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CA28 AND DISMISSED CASE DISPOSITION

Last November, a new cost code was added to the MDJS to implement provisions of Act 30 of 2007 (42 Pa.C.S. § 3575), relating to the establishment of the Criminal Justice Enhancement Account (CJEA).

As you know, a \$50 cost of prosecution fee (CA28) is assessed to a case when a defendant accepts an Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition (ARD). The cost is automatically added to the case balance when a final charge disposition of ARDO is recorded and the final charge disposition date is greater than November 10, 2007. The cost is assessed and collected regardless of the defendant's compliance and outcome of the program.

ARD (Accelerated Rehab Disp) is the appropriate disposition code if the MDJ determines that the defendant satisfactorily completed the prescribed program. However, we recognize that some Magisterial District Judges use the disposition of DIS (Dismissed). Therefore, DIS can now be recorded as the case disposition when CA28 has been assessed to the case. Prior to today, you were receiving an error message, CSE0174 - CASE BALANCE MUST BE ZERO FOR THIS DISPOSITION CODE.

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