

Date: August 4, 2011

To: South Zone - West
Crowsnest Pass and Pincher Creek Physicians & Laboratories

From: AHS Laboratory Services – South Zone (West)

Re: LB-20-11 Chain of Custody Urine Drug Screen Collections for Employment

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Key Messages:

- Crowsnest Pass and Pincher Creek Laboratory staff are trained to do chain of custody urine collections.
- Employers or clients that require urine drug screening during or prior to employment should have a chain of custody urine collection and not a routine urine collection ordered.

Why this is important:

- Chain of custody urine collections ensures that the specimen is from the test subject and guidelines have been followed to address the implications of the results of such a test.
- This is a billable procedure for the employer who must be set up as a client with the testing laboratory. The employer must call the third party administrator of their choice prior to the client presenting in the laboratory for account set up and appointment booking.
- **Routine urine collections that are not collected by the secured chain of custody protocol are used for *medical reasons*. Results are not admissible for any chain of custody legal matters.**

Effective Date:

- Immediately

Inquiries and feedback may be directed to:

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