DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration


AGENCY: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) notifies federal agencies of the laboratories and Instrumented Initial Testing Facilities (IITFs) currently certified to meet the standards of the Mandatory Guidelines for Federal Workplace Drug Testing Programs using Urine or Oral Fluid (Mandatory Guidelines).

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with Section 9.19 of the Mandatory Guidelines, a notice listing all currently HHS-certified laboratories and IITFs is published in the Federal Register during the first week of each month. If any laboratory or IITF certification is suspended or revoked, the laboratory or IITF will be omitted from subsequent lists until such time as it is restored to full certification under the Mandatory Guidelines.

If any laboratory or IITF has withdrawn from the HHS National Laboratory Certification Program (NLCP) during the past month, it will be listed at the end and will be omitted from the monthly listing thereafter.

This notice is also available on the internet at https://www.samhsa.gov/workplace/resources/drug-testing/certified-lab-list.

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) notifies federal agencies of the laboratories and Instrumented Initial Testing Facilities (IITFs) currently certified to meet the standards of the Mandatory Guidelines for Federal Workplace Drug Testing Programs (Mandatory Guidelines) using Urine and of the laboratories currently certified to meet the standards of the Mandatory Guidelines using Oral Fluid.

The Mandatory Guidelines using Urine were first published in the Federal Register on April 11, 1988 (53 FR 11970), and subsequently revised in the Federal Register on June 9, 1994 (59 FR 29908); September 30, 1997 (62 FR 51118); April 13, 2004 (69 FR 19644); November 25, 2008 (73 FR 71858); December 10, 2008 (73 FR 75122); April 30, 2010 (75 FR 22809); and on January 23, 2017 (82 FR 7920).

The Mandatory Guidelines using Oral Fluid were first published in the Federal Register on October 25, 2019 (84 FR 57554) with an effective date of January 1, 2020.

The Mandatory Guidelines were initially developed in accordance with Executive Order 12564 and section 503 of Public Law 100–71 and allowed urine drug testing only. The Mandatory Guidelines using Urine have since been revised, and new Mandatory Guidelines allowing for oral fluid drug testing have been published. The Mandatory Guidelines require strict standards that laboratories and IITFs must meet in order to conduct drug and specimen validity tests on specimens for federal agencies. HHS does not allow IITFs to conduct oral fluid testing.

To become certified, an applicant laboratory or IITF must undergo three rounds of performance testing plus an on-site inspection. To maintain that certification, a laboratory or IITF must participate in a quarterly performance testing program plus undergo periodic, on-site inspections.

Laboratories and IITFs in the applicant stage of certification are not to be considered as meeting the minimum requirements described in the HHS Mandatory Guidelines using Urine and/or Oral Fluid. An HHS-certified laboratory or IITF must have its letter of certification from HHS/SAMHSA (formerly: HHS/NIDA), which attests that the test facility has met minimum standards. HHS does not allow IITFs to conduct oral fluid testing.

HHS-Certified Laboratories Approved To Conduct Oral Fluid Drug Testing

In accordance with the Mandatory Guidelines using Oral Fluid dated October 25, 2019 (84 FR 57554), the following HHS-certified laboratories meet the minimum standards to conduct drug and specimen validity tests on oral fluid specimens:

At this time, there are no laboratories certified to conduct drug and specimen validity tests on oral fluid specimens.

HHS-Certified Instrumented Initial Testing Facilities Approved To Conduct Urine Drug Testing

In accordance with the Mandatory Guidelines using Urine dated January 23, 2017 (82 FR 7920), the following HHS-certified IITFs meet the minimum standards to conduct drug and specimen validity tests on urine specimens:

DrugCare, 6628 50th Street NW, Edmonton, AB Canada T6B 2N7, 780–784–1190 (Formerly: Gamma-Dynacare Medical Laboratories)

HHS-Certified Laboratories Approved To Conduct Urine Drug Testing

In accordance with the Mandatory Guidelines using Urine dated January 23, 2017 (82 FR 7920), the following HHS-certified laboratories meet the minimum standards to conduct drug and specimen validity tests on urine specimens:

Alere Toxicology Services, 1111 Newton St., Gretna, LA 70053, 504–361–8989/800–433–3823 (Formerly: Kroll Laboratory Specialists, Inc., Laboratory Specialists, Inc.)

Alere Toxicology Services, 450 Southlake Blvd., Richmond, VA 23236, 804–378–9130 (Formerly: Kroll Laboratory Specialists, Inc., Scientific Testing Laboratories, Inc.; Kroll Scientific Testing Laboratories, Inc.)

Clinical Reference Laboratory, Inc., 8433 Quivira Road, Lenexa, KS 66215–2802, 800–445–6917

Cordant Health Solutions, 2617 East L Street, Tacoma, WA 98421, 800–442–0438 (Formerly: STERLING Reference Laboratories)


DrugScan, Inc., 200 Precision Road, Suite 200, Horsham, PA 19044, 800–235–4890

Dynacare *, 245 Pall Mall Street, London, Ont, Canada N6A 1P4, 519–679–1630 (Formerly: Gamma-Dynacare Medical Laboratories)

ElSolh Laboratories, Inc., 5 Industrial Park Drive, Oxford, MS 38655, 662–236–2609

Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings, 7207 N Gessner Road, Houston, TX 77040, 713–856–8288/800–800–2387

Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings, 69 First Ave., Raritan, NJ 08869, 908–526–2400/800–437–4986 (Formerly: Roche Biomedical Laboratories, Inc.)

Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings, 1904 TW Alexander Drive, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709, 919–572–6900/800–833–3984 (Formerly: LabCorp Occupational Testing Services, Inc., CompuChem Laboratories, Inc.; CompuChem Laboratories, Inc., A Subsidiary of Roche Biomedical Laboratory; Roche CompuChem Laboratories, Inc., A Member of the Roche Group)
Laboratory Corporation of America
Hollings, 1120 Main Street,
Southaven, MS 38671, 866-827-8042/
800-233-6339 (Formerly: LabCorp
Occupational Testing Services, Inc.;
MediExpress/National Laboratory
Center)
LabOne, Inc. d/b/a Quest Diagnostics,
10101 Renner Blvd., Lenexa, KS
66219, 913-888-3927/800-873-8845
(Formerly: Quest Diagnostics
Incorporated; LabOne, Inc.; Center for
Laboratory Services, a Division of
LabOne, Inc.)
Legacy Laboratory Services Toxicology,
1225 NE 2nd Ave., Portland, OR
97232, 503-413-5295/800-950-5295
MedTox Laboratories, Inc., 402 W
County Road D, St. Paul, MN 55112,
651-636-7466/800-832-3244
Minneapolis Veterans Affairs Medical
Center, Forensic Toxicology
Laboratory, 1 Veterans Drive,
Minneapolis, MN 55417, 612-725–
2088. Testing for Veterans Affairs
(VA) Employees Only
Pacific Toxicology Laboratories, 9348
DeSoto Ave., Chatsworth, CA 91311,
800-328-6942 (Formerly: Centinela
Hospital Airport Toxicology
Laboratory)
Phamatech, Inc., 15175 Innovation
Drive, San Diego, CA 92128, 888–
635–5840
Quest Diagnostics Incorporated, 400
Egypt Road, Norristown, PA 19403,
610–631-4600/877-642–2216
(Formerly: SmithKline Beecham
Clinical Laboratories; SmithKline Bio-
Science Laboratories)
Redwood Toxicology Laboratory, 3700
Westwind Blvd., Santa Rosa, CA
95403, 800-255–2159
US Army Forensic Toxicology Drug
Testing Laboratory, 2490 Wilson St.,
Fort George G. Meade, MD 20755–
1225, 95403, 800–255–2159
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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NVIC 02–
18 describes the Coast Guard’s policy
for merchant mariners to qualify for and
renew Standards of Training,
Certification and Watchkeeping for
Seafarers (STCW) endorsements to
Merchant Mariner Credentials
under 46 CFR 11.319 for service as
officer in charge of a navigational watch
(OICNW) on vessels of less than 500 GT
on all waters, i.e., not limited to near-coastal
waters. The Coast Guard has become
aware that mariners seeking an
endorsement as OICNW of vessels
under 500 GT are experiencing
difficulties meeting the bridge
watchkeeping requirements for the
endorsement in a rating capacity.
As specified in § 11.319(a)(2),
mariners must obtain at least six months
of service performing bridge
watchkeeping duties. This section also
limits the amount of service in a rating
capacity that can be used to meet this
requirement to not more than 6 months
of experience, which is accepted as a
maximum of three months of creditable
service. The mariner would have to
obtain three additional months of
service performing bridge watchkeeping
duties in a non-rating capacity, such as
an officer capacity. The OICNW of
vessels less than 500 GT is considered
a first certificate of competence, in that
it may be the first STCW officer
endorsement a mariner obtains,
mariners typically qualify by serving as a
rating such as able seaman. It is often
impossible for these mariners to meet
the 6 month bridge watchkeeping
requirement with the 3 month limit on
credible rating service because they
cannot serve as an officer to accrue the
remaining 3 months of bridge
watchkeeping without this OICNW first
certificate of competence.
This CH–2 will remedy that barrier to
qualifying for the OICNW of vessels less
than 500 GT endorsement by not
enforcing the 3 month maximum
allowable substitution for service as a
rating to meet the required service
performing bridge watchkeeping duties.
This change notice revises NVIC 02–18
to indicate that the Coast Guard will
not enforce the 3 month maximum
allowable substitution for credible sea
service in a rating capacity.
DATES: The policies announced in
Change–2 to NVIC 02–18 are effective as
of August 26, 2021.
ADDRESSES: To view documents and
CH–2 NVIC 02–18 mentioned in this
notice, search the docket number
USCG–2021–0407 using the Federal
eRulemaking Portal at https://
www.regulations.gov.