

Survey to Chief APOs

Issue: Electronic Monitoring Payment

Question: (from Carbon County)

What collection agencies do counties use for delinquent collection matters. AOPC has ended their contract (which is who we did use) and we are looking to see what kind of return on investment other counties are getting with the other approved agencies?

Adams County

Adams requires full payment upfront for transfers but not for in county.

Armstrong County

We require that they pay 1st month at date of hook up and then they pay monthly. Our rates are as followed GPS \$6-\$20 Scram alcohol \$11-\$20. When the defendant is sentenced, they report to the probation office and I will schedule appointment for the defendant to come back within a week to get hooked up. If the defendant doesn't have the money at hookup I will still hook them up, but they must have the money within 30 days. If the money is not paid in 30 days, they go to jail or if it is a transfer in case they are unhooked and inform send their case back to the county the case came from. We really try to work with the defendants to get them hooked up on Electronic Monitoring and not take them to jail unless there is no other option.

Beaver County

In Beaver County we require payment for the first 30 days up front (unless SSI/SSDI). The language on our orders allows for 10 days to "make payment arrangements". If it is an intercounty transfer, we require the first 30 days up front, plus the transfer fee up front. As far as having trouble making payments, we have accepted partial payments or installments to get the full first month's payment.

Blair County

Blair County requires the first month's payment upfront.

Bucks County

In Bucks County, we encourage defendants to make payment at the time of sentencing. If sentencing exceeds 30 days, we require monthly payments. We also have an established indigent sliding scale policy if the defendant cannot pay. If applicable, we can offer a reduced rate should their income fall below certain tiers that are based on U.S. poverty guidelines.

Cameron County

In Cameron County, all transfer cases requiring GPS are required to pay 30 days of the GPS fee up front plus the first month's supervision fee payment. According to my PCCD Liaison, all transfer in cases who are sentenced to probation with restrictive conditions are eligible to be

covered under the IP grant; only requiring a \$45 supervision fee payment prior to being accepted for supervision.

Chester County

Chester requires 50% up front from transfer in cases where we do the ehc. Then the other 50% at the halfway point. No requirement for in county cases up front.

Clarion County

Clarion County requires payment of the first month up-front. Individuals are often sentenced without having paid, however.

Clinton County

Clinton County requires full upfront payment for transfer-in cases. No upfront payment is required for in-county cases. Many in-county cases are funded through the IP Grant (if eligible).

Columbia & Montour County

Columbia and Montour both charge \$15/daily for EM. We have the defendant pay beginning of each month. If we have an indigent person, we would look at it on a case-by-case basis. Transfer in we try to collect ½ up front unless circumstances warrant different.

Cumberland County

Same as Lehigh. Do not require payment up front for either in-county or transfer in cases.

Dauphin County

Dauphin County requires MDJ cases pay in full up front; incoming transfer cases pay 50% upfront; and in county cases EM fees are added to their fines and costs account.

Elk County

Most cases in Elk are PRC sentences and are covered by our grant, if they are not covered by the grant: 6 months and less we require payment upfront; Longer than 6 months we require 50% upfront and 50% and the half way point. If they are unable to afford, we typically won't accept or recommend incarceration.

Erie County

No up-front payments in Erie

Fayette County

Fayette requires 1st month + \$30 hook up fee up front.

Indiana County

Indiana does not require money upfront for in-county cases. However, for transfer-in cases, we require 50% of the total payment within 45 days or we will return the case.

Juniata County

Juniata requires \$515- which is broken down to be \$25 hookup, 1 month of EM \$450, 1 month SF \$40.

Lancaster County

Like Adams and Perry, Lancaster requires full payment up front for transfer ins, but not for in county cases.

Lebanon County

Lebanon does not require any money down/up front.

Lehigh County

Lehigh County does not require payment upfront for either in-county or transfer in cases.

Northampton County

Northampton County's fee is \$10.00/day, we do not require a lump sum payment for in county cases. A lump sum payment is required up front for the initial six months (or less depending on a legitimate, verifiable hardship situation) on transfer in cases.

Perry County

Perry requires full payment upfront for transfer cases but not in County cases.

Schuylkill County

We always ask for payment up front, and work backwards from there. We have a lot of people on monthly installments.

Snyder County

Same as Union. We require full payment up front for transfers. We utilize our IP grant to cover EM costs for eligible individuals.

Somerset County

Somerset requires \$100 up front, transfer cases we attempt to get half.

Susquehanna County

Same as Chester. 50% for transfer cases but no requirement for in county.

Union County

We require full payment up front for transfers. We utilize our IP grant to cover EM costs for eligible individuals.

Venango County

Venango does not require any payment up front.

Westmoreland County

Westmoreland only requires a \$100.00 Hook-up fee be paid before being placed onto EHM. If the individual does not pay the \$100.00, the case is sent back to court. The Court has resented individuals due to non-payment. It is rare that an individual does not pay. Transfers require the \$100.00 Hook-up fee and half of the total cost of EHM @ \$12.00 a day.

York County

In York, individuals pay the vendor directly. The vendor does require a portion up front but not the entire amount. We also have indigent spots for those who cannot pay