

Health Professionals' Services Program Program Guidelines

Title: SoberLink

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Guideline:

- 1 1. SoberLink is an alcohol detection tool used to monitor alcohol consumption by breath
2 sample. HPSP will administer and monitor SoberLink for HPSP licensees with third party
3 evaluator recommendations or board requirements for alcohol breath sample detection.
4 SoberLink may be administered by the provider recommending SoberLink and in such
5 situations Section 2 is not applicable.
- 6 2. Licensees will directly contact SoberLink at (714) 975-7200 Ext. 212 to obtain the
7 SoberLink device and to set up connectivity. Licensee will notify SoberLink at this set-
8 up time that the device will be administered by RBH.
- 9 3. Failure to maintain SoberLink connectivity for the duration of the SoberLink third party
10 evaluator recommendation or board requirement will result in a noncompliance report for
11 failure to follow monitoring recommendations.
- 12 4. Licensee agrees to follow the SoberLink Client Agreement and refrain from; covering or
13 obstructing the view of the camera lens during testing, attempting to have another person
14 blow into the device, attempting to introduce artificial air into the device, and failing to
15 retest after a non-compliant test is submitted. Violations of these nature will result in
16 follow-up toxicology and a noncompliance report to the licensee's licensing board.
- 17 5. Daily test frequency and test collection windows will be set by the Medical Director or
18 Program Director in coordination with the licensee's agreement monitor and the Policy
19 Advisory Committee. Test windows will run from no sooner than 15 minutes before a
20 scheduled test time to no later than 59 minutes and 59 seconds after a scheduled test time.
- 21 6. SoberLink is used daily Monday through Sunday.
- 22 7. All tests submitted 60 minutes and one second after the scheduled test time will be
23 considered missed tests and will result in the Agreement Monitor requesting an
24 immediate urine or blood toxicology test. A licensee may have up to three tests that were
25 submitted no more than 90 minutes past the scheduled test time within a rolling three
26 month period that will not be followed up with urine or blood toxicology.
- 27 8. Licensee's agreement monitor may request an on-demand SoberLink test at any time.
- 28 9. Licensee will contact their agreement monitor to report any missed or late tests within 24
29 hours.
- 30 10. Licensee will provide documentation for any periods of time where the SoberLink device
31 cannot be used due to non-connectivity including but not limited to periods of air travel
32 or device malfunction. Licensee will provide 14 days advanced notice of travel that
33 includes time zone changes. Licensees with SoberLink devices who request exempt days
34 from urine testing may opt to continue to use their SoberLink device during the

- 35 exemption days and such exemption days will still count towards the annual 21
36 exemption day allotment.
- 37 11. Licensee will provide documentation in situations when missed tests are due to the
38 licensee's ongoing involvement in patient care or procedure. Missed tests following
39 patient care or procedures will not result in follow up toxicology when prearranged or
40 documented. Licensee is expected to submit a SoberLink test as soon as it is safe to do
41 so. When possible, licensee is to use SoberLink in advance of the patient procedure.
42 Licensee is to follow-up with licensee's agreement monitor following the episode.
- 43 12. During the first seven days of use, licensees may be extended a seven day grace period
44 for late or missed tests as the licensee becomes familiarized with the device and
45 technology. HPSP reserves the right to request immediate breath, urine, and blood tests
46 during this seven day period.