



Notice DOT D&A Testing Panel

November 13, 2017

THIS RULE IS EFFECTIVE ON JANUARY 1, 2018.

Drug and Alcohol Testing of Maintenance of Way Employees panel expanded.

The Department of Transportation is amending its drug-testing program regulation to add **hydrocodone hydromorphone, oxymorphone, and oxycodone** to its drug-testing panel; add **methylenedioxyamphetamine (MDA)** as an initial test analyte; and **remove methylenedioxyethylamphetamine (MDMA or Ecstasy)** as a confirmatory test analyte. The revision of the drug-testing panel harmonizes DOT regulations with the revised HHS Mandatory Guidelines established by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for Federal drug-testing programs for urine testing. This final rule clarifies certain existing drug-testing program provisions and definitions, makes technical amendments, and removes the requirement for employers and Consortium/Third Party Administrators to submit blind specimens. This rule is effective on January 1, 2018.

Such consistency is mandated by Federal statute, OTETA, and applies not only to the drugs tested but also to specimen testing validity values and initial and confirmatory testing

values. To cover these substances, as well as those previously in the opiate category (i.e., codeine, morphine, 6-AM), the NPRM proposed to rename the category from "opiates" to "opioids."



Opioid abuse and related problems are a major national concern. Transportation industries are not immune to this trend and the safety issues it raises. Consequently, the Department proposed including these substances in its testing panel not only for consistency with the HHS Mandatory Guidelines but as a response to a national problem that can affect transportation safety.

To read the final rule Please follow the following link:

<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-11-13/pdf/2017-24397.pdf>

Complete list of DOT Expanded Panel:

- Marijuana metabolites (THCA)
- Cocaine metabolite (Benzoylcegonine)
- Codeine
- Morphine
- Hydrocodone
- Hydromorphone
- Oxycodone
- Oxymorphone
- 6-Acetylmorphine
- Phencyclidine
- Amphetamine
- Methamphetamine
- MDMA₄/MDA₅

