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## U.S. Department of Transportation Amends Drug-testing Program Regulations

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**TO:** School District Transportation Directors  
Charter School Transportation Directors

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**SUBJECT:** U.S. Department of Transportation Amends Drug-testing Program Regulations

The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) approved a final rule on 49 CFR Part 40, which amends federal DOT drug testing program regulations to align them with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services mandatory guidelines for federal drug-testing programs.

School districts are encouraged to review their current drug-testing policies to ensure adherence to the revised requirements of 49 CFR Part 40. This final rule will become effective January 1, 2018.

Additional in-depth information concerning the final rule, summary of changes, custody-control form changes and policy review guidance can be found at the following links:

- [Final Rule \(Effective January 1, 2018\)](#)
- [Part 40 DOT - Summary of Changes](#)
- [Part 40 DOT – Custody Control Form Notice](#)
- [Part 40 DOT - Policies Review Guidelines Notice](#)

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