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Utilization of Interlock Data: Is It Used for Offender Monitoring and Programming

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Ignition interlocks provide important data for monitoring offenders. If an offender has many failed starts, if their failed starts occur in a certain pattern or time of day, or if the offender has high BAC measures, this information can be used by probation officers and the courts in their work with offenders and possibly to adjust an offender's sanctions. This type of data can also be used by treatment providers in their work with offenders, helping them to better tailor treatment protocols to the offender's specific needs.

NHTSA is interested in learning more about how this ignition interlock data is being used in current interlock programs, identifying jurisdictions that utilize this data for offender monitoring and other programs, such as screening, assessment and treatment for alcohol problems, and determining if this data can be used effectively to reduce alcohol-impaired driving recidivism. This project explores the issues surrounding interlock data usage. The Contractor has been tasked to identify jurisdictions within States with first-offender interlock laws or high levels of interlock use that use interlock data for offender monitoring and other offender programs, such as screening, assessment, and treatment programs, gather information on how the data is used and by whom, and identify and catalogue available data, contacts, and proprietorship for any data that may be used to evaluate the effectiveness of using interlock data to reduce recidivism. This is an exploratory study. No actual evaluation of data use and recidivism is included in this task order.

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