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<b>CHAPTER:</b> Policies	<b>EFFECTIVE DATE:</b> March 21, 2007
<b>SUBJECT:</b> Parole Placement Home Inspection	<b>RELATED MANDATES, STATUTES, STANDARDS, OR EXECUTIVE ORDERS:</b>
<b>APPROVED BY:</b>  <u>Dean J. Conder, Acting Chairperson</u>	

**BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

The Juvenile Parole Board is invested in ensuring that residential placements for parolees are appropriate for the youth, family and community. While options are sometimes limited for youth, it is important to find placements that promote the best opportunities for success for the youth and community. The Board views home inspection reports as critical to providing a level of assurance that residential placements are appropriate. While the expectation of the Board is not that client managers are expert in home inspections, there is an expectation that reasonable familiarity and judgment regarding residential placements is exercised.

The Home Inspection Reports are needed for the following reasons:

1. Some proposed residential parole placements seem to be inappropriate upon home inspection.
2. Committed youth may pose risks to victims living in the household. The Board needs to know who else will be living in the home. If prior victims are present, then a series of questions may be warranted regarding risk and the management of risk. The feelings and perceptions of those in the household are important to the Board as well as the general living conditions, such as crowding and stress.
3. The members of the household are important for another reason because many of the youth have witnessed or been participants in domestic violence or child abuse. By knowing who will be living in the home via the inspection report and the history of violence in the file, the Board can make a more informed decision regarding risk and chances of success in a respective placement.
4. Residential placements for committed youth prior to parole are subject to scrutiny from the system. It seems appropriate that some level of scrutiny for parolees is warranted given the risks associated with transitioning back to the community. The home inspection provides some assurance that professionals feel comfortable with the placement.

**POLICY**

Except for a Post Commitment parole hearing where the Client Manager is unable to identify a recommended parole address, no parole hearing to an address within Colorado shall be conducted unless the Board has received a Home Inspection Report. The report must be completed by the Client Manager, Parole Officer, or their designee. The inspection must have been done inside the home and within 60 days prior to the scheduled hearing, and submitted by the Reports Due date.

If, due to extenuating circumstances, it is not received by the Reports Due date the hearing will be placed on the agenda, however, it must be received prior to the beginning of the hearing or the hearing will not be conducted. Only two circumstances shall be considered as extenuating for purposes of this policy:

1. The address to which the youth is paroling has changed subsequent to the Reports Due Date, or;
2. The youth is paroling to independent living and had not obtained an apartment or other address by the Report Due date.

In addition, for a videoconference hearing, the Home Inspection Report must be received by fax at the satellite location of the hearing panel at least 30 minutes prior to the scheduled beginning of the hearing.

A Post Commitment parole hearing where the Client Manager is unable to identify a recommended parole address, a hearing may be conducted without a Home Inspection report; however, the report must be received by the JPB office prior to the end of the commitment.

A Home Inspection report is required for all youth whose parole is either suspended or modified to an address other than the address of the original parole.

Home Inspection reports are not necessary for paroles to NYC operated or contracted facilities, county jails, DOC facilities, Job Corp facilities, facilities licensed by the Department of Human Services, or Department of Health.

Client Managers and Parole Officers should use the following Juvenile Parole Board form for completing and submitting the Home Inspection to the Board.