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Best Practice Standard VII - Drug and Alcohol Testing

Objective:

Drug and alcohol testing provides an accurate, timely, and comprehensive assessment of unauthorized substance use throughout participants' enrollment in the Drug Court.

N	Non-Compliant
P	Partially Compliant
C	Compliant

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NOTES

A Frequent Testing			
Drug and alcohol testing is performed frequently enough to ensure substance use is detected quickly and reliably			
Urine testing is not performed in 7 day blocks			
Tests measuring substance use over extended periods of time (SCRAM) are applied for at least ninety consecutive days followed by urine or other intermittent testing methods			
Tests that have short detection windows (breathalyzers or oral fluid tests) are administered when substance use is more likely to occur			
Tests that have short detection windows (breathalyzers or oral fluid tests) are administered when recent substance use is suspected			
B Random Testing			
Drug and alcohol testing is random and unpredictable (28% chance of being tested on any day of the week)			
The probability of being tested on weekends and holidays is the same as on other days			

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Urine specimens are provided no more than eight hours after being notified that a urine test has been scheduled				
Short detection window tests (breathalyzers or oral fluid tests) are delivered no more than four hours after being notified that a test has been scheduled				
C Duration of Testing				
Drug and alcohol testing continues uninterrupted throughout the program				
D Breadth of Testing				
Test specimens are randomly selected to be tested for a broader range of substances to detect new emerging drugs				
E Witnessed Collection				
Collection of test specimens are witnessed directly by trained staff				
Participants are not permitted independent alcohol or drug testing unless exigent circumstances exist				
F Valid Specimens				
Test specimens are examined routinely for evidence of dilution				
Test specimens are examined routinely for evidence of adulteration				
G Accurate and reliable testing procedures				
Scientifically valid and reliable testing procedures are used				
Chain of custody is established for each specimen				
If a participant denies use, the specimen is sent in for confirmation by a laboratory				
H Rapid Results				
Test results, including laboratory confirmations, are received within forty-eight hours of sample collection				
I Participant Contract				

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Participants receive a clear and comprehensive written explanation of their rights and responsibilities related to drug and alcohol testing

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| 100% | • Compliant |
| 99%-80% | • Partially Compliant |
| 79%-0% | • Non-Compliant |

Total Compliance:

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