



## **Fast Facts – Minnesota Pretrial Release Evaluation Form and Assessment Tool - Revised (MNPAT-R)**

### **What was the Minnesota Pretrial Release Evaluation Form and Assessment Tool (MNPAT)?**

The MNPAT was a research-based tool that helped judges make informed release decisions. Implemented in December 2018, it guided decisions such as release on the defendant’s own recognizance, release on conditions, or release on bail or bond. It gave information that helped predict whether a person was likely to return to court for another hearing or to commit a crime during the pretrial period.

### **What is the MNPAT-R?**

The MNPAT Validation Committee led the first validation assessment of the MNPAT in 2021-2022. It showed that the MNPAT was less predictive of pretrial failure (pretrial crime or failure to appear at a future hearing) than desired and predictiveness varied by race. A revised version of the tool, the MNPAT-R, was recommended to and approved by the Judicial Council in January 2023. The MNPAT-R was implemented in 82 counties in January 2024.

### **What are the benefits to using the MNPAT-R?**

Benefits of the MNPAT-R include:

- Reduces the impact of implicit bias.
- Provides judges the most predictive and least biased information for making pretrial decisions.
- Allows all parties to work from the same information since they all receive the MNPAT-R before the hearing.
- Provides a method for the MJB to validate data collected on the MNPAT-R to ensure effectiveness of the tool in release decisions.

### **Who is responsible for scoring and completing the MNPAT-R?**

Probation or their designee is responsible for completing the MNPAT-R before a defendant’s first appearance (see Minn. Stat. § 629.74). They are also responsible for delivering the completed MNPAT-R to the court before the defendant’s first appearance. The court or probation/their designee provides copies to all parties.

### **What is the MNPAT-R Questionnaire?**

The MNPAT-R questionnaire is used by counties or jurisdictions where interview resources may not be available. Defendants fill out this questionnaire, and the information provided is used by probation or their designee to complete the MNPAT-R. The questionnaire does not get filed or shared with the courts.

### **What resources are available to answer questions about the MNPAT-R?**

For more information about the MNPAT-R, see the [Pretrial Release Initiative Website](#). Click the **Contact Us** tab to submit a question.