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TO:

All Local Lodges

FROM:

Roger Erickson

Administrator

DATE:

August 31, 2015

SUBJECT:

Annual Drug Testing

Please be advised that the recent changes to the Uniform Referral Standards and Joint Referral Rules did not change the MOST Drug Screening Policy that states starting August 31, 2015 all applicants must have an annual drug test. Currently on the MBDS there are approximately over 5,000 individuals who will become ineligible tomorrow. Starting in March 2015 MOST started sending postcards to anyone who was current under the old policy letting them know that the policy was changing and they needed to be tested. We will continue to send postcard notifications to all members who are getting ready to expire. All applicants who wish to regain their status on the MBDS can contact the MOST office for a chain of custody to complete their annual drug test.

As stated in the Uniform Referral Standards and Joint Referral Rules if an applicant provides a receipt from the completed drug test to the Local Lodge he will be eligible for referral. MOST can apply a grace period to an applicant if directed to do so by the Local Lodge, and MOST is provided a copy of the receipt. With all the changes taking place tomorrow, if a Local Lodge provides MOST a receipt we can make the changes immediately, however when we grant the grace period it will move the member to the bottom of the list. It is recommended that each Local Lodge print their lists at the end of business today.

Should you have any questions please contact our office at 1-800-395-1089.