On May 26, 2016, the NYC Board of Correction voted to APPROVE the Department of Correction’s request for a limited variance from BOC Minimum Standard 1-17(b)(1)(ii).

This variance allows the Department an extension of its deadline to exclude inmates ages 18 through 21 from punitive segregation.

Type of Variance: Limited

Date on which variance will commence: June 1, 2016

Time period, if any: Ending June 30, 2016

Minimum Standard for which Variance is Granted: 1-17(b)(1)(ii)

Date on which Board of Correction first approved variance (for renewals only): November 10, 2015

Requirements imposed as conditions on variance:

1. During the pendency of this Variance, the Department shall not place any Young Adult in punitive segregation for any infraction unless it is reviewed and approved by the Chief of the Department.

2. During the pendency of this Variance, the Department shall have program counselors provide daily rounds of and counseling to Young Adults in punitive segregation.

3. During the pendency of this Variance, the Department shall provide at least two hours of individualized daily recreation to Young Adults in punitive segregation.

4. During the pendency of this Variance, the Department shall provide the Board with a weekly report, commencing on Friday, June 3, 2016 and on every Friday thereafter, of the status of construction of Secure Units, which shall include (a) all steps necessary to complete construction, including the granting of all permits and other...
approvals required to open these Units, (b) the adequacy of staffing and training levels for the Secure Units, (c) the number of young adult inmates in punitive segregation who were offered two hours of recreation each day and the number of such inmates who accepted two hours of recreation each day, and (d) the number of young adult inmates in punitive segregation who were offered counseling each day and the number of such inmates who accepted counseling each day.