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Re:

**Urine Amphetamine Assay** 

As a result of a recent update to our assay method, the following changes have been made to our non-emergency urine drug screen for amphetamines:

Effective April 19, 2012,

1) The cutoff will be lowered from 1000 ng/mL to 500 ng/mL.

 There will be increased cross-reactivity to MDMA and other potential ingredients of ecstasy pills, e.g. PMMA (p-methoxymethamphetamine) and related molecules.

The frequency of presumptive positive results may increase. We will still confirm positives by GC-MS

If you have any questions, please contact:

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