# Drug Testing Policy

\*As taken from the Participant Handbook, pages 8-10.

## **Purpose:**

To clearly state the steps used by the Tuscarawas County Health Department in conducting drug/ alcohol testing of individuals enrolled in the Vivitrol Program.

## **Policy:**

Tuscarawas County Health Department will utilize random drug urinalysis testing to detect alcohol and/or illicit drug use. Treatment Team Members will use equipment provided by the Tuscarawas County Health Department to conduct drug and/or alcohol testing.

A program participant will be required to provide a urine specimen for testing at the request of any Treatment Team Member.

If it is suspected that the urine specimen may have been switched and/or tampered with, the Team Member shall request another urine specimen from the program participant. If unable to produce another specimen at that time, the participant will be instructed to remain in the lobby until ready and water may be offered to the participant.

If the participant fails to submit and/or refuses to submit a new urine specimen, then the Treatment Team Member shall follow the procedure below listed “Failure to Submit Urine Specimen”.

Participants will submit to an observed urinalysis upon the request of a Treatment Team Member unless there is specific written medical documentation in their file suggesting otherwise.

## **Procedure:**

1) The Program Participant will be asked for a urine specimen by a Treatment Team Member. The Team Member shall ask the Participant prior to screening if he/she will be positive for any substances.

a) If unable to produce a specimen at that time, the participant may be instructed to wait in the lobby until ready and water may be offered to the participant.

2) Coats and/or other property of the participant will be placed in his/her case manager’s office prior to entering the restroom for urinalysis.

3) A Team Member of the same sex will observe the urine specimen collection.

a) All urine screens will be observed.

4) Team Members shall observe the restroom prior to the collection to account for any contraband in and around the toilet area.

5) Participants will be instructed to wash their hands with soap and water prior to submitting a sample.

6) Participants will receive a sealed collection cup and shall be instructed to urinate in the cup.

a) A urine sample of ¼ of the collection cup shall be obtained.

7) After urinating in the cup the participant will be instructed to reseal the cup, not to flush the toilet, and to wash their hands with soap and water.

8) The Team Member shall again observe in and around the toilet area for contraband.

9) The Participant and Team Member will wait together for the results to appear. The collection cup shall remain in the Team Member’s sight at all times.

10) After the urine sample is tested and if the results are negative, the Participant will be instructed to flush the urine, to dispose of the cup in the appropriate waste receptacle, and to wash his/her hands with soap and water.

11) The Treatment Team Member shall note ALL urine collections and results, whether positive or negative, in his/her notes and in the designated “Drug Info” tab.

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### **Failure/Refusal to Submit a Urine Specimen**

1) If a participant refuses or fails to submit a urine specimen then the refusal/failure will be deemed as a positive test and immediately reported to Treatment Provider.

### **Positive Urine Specimen**

1) Positive screens will consist of the following;

a) Results shown to be positive on the collection cup

b) Diluted/ adulterated sample

c) Failure to submit a sample

d) Tampering with a sample provided

e) Bringing a sample that does not belong to the probationer/bond reporter

f) Admitted drug use by the probationer/bond reporter

2) If a participant provides a positive urine sample then the Treatment Team Member will complete the Drug Screen Results and Confirmation form.

3) The participant request a confirmation test from the laboratory. The Treatment Team Member will follow proper packaging procedures and paperwork and will ensure that the participant remains in visual contact with his/her urine specimen throughout the process until the package is sealed for shipment to the laboratory.

a) Participants will be informed and must agree to pay the full amount for confirmation testing.