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MEMORANDUM
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TO: DHRM Listserv Recipients

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SUBJECT: EXPANDED OPIOID TESTING

In the last couple of years, there has been an increased awareness on a national and state level of the widespread impact of prescription drug abuse, especially opioid abuse. In 2017, the U.S. Department of Transportation issued a final rule adding additional opioid testing to DOT (i.e., regulated by the U.S. Department of Transportation) employee and employment candidate drug testing effective January 1, 2018. Additionally, in 2017, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (U.S. DHHS) published standards to allow federal agencies to conduct additional opioid drug testing.

As the U.S. DHHS standards are adopted by reference in [NAC 284.882](#), as the basis for the State's drug testing standards, these have allowed us to expand non-DOT (i.e., not federally regulated) drug testing conducted under the State's alcohol and drug testing contract to include testing for hydrocodone, hydromorphone, oxycodone, and oxymorphone. These opioids are found in drugs under the brand names OxyContin®, Percodan®, Percocet®, Vicodin®, Lortab®, Norco®, Dilaudid®, and Exalgo®.

The expanded testing will be implemented on all urine drug testing accounts, including client testing accounts, the week of July 23, 2018. The expanded testing will not require a change in forms or the urine collection process.

The State's current vendor's price for a 5-panel non-DOT drug test has not changed. However, the State's current vendor's price for a 9-panel, 9-panel + Oxy, and 10-panel non-DOT drug test will increase from \$29.00 to \$34.00 per test. This cost change will first appear on agencies' August 2018 billing.

If you have any questions regarding this change, please contact Carrie Hughes at cphughes@admin.nv.gov or (775) 684-0111.