

Requiring High Quality Field Drug Test Kits For Use In Any Required Screening Of Participants Of County Administered Social Service Programs

Referred to: The Health, Human Services and Human Rights Committee (Chairman Uchitelle and Legislators Collins, Corcoran, Harmon, Kitchen, Lopez, and McCollough), and The Ways and Means Committee (Chairman Gavaris and Legislators Collins, Hansut, Kovacs, Nolan, Roberts, and Uchitelle)

Legislator Greg McCollough offers the following:

WHEREAS, in order to participate in certain county administered human services programs or to meet court mandated program requirements, it may be necessary to administer standardized drug testing for program participants; and

WHEREAS, in order to accurately test for evidence of recent drug or alcohol use, a variety of drug testing kits that can detect illegal or prohibited drug use, prescription medications, over-the-counter medicines and legal substances such as alcohol and tobacco are administered; and

WHEREAS, Ulster County utilizes contractual agreements for professional services with third party organizations in the delivery of these services; and

WHEREAS, accuracy of drug screening can be attributed to the quality or type of drug test kit used, with inferior kits more likely to present false positive outcomes; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that it shall be the policy of Ulster County that a component of any contractual agreement with the county for these screening services shall require that all field drug test kits allowing trace and bulk detection be the best and most accurate test kit for narcotics and other drugs to ensure that false positive tests are significantly reduced and/or eliminated; **and, be it further**

RESOLVED, should any individual receive positive results on an initial drug test, administration of a secondary test of any brand shall be offered without delay to ensure that the false positive does not exist,

and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:

NOES:

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Postponed in Committee: Health, Human Services and Human Rights on April 3, 2025 with consent

Passed Committee: Health, Human Services and Human Rights on _____.

Passed Committee: Ways and Means on _____.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
TBD