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## PRETRIAL INTERVENTION (PTI)



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## Program Summary and Application

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### What is the Pretrial Intervention Program (PTI)?

The Pretrial Intervention Program (PTI) provides defendants, generally first-time offenders, with opportunities for alternatives to the traditional criminal justice process of ordinary prosecution. PTI seeks to render early rehabilitative services, when such services can reasonably be expected to deter future criminal behavior. The PTI program is based on a rehabilitative model that recognizes that there may be an apparent causal connection between the offense charged and the rehabilitative needs of a defendant. Further, the rehabilitative model emphasizes that social, cultural, and economic conditions often result in a defendant's decision to commit crime.

Simply stated, PTI strives to solve personal problems which tend to result from the conditions that appear to cause crime, and ultimately, to deter future criminal behavior by a defendant.

### What Are the Benefits of the Pretrial Intervention Program (PTI)?

- ✓ If PTI is successfully completed, there is no record of conviction and the defendant avoids the stigma of a criminal record. Although no record of a conviction exists, a defendant may want to file for an expungement to remove any record of the original arrest.
- ✓ Early intervention allows rehabilitative services to be provided soon after the alleged offense, in an attempt to correct the behavior that led to the offense.
- ✓ Some of the costs associated with the formal court process are eliminated through acceptance into PTI.
- ✓ PTI provides early resolution of a case, which serves the interests of the victim, the public and the defendant.
- ✓ PTI reduces the burden on the court and allows resources to be devoted to more serious criminals.

## What are the Conditions for Participation in Pretrial Intervention?

Supervision under the PTI program may run from 6 months to three years and is provided by the Probation Division. Certain standard conditions are imposed on those accepted into PTI, such as, random urine monitoring, and assessments of fees, penalties and fines. Additional conditions may also be imposed to require the performance of community service, payment of restitution, and submission to psychological and/or drug and alcohol evaluations with compliance to recommended treatment programs.

If a defendant successfully completes all the conditions of PTI, then the original charges are dismissed on the recommendation of the Criminal Division Manager with consent by the prosecutor, and there is no record of conviction.

If a defendant does not successfully complete the conditions of PTI, then the defendant is terminated from the PTI program and the case is returned to the ordinary course of prosecution.

## Who is Eligible for Pretrial Intervention (PTI)?

Any defendant who is charged with an indictable offense may apply.

Admission guidelines stated in the Court Rules set the following criteria:

- ◆ **Age** - PTI is designed for adults.
- ◆ **Jurisdiction** - Only defendants charged with indictable offenses in New Jersey may apply.
- ◆ **Minor Violations** - Charges that would likely result in a suspended sentence without probation or a fine are generally not eligible. Those charged with ordinance, health code and other similar violations are not eligible.
- ◆ **Prior Record of Convictions** - PTI generally *excludes* defendants who have been previously convicted.
- ◆ **Parolees and Probationers** - Generally *excluded* without prosecutor's consent and considered *only after consultation* with parole and probation departments.
- ◆ **Defendants Previously Diverted** - *Excludes* defendants who have previously been granted a diversionary program or conditional discharge.

## How Does One Apply for Pretrial Intervention?

Applications to PTI must be made no later than 28 days after indictment. There is a \$75 non-refundable application fee. In certain instances, this fee may be waived.

The application process includes an interview with the defendant by a staff member of the Criminal Division of the Superior Court. A written report is prepared detailing the decision for admittance or rejection into the PTI program. When a defendant is accepted into PTI on the recommendation of the Criminal Division, with the consent of the prosecutor and the defendant, the judge may postpone all further proceedings against the defendant for a period not to exceed 36 months.

The applicant may appeal a rejection to the Presiding Judge of the Criminal Division within 10 days of the rejection.

**NOTICE:** This is a not a public document. The information entered on this form will be kept confidential. You therefore must enter all requested information, including any requested personal identifiers, which are your Social Security number, driver's license number, vehicle plate number, insurance policy number, active financial account number, or active credit card number.

## Application for PTI

Name	
Address: Street	
City:	State: Zip Code:
Telephone Number	
Date of Birth	Social Security Number
Indictment or Complaint Number	
Prosecutor File Number (if known)	
Have you previously been enrolled in PTI or received a conditional discharge? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
I have read the information contained in this brochure and wish to apply for enrollment to PTI.	
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Signature of Defendant	Date