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## STANDARD VII

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Drug and alcohol testing provides an accurate, timely, and comprehensive assessment of unauthorized<sup>1</sup> substance use throughout participants' enrollment in the Specialty Docket.

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## PRACTICE

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**7.1** Specialty Dockets have written policies and procedures for the frequency of drug screening, sample collection, chain of custody, sample analysis, and result reporting. At a minimum, docket should be urine testing participants at least twice per week until participants are in the last phase of the program and preparing for graduation. During the first two phases, participants should be Ethyl Glucuronide (EtG), or Ethyl Sulphate (EtS) tested on a weekly basis. All drug and alcohol tests should be administered by a trained professional staff member assigned to or authorized by the Specialty Docket. Urine specimens are delivered no more than eight hours after being notified that a urine test has been scheduled. Testing should be random<sup>2</sup> and unpredictable, including weekends and holidays.

**7.2** The testing policies and procedures include a coordinated strategy for responding to noncompliance, including prompt responses to positive tests, missed tests, and fraudulent tests.

**7.3** The testing policies and procedures address elements that contribute to the reliability and validity of a urinalysis testing process. The scope of testing is sufficiently broad to detect the participant's primary drug of choice as well as other potential drugs of abuse, including alcohol. Test specimens are examined routinely for evidence of dilution and adulteration. Each specialty docket has breathalyzer capability, docket without a breathalyzer may pursue grant funds for this resource.

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<sup>1</sup> Unauthorized substances include alcohol, illicit drugs, and addictive or intoxicating prescription medications that are taken without prior approval from the specialty docket and not during a medical emergency.

<sup>2</sup> lacking a definite plan, purpose, or pattern. Removal of human element, unknown beforehand, random system-purchased through a provider.

**7.4** Upon entering the specialty docket, participants receive a clear and comprehensive explanation of their rights and responsibilities related to drug and alcohol testing. This information is described in a participant contract or handbook and reviewed periodically with participants to ensure they remain cognizant of their obligations.

**7.5** Test results are communicated to the court and the participant within forty-eight hours of sample collection, recognizing that the specialty docket functions best when it can respond immediately.