



Application Name: SCALES

(Specialty Court Application & Legal Exchange System)

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1.1

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08/12/2020

Audience:

Specialty Courts, specifically pilot courts identified by Specialty Court Program Advisory Committee (SCPAC)

Summary of Release:

The focus of this release is to allow a member of the Specialty Court team to complete a validated risk-needs assessment within the referral application to aid in early identification of eligible moderate-to-high-risk applicants and prompt placement of eligible applicants into a Specialty Court as per A.C.A. § 16-98-302. The SCPAC chose RANT/DWI-RANT by Public Health Management Corporation (PHMC) in October 2018.

RANT®

How It Works

The Streamlined Risk and Needs Triage (RANT®) includes a client risk/needs assessment that can be administered by program personnel in 15 minutes or less – with minimal training required. Simple

screens guide users through the 19 items individually and instantly provide client-level reporting upon completion.

Reports

The software immediately generates an easily understandable scored report sorting offenders into one of four risk/needs quadrants with direct implications for the optimal level of criminal justice supervision and behavioral health care. The report also lists the specific risk and needs factors identified for the client.

Research

RANT is derived from empirical evidence showing that outcomes in community correctional settings are influenced by how well drug offenders are matched to services suited to both their criminogenic risks and clinical needs. Backed by years of systematic research by PHMC, RANT has shown good internal consistency, has been independently validated by several organizations, and its findings have been published in a peer reviewed journal.

DWI-RANT™

How It Works

The Streamlined DWI-RANT™ includes a client risk/needs assessment that can be administered by program personnel in 15-20 minutes or less, with minimal training required. Simple screens guide users through the 23 items individually and instantly provide client-level reporting upon completion.

Reports

The software immediately generates an easily understandable report sorting offenders into one of four risk/needs quadrants with direct implications for the optimal level of criminal justice supervision and behavioral health care. In addition to a risk/needs score, the report also lists the specific risk and needs factors identified for the client.

Research

DWI-RANT was derived from empirical evidence showing that outcomes in community correctional settings are influenced by how well offenders are matched to services suited to both their criminogenic risks and clinical needs. Additionally, DWI offenders have been shown to present with unique markers of risk and need that distinguish them from drug offenders. Most states and jurisdictions rely heavily on blood alcohol concentration levels and number of prior DWI offenses in making sentencing and treatment decisions. PHMC's research identified and incorporated the predictive use of these markers into the DWI-RANT.