



General Information System (GIS) Message

Section 1

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Section 2

The purpose of this GIS is to advise social services districts (districts) that the Department of Corrections and Community Supervision (DOCCS) has started releasing certain individuals early under Section 73 of the New York State Correction Law. This law is primarily used to address staffing shortages and public safety. Specifically, DOCCS is using this law to transition individuals to residential treatment facilities or to the community, often with a focus on those close to release who meet certain criteria. These individuals cannot be serving sentences for violent felonies, sex crimes, or A-1/A-2 non-drug offenses. They must have an approved residence outside of a shelter or Department of Social Services placement.

Individuals released under Section 73 of the New York State Correction Law are not eligible for Public Assistance (PA) or Temporary Housing Assistance (THA) benefits until the official date of release, as noted on their DOCCS issued paperwork .

Individuals chosen by DOCCS for early release work closely with a reentry coordinator and should be referred to NYS Parole if they are in need of assistance.