



# ODAPC Dispatches

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*Our Mission:*

*To ensure the safety of the traveling public; reduce the demand for illicit drugs; deter the use of illicit drugs & the misuse of alcohol in the transportation industry; and create prevention & treatment opportunities for transportation employers & employees.*

## **CCF Form Errors May Lead to Violations for Employers**

**The Problem:** C/TPAs using their own identifying information on CCFs are not always filling out the employer-specific information in Step 1, Section A as required in 40.45(c)(2). This opens employers up to violations for non-compliance.

**The Fix:** Always make sure the form contains the employer's vitals: name, telephone number and fax number.

**The Problem:** Employers and C/TPAs changing laboratories and MROs sometimes use old CCFs with the wrong information. Urine specimens are being sent to the wrong laboratories, and laboratory results are being sent to the wrong MROs.

**The Fix:** Immediately update those changes to prevent testing and reporting delays and cancelled drug test results.

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## **Increased Chances of Rehabilitation with Depression Screens**

Did you know that 6 out of 10 people suffering from substance abuse problems also suffer from mental conditions like depression? *The Dual Challenge of Substance Abuse and Mental Disorders*, NIDA Director Nora D. Volkow, M.D., *NIDA Notes*, Vol. 18, No. 5.

Research has long documented that people suffering from depression try to self-medicate themselves through alcohol and other drugs. Despite repeated visits to counselors and clinics, many of these individuals fail to recover because their underlying medical condition is never diagnosed.

For Substance Abuse Professionals (SAPs), depression screens are an essential assessment tool to determine the correct course of treatment. After all, more than half of all substances abusers are suffering from depression, and appropriate screenings and follow-up treatment provides SAPs with the needed tools to increase an employees chances of rehabilitation and safely return them to duty.

## **Pipeline and Hazardous Material Safety Administration (PHMSA) to collect MIS data on contractors**

In the Federal Register (FR 20800-20801) on April 21, 2005, PHMSA published a Notice of Intent to Issue an Advisory Bulletin to begin collecting drug and alcohol test data for contract employees performing covered functions in the pipeline industry. PHMSA also seeks comments on its proposed method to collect the data.

Use this link to read the FR in its entirety,

<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20051800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2005/pdf/05-8008.pdf> .

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## **FMCSA Website Now Powered by Google**

In April 2005, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) unveiled an up-dated internet presence. Their new user-friendly site is quicker and better organized with one-click interface. And now powered by Google.

Check it out: <http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov>

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## **FMCSA Publishes a Drug & Alcohol Implementation Guide**

*Implementation Guidelines for Alcohol and Drug Regulations in Highway Transportation* is a great tool for motor carrier employers in implementing the FMCSA drug and alcohol regulations. To check out the new publication visit: <http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/safety-security/safety-initiatives/drugs/drugs-alcohol.htm>

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