

To: EMMC, EMHS Hospital Labs, and ALI Clients

From: Affiliated Laboratory, Inc.
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Subject: Urine Drug Screens

Affiliated Laboratory Inc. is in the process of streamlining urine drug screen testing in order to better keep up with changing clinical needs, changes in pain medication administration policies, and laboratory work force challenges.

Beginning April 1, 2018:

- The *Comprehensive Urine Drug Screen (UDR)*, *Substance Abuse Screen 1 (SAS1)*, *Substance Abuse Screen 5 (SAS5)*, and *Bath Salts* testing will be performed from 7 a.m. to approximately 11p.m. Any specimens collected for the above testing panels between the hours of 11p.m. and 7 a.m. will be held until the morning for testing.

The *Rapid Urine Drug Screen panel (RUDR)*, *Semi-Quantitative Buprenorphine Urine Screen (UBUPR SQ)* as well as serum/urine volatiles (acetone, ethanol, isopropanol and methanol), salicylates, acetaminophen, and other therapeutic drugs will still be available on a STAT basis 24/7.

Current plans are to augment our rapid automated screening panel as well as enhance the reporting appearance and interpretation of our drug tests. Additional information will follow as we get closer to making these additional changes.

Please do not hesitate to contact me directly via e-mail address obuetens@emhs.org or telephone 207-941-8200 with any questions or concerns.