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Policy and Procedures

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1. PURPOSE

This policy outlines the fee structure for participants enrolled in the Iowa Domestic Abuse Program (IDAP), a court-mandated treatment program designed for convicted perpetrators of domestic assault.

2. POLICY

The Iowa Domestic Abuse Program (IDAP) shall be delivered consistently throughout the State of Iowa. Statewide fees associated with IDAP are outlined in the policy below.

3. PROCEDURES

A. Program Fee for Court-Ordered Participants

1. A program fee of $600.00 is assessed for each participant court-ordered to take the Iowa Domestic Abuse Program (IDAP).

2. The $600 program fee applies to both in-person and virtual group sessions.

3. The fee is mandatory as a crucial component of the participant's rehabilitation and treatment process.

4. A $600 program fee shall be assessed to clients upon registration in IDAP. No additional program fees will be assessed for new charges while the client is enrolled in the program, until they either complete or are terminated from the program. However, if a client completes the class sessions without fully paying the original fee and is convicted of a new charge requiring IDAP enrollment, a new program fee will be assessed.

5. In the event a client is terminated from IDAP, and the fee structure has changed from their previous signed agreement, a prorated amount will be assessed to ensure the client is being charged the current rate at the time of reengaging in the program.

B. Program Fee for Non-Court Ordered Participants

There is local discretion regarding the assessment of program fees for individuals who are not court-ordered but are referred to IDAP or who request to attend voluntarily.

C. Request for Program Fee Waiver

1. Court-ordered clients receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) may apply for waiver of the program fee. This policy acknowledges the financial constraints that may affect individuals on fixed incomes and aims to ensure that financial barriers do not hinder access to necessary treatment and support. (*Program Fee Waiver*, which can be accessed via templates in ICON).

2. To be considered for the fee waiver, clients must provide documentation of current SSI or SSDI benefits.

3. Upon verification of the required documentation, the Iowa Domestic Abuse Program shall waive the entire program fee.

D. Transfers Between Districts

1. If a client transfers to an IDAP group in another district, any fees paid will remain with the originating district. When a client transfers to a different district after having begun their participation in the Iowa Domestic Abuse Program (IDAP), the initially assessed program fee will remain with the district where the client completed their intake.

2. Clients transferring districts are required to inform program administrators of their move to ensure accurate maintenance of their participation records. This ensures continuity of care and support throughout their program participation.

E. Transfers between Districts and Institutions

1. Clients transferring from an institution to a District shall receive a prorated program fee based on the number of IDAP sessions remaining, at a cost of $25.00 per session.

2. Any IDAP program fee balance shall be written off for clients who start IDAP in a District and then successfully complete IDAP in the institution for the same case.

F. Successful Program Completion

1. A letter to the court or a Certificate of Completion will not be issued until all IDAP related fees, including any restart fees or fees for re-enrollment due to new charges, are paid in full. This policy is in place to ensure that financial obligations are met prior to the acknowledgment of program completion. It is crucial for participants to fulfill all program and financial requirements to receive formal recognition of their efforts.

2. While the fulfillment of financial obligations is a prerequisite for the receipt of completion documentation, it is important to note that contempt charges will not be filed solely for outstanding monetary obligations.

G. Re-Start Fee Associated with IDAP Non-Compliance and/or Termination

If a client is terminated from IDAP for non-compliance with the program agreement, they shall be assessed a $100.00 IDAP re-start fee. The purpose of this fee is to reinforce the importance of adhering to program guidelines and to cover the administrative costs associated with re-enrolling participants.

H. Outstanding IDAP-Related Balances

Outstanding IDAP-related balances may be recouped through the State of Iowa Setoff Program as outlined in **Iowa Code 421.65** and **Iowa Administrative Code 701, Chapter 26**.