§40.191; §40.193

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QUESTION:

Do collectors sign the CCF in situations in which a urine specimen is not provided during a collection (i.e., a refusal to provide a specimen; a shy bladder situation)?

ANSWER:

• In any such case, the collector would check the box in Step 2 of the CCF indicating that no specimen was provided and enter an explanatory remark.

• The collector would then provide his or her name and signature in Step 4 of the CCF.

• The employee's name and phone number should be included on the MRO copy.

• The collector would then transmit the CCF copies to the appropriate parties (e.g., employer, MRO).

40.191

QUESTION:

What are some examples of an employee's failure to cooperate with the testing process that would cause a refusal to test and how should the collector handle them?

ANSWER:

• Part 40 highlights two examples of failure to cooperate – the employee refuses to empty pockets when instructed to do so; and the employee behaves in a confrontational way that disrupts the testing process.

• Among others are:

-- The employee fails to wash his or her hands after being directed to do so by the collector.

-- The employee admits to the collector that he or she adulterated or substituted the specimen; and

-- The employee is found to have a device – such as a prosthetic appliance – the purpose of which is to interfere with providing an actual urine specimen.

• When the issue is a problem with refusing to following instructions – for example, refusing to empty pockets or refusing to wash hands – or if there is a confrontation, the collector should warn the employee of potential consequences of a failure to cooperate; and if practical, seek assistance from the DER or supervisor to ensure that the employee understands the ramifications.

• When the issue is admission of adulteration or substitution or when a device is found, there is no need for the collector to warn the employee or to seek assistance from the DER or supervisor.

• In every case, the collector must carefully follow the procedures at 40.191(d) by terminating the collection process, immediately notifying the DER of the refusal, and <u>thoroughly</u> documenting the circumstances surrounding the event in the remarks section of the CCF.

• Any specimen that had been collected before the refusal should be discarded.