DAC Bulletin #8 CEDAR Message on Synthetic Opioids Testing Publication: December 13, 2017

The FAA will post a CEDAR message concerning the revised drug testing panel to include the four synthetic opioids. It reads as follows:

On November 28, 2017 all FAA employees in Testing Designated Positions (TDPs) were assigned eLMS mandatory training course "Notice Letter for the Testing of Additional Drugs," FAA30202597. On January 30, 2018, the Department of Transportation's (DOT), Drug and Alcohol-Free Workplace Program will implement testing for four additional drugs: Hydrocodone, Hydromorphone, Oxycodone, and Oxymorphone. Samples collected prior to January 30th will not be tested for the synthetic opioids listed above. This change is in accordance with the revised Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Mandatory Guidelines for Federal Drug Testing Programs. The DOT Order 39010.1D will be updated to reflect the new drug testing panel.

Only urine samples collected on or after January 30, 2018 will be screened for the four additional drugs added to the new panel. Samples collected prior to January 30, 2018 will not be subject to testing of the four synthetic opioids.