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Your Occupational Health Resource
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Dear Client:

The Department of Transportation (DOT) has published its final rule regarding Procedures for Transportation Workplace Drug and Alcohol Testing Programs (49 CFR Part 40). This final rule is based on the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) published by the DOT on February 4, 2010. The changes are intended to harmonize Part 40 with the DHHS Mandatory Guidelines for Federal Workplace Drug Testing Programs. ***The effective date for both the HHS and DOT guidelines is October 1, 2010.***

While these changes impact a variety of program participants and service agents, the changes to the laboratory testing protocols are significant. Beginning October 1, the number of drugs included in the initial test panel will increase from 5 to 7; the heroin metabolite 6-Acetylmorphine (6MAM) and the designer amphetamine MDMA (Methylenedioxymethamphetamine, Ecstasy) will be tested on every specimen submitted to the laboratory. This is a change from the current program requirements wherein 6-Acetylmorphine is tested only on specimens confirmed positive for morphine (approx. 0.1%), and MDMA is not a target analyte. In addition, the initial testing cutoffs for amphetamines and cocaine metabolite will be lowered, with the confirmation testing panels and cutoffs modified in accordance.

Adding the reagents required to comply with these requirements will add cost to the testing process at the laboratory. Our lab has made every effort to obtain the best possible pricing. While we are very conscious of the continued difficult economic climate, we have determined that we must pass increased costs onto our clients. Pricing on the DOT test code panel will increase \$2.25 from your current pricing. The non-DOT pricing will remain the same. If you have non-regulated testing that needs to mirror the new DOT panel, please contact Deirdre O'Connell for test codes and pricing. **The price increase will be effective at the time the testing panels are converted to include the additional test analytes, October 1, 2010.**

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me directly on (302) 368-9625.

Sincerely,

Deirdre O'Connell
CEO