otherwise deemed appropriate, even if he/she has been submitted for Home Confinement (HC). Effective April 16, 2020, all inmates referred for an emergency furlough due to the Covid-19 pandemic should be submitted and keyed as (b)(7)(E); (b)(7)(F).

Inmates who have been referred for a release planning furlough based on guidance issued prior to April 16, 2020, do not require a new application. These inmates should be keyed out of the facility as (b)(7)(E); (b)(7)(F). Furlough applications completed on or after April 16, 2020, should follow the updated guidance. Inmates within 12 months of his/her Projected Release Date (PRD), or those who have received Home Confinement placement and have a PRD exceeding one year, should be reviewed for furlough.

**Home Confinement**

In an effort to alleviate concerns and questions, the following criteria should be met when reviewing and referring inmates for HC:

- Primary or prior offense is not violent

- Primary or prior offense is not a sex offense
- Primary or prior offense is not terrorism
- No detainer
- Mental Health Care Level is less than (b)(7)(E); (b)(7)(F)
- PATTERN risk score is Minimum (b)(7)(E); (b)(7)(F)
- No incident reports in the past 12 months (regardless of severity level)
- U.S. Citizen
- Viable Release Plan

If the inmate meets the criteria above, the following factors should be noted, but are not a reason for denial:

- Age
- Projected Release Date
- Percentage of time served
- Medical Care Level
- Victim Witness Program
- Arrival dated (b)(7)(E); (b)(7)(F)

Any concerns regarding an inmate's suitability for HC placement should be noted in Section 11 of the BP-210, *Institutional Referral for CCC Placement*. It is strongly encouraged to refer inmates currently housed in a facility with active Covid-19 cases.

For inmates requesting relocation, a release plan must be submitted to the USPO prior to HC referral submission. The USPO approval letter must be forwarded to the RRM, once received. Institution staff should contact the Health Service Specialist in the RRM's office with questions regarding HC placement for inmates with medical concerns.

If you have any questions, please contact David Brewer, Acting Senior Deputy Assistant Director, Correctional Programs Division, at (b)(6); (b)(7)(C).