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*Conditional Release Outcomes in Arkansas:
Evaluating Reintegration and Recidivism Under ACT 911*

BACKGROUND:

Conditional release (CR) provides a pathway for individuals found NGRI to reintegrate into society under mental health and court supervision. Arkansas's Act 911 authorizes CR under court-ordered conditions, including treatment adherence, sobriety, and approved housing, for up to five years. Noncompliance may result in revocation, renewed supervision, psychiatric rehospitalization, or incarceration.

OBJECTIVES:

1. Describe 10-year trends in a CR program, including original charges, revocation rates, and supervision duration.
2. Compare outcomes between individuals who completed CR and those who experienced revocation.
3. Compare CR supervision lengths with expected incarceration periods for similar offenses.

METHODS:

We conducted a 10-year retrospective analysis of de-identified patient data from the conditional release program. Trends in charges, revocation rates, and program duration were analyzed, and individuals who completed CR were compared with those who experienced revocation. CR supervision lengths were also compared with typical incarceration periods for similar offenses.

RESULTS:

1. Most NGRI acquittees (86%) completed Arkansas's Act 911 CR program within five years.
2. A subset of revoked individuals (14%) experienced at least one revocation, remaining under supervision beyond expected incarceration for similar offenses.
3. We found no difference between those who completed and those who experienced revocation, except for Aggravated Assault being statistically more common amongst those who completed CR.

CONCLUSION:

Although generally effective, Act 911 does not address social determinants of health that may contribute to noncompliance, revocation, and prolonged forensic oversight. These outcomes may reflect systemic barriers rather than clinical deterioration; identifying at-risk individuals could allow clinicians to anticipate revocation risk and tailor CR more effectively.