



West Michigan Regional Veterans' Treatment Court Initial Questionnaire

The West Michigan Regional Veterans Treatment Court program is only for veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States as defined in MCL 600.1200 (a). The West Michigan Regional Veterans Treatment Court is a court-supervised program coupled with intensive treatment and supervision for non-violent criminal offenders as defined in MCL 600.1200 (m). It is designed to address those who are committing criminal offense due to injuries that were incurred through military service.

This is a voluntary program that includes bi-monthly court appearances before the West Michigan Regional Veterans Treatment Court judge. It also involves drug, alcohol, and mental health treatment, random drug testing, abiding by set curfews, support group meetings, vocational or job counseling, educational classes and community supervision. All medications must be approved by the Court Treatment Team prior to taking them. The West Michigan Regional Veterans Treatment Court program is broken into four phases. You must complete all four phases successfully to graduate. The program requires at least 18 months of participation. The following is a breakdown of each phase. The amount of time spent in each phase can be changed based on your participation and conformity to the program rules and regulations.

Phase I: Intended to last for two (2) months.

- Follow the treatment plan created between you and the provider, which may include prescriptions
- Submit to random drug/alcohol screens
- Attend 5-7 support group meetings per week
- Obtain a sponsor
- Attend court every first and third Friday of each month
- Find employment if not retired
- Abide by probation conditions, which includes a curfew between 10 PM and 6 AM
- Obtain appropriate housing
- Pay on all court fees, fines, and costs
- No failed drug/alcohol tests or major sanctions within 30 days of phase completion

Phase II: Intended to last for six (6) months

- Continue following the treatment plan
- Submit to random drug/alcohol screens
- Attend 3-5 support group meetings per week
- Obtain a sponsor
- Attend court sessions every first and third Friday of each month
- Find employment if not retired
- Abide by probation conditions, which includes a curfew between 10 PM and 6 AM
- Obtain appropriate housing
- Pay on all court fees, fines, costs
- Prepare a healthy living plan with coping strategies and a cognitive behavioral recovery plan.
- No failed drug/alcohol tests or major sanctions within 90 days of phase completion



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Phase III: Intended to last for six (6) months

- Continue following the treatment plan
- Submit to random drug/alcohol screens
- Attend 3-5 support group meetings per week
- Obtain a sponsor
- Attend court sessions every first and third Friday of each month
- Find employment if not retired
- Abide by probation conditions, which includes a curfew between 10 PM and 6 AM
- Obtain appropriate housing
- Pay off all court fees, fines, and costs
- Prepare a healthy living plan with coping strategies and a cognitive behavioral recovery plan.
- No failed drug/alcohol tests or major sanctions within 120 days of phase completion
- You must prepare and have approved a relapse prevention plan 2-4 weeks prior to entry into the next phase

Phase IV: Intended to last for four (4) months

- You are given the choice to continue with treatment, participate with Alumni groups, or attend community based support groups (AA/NA)
- Submit to random drug/alcohol screens
- Attend court sessions monthly
- Complete community service hours as ordered by the court
- No failed drug/alcohol screens or major sanctions within 180 days of targeted phase completion date.

Please return the Initial Questionnaire and copy of your DD Form 214 to either the West Michigan Veterans Treatment Court Case Manager or to the District Court, Attention to: Veterans Court.