

KALAMAZOO COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES

ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY & PROCEDURE 44.05

Subject: Drug Testing		Section: Psychiatric Services	
Applies To: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> KCMHSAS Staff <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> KCMHSAS Contract Providers			Page: 1 of 2
Approved: ----- (Jeff Patton, Chief Executive Officer)			
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PURPOSE

KCMHSAS is committed to offering services for the people we serve with single or co-occurring illnesses within our priority population in an integrated and welcoming manner. Toward that end, as new treatment options become available to treat addictive illnesses, KCMHSAS will develop protocols to make these treatments available to individuals who would benefit.

DEFINITIONS

Drug Screen

A saliva, urine or blood sample which is analyzed on or off-site to determine if a person has specific substances in their system. Drug screens typically test for illegal drugs and alcohol.

POLICY

KCMHSAS may offer prescription service for addiction medications as one of the treatment options for persons served who meet clinical criteria for medication use, who have been fully evaluated by a treating provider who is licensed to provide said medications, and as part of a comprehensive treatment plan in which medication for substance use disorders and/or mental illnesses are one component. Drug screens within this clinical setting are designed for clinical management only, as they are screens rather than confirmatory tests. Drug screens are used as order by a prescriber to determine what, if any, substances are present in the person to assure safe use of medications to treat addictive and mental illnesses.

PROCEDURE

I. DRUG SCREENING

- A. Drug screens are to be completed only by order of a licensed prescriber.
- B. In the lab order, a prescriber will specify the type of substances to screen for, reason for screening and timeframe to complete the screen.
- C. Saliva or urine screens are available to provide results through non-invasive screening for substances needed before doses of some addictive treatment or psychotropic medications are initiated or continued. Drug screening is voluntary and, although agreement to complete a screen and/or the results will affect clinical care, it is a screening and not a confirmatory test and therefore will not be used to report results to law enforcement, court system or other reporting bodies. If a confirmatory test is required for any reason, it will be done separately by an accredited laboratory in the State of Michigan.
- D. Drug screening is always a practice which is consensual by the individual served. If a person refuses to participate in drug screening however, certain medication treatment options that require initial or ongoing drug screening may not be available to them.

REFERENCES

- Addiction Medication Education
- American Psychiatric Association (2013) *The Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders*, Fifth Edition, Washington, DC.
- American Society of Addiction Medicine (2013) *The ASAM Criteria: Treatment Criteria for Addictive, Substance-Related, and Co-Occurring Conditions*, Third Edition, Chevy Chase, Maryland

EXHIBITS

- A. [Addiction Medication Adjunct Agreement](#)