

North Carolina Department of Public Safety
Prisons
Policy Summary Sheet



Offender Drug/Alcohol Testing

Chapter : F

Section: .2600

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Current Revision Summary (if applicable):

All current changes are highlighted in yellow. The work “inmate” has been changed throughout policy to “offender.” “Division of Prisons” now reads as “Prisons” throughout policy. “Superintendent” was changed to “facility head” throughout policy.

Specific Changes

.2601 Purpose

Page 1 “buprenorphine, synthetic cannabinoids” added to list of current drugs routinely tested for upon request.

.2602 Responsibility

Page 1 (a) The “Chief of Security” was changed to “Assistant Director of the Security Accountability Section for Prisons as the person responsible for establishing and monitoring the drug-screening program for Prisons.

Page 1 (b) The term “superintendent/warden” has been changed to “facility head” and “at that facility” has been changed to “each respective facility” for clarity.

.2603 Urinalysis

Page 2 (a) (2) Language changed from “As part of the cause/suspicion and random drug-screening program, approximately 10% of the total inmate

population are randomly drug tested each month. Specific numbers are established by the Chief of Security in consultation with the Field Drug Testing Coordinator” to “Prisons requires a 5% minimum total offender population for Close custody; a 7% minimum total offender for Medium custody and a 10% minimum of the total offender population for Minimum custody be randomly drug tested each month.” The “Assistant Director of Security Accountability Section” has been added as a consultant.

Page 3 (c) (6) For purposes of clarity, “being observed by staff” and “and tested according to policy” have been added.

Page 4 (c) (7) For purposes of clarity, “In the event a supervisor is not immediately available or some other operational concern necessitates a delay in testing,” has been added regarding the tamper resistant evidence tape usage.

Page 4 (c) (8) Paragraph was removed from policy.

Page 4 (d) Added new paragraph for “Sample Testing.” Correctional staff will conduct an initial test of the sample by utilizing the agency approved five (5) panel single use test device and in a manner consistent with agency-mandated training. Only staff who have been trained in the correct use of the device will be tasked with conducting urinalysis drug testing. Once the test itself is complete and the results have been read and recorded, the offender may be returned to his/her housing area and sample disposed of properly.

Page 5 (e)(4)(A)(iv) First sentence was reworded for clarity. “The inmate will be given an additional sixteen (16) ounces of water every two (2) hours until a urine sample is produced” now reads, “The offender will be given an additional sixteen (16) ounces of water and an additional two (2) hours to produce a urine sample.”

Page 5 (d) (1) (2) (prior policy) Specimen Control section was removed from policy.

Page 5 (f) Results of Screening (1), the first sentence read, “All samples with a positive result will automatically be re-tested by the lab using the same screening technology” has been changed for clarity and now reads, “All samples with a positive result will automatically be re-tested by the Observing Officer and Supervisory Staff. Using a second single panel drug stick from another lot the observing officer will notify facility supervisory staff that a secondary dip test for “Confirmation” is required. This second staff member must be of supervisory level; Sergeant, Lieutenant, Captain, Assistant Unit Manager, or Unit Manager can be utilized as long as it is not another Officer of the same rank. If only one substance is being re-tested and the second test is negative, the results of the overall drug urinalysis will be considered inconclusive and the offender will be sent back to his/her housing area. If the offender had initially tested positive for

more than one substance, correctional staff will then conduct a re-test for the second substance. If the re-test of the second substance is negative, staff will conduct a re-test for a third substance, etc. Staff will document positive or negative results for any test conducted.”

Page 5 and 6 Information related to outside lab confirmation was deleted from policy.

Page 6 (f) (1) Language now reads “Confirmation is required for ALL positives (see chart below). “Buprenorphine” has been added to the list of drugs.

Page 6 (f) (5) In prior policy version, stated “Any positive drug test within the last 30 days of confinement will result in a notification of the sheriff in the county of release. This notification will automatically be generated electronically through the Division of Criminal Information (DCI) network.” This information has been deleted from policy. Prior number sequencing changes, prior 6 is now 5, prior 7 is now 6 and prior 8 is now 7.

Page 6 (f) (prior 7 now 6) Language changed “As a result of,” to “Because of” for clarity.

.2606 Substance Abuse Treatment Programs

Page 9 (f) and (g) which presented information on SARGE and private alcohol drug treatment centers have been deleted from policy.

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