

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
NURSING CARE QUALITY ASSURANCE COMMISSION**

WHPS Procedure Summary 19.01: Positive Drug Screen Results

This Procedure outlines the steps WHPS takes in responding to a positive drug screen report.

SUMMARY

1. Test Reports

- A. WHPS reviews drug screen reports on a daily basis and not more than 24 hours after posting.
- B. Positive reports are cross-checks against the nurse's current prescription list.
 - If the positive test is the result of a prescribed medication that is not on the nurse's approved list, the nurse is instructed to have their prescriber FAX or email the Prescription Information form to WHPS within twenty-four (24) hours.
 - If the WHPS does not receive appropriate documentation within 2 business days the positive test may be considered unauthorized substance use.
- C. If the nurse denies use, the opportunity to have the split/second sample tested, and/or a Medical Review Officer (MRO) review is offered. The nurse is responsible for the additional fees associated with testing and/or MRO review.
- D. If unauthorized substance use is identified see Procedure 11.01, Unauthorized Substance Use.