

A RESOLUTION

Providing for the adoption of the policy by the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole ("Board") regarding the costs of Alcohol or Drug ("AOD") testing of offenders under the supervision of the Board.

RESOLVED, that the AOD policy regarding the payment of screening tests as outlined below is adopted by the Board.

REASONS FOR ADOPTION

Whereas, the Prisons and Parole Code (61 Pa. C.S. § 6137(e)) was amended effective October 27, 2010 to allow the Board to charge any offender for the costs of AOD tests;

Whereas, when the Board or a court has imposed a special condition of drug and/or alcohol screening testing for an offender, the AOD needs section of the Board's Risk and Needs Assessment will determine the minimum testing requirements unless the Board or the Court has imposed specific testing requirements;

Whereas, the issued special condition shall specify that such offenders achieve negative results in all AOD screening tests that are randomly conducted as part of their Board supervision;

Whereas, District Directors or their designees shall have the authority to determine which offenders must pay for the costs of all AOD testing, both positive and negative, in accordance with procedure to be developed by the Office of Probation and Parole Services;

Whereas, offenders currently under the supervision of the Board may be responsible to pay for the costs of some or all of the AOD tests utilized while the offender is under the supervision of the Board in accordance with established OPPS procedure;

Whereas, the payment priority schedule in Board procedure, Chapter IV, Procedure 4.01.07, shall remain as follows: (1) Court-ordered financial obligations, (2) AOD screening tests, (3) Supervision fees.

Now Therefore, the Board adopts the policy regarding the costs of AOD testing and puts this policy into practice effective upon implementation of the information technology application enhancements which will allow for electronic invoicing of offenders for these purposes.












