

# Bridge Program Drug Testing Participant Contract

## ----- Fact Sheet Regarding Creatinine

Urine specimens below 90° F, above 100° F, or that have a creatinine level below 20 mg/dL will be presumed to be diluted or fraudulent.

- a) Normal human creatinine levels will vary during the day based upon fluid intake—healthy individuals will rarely produce urine samples with creatinines of less than 20 mg/dL
- b) Incidence of creatinines less than 20 mg/dL in a “normal” population is approximately 1%
- c) Urine with less than 20 mg/dL of creatinines are considered “dilute” and often do not reflect an accurate picture of recent drug use
- d) Continued diluted drug tests will be treated as a compliance/dishonesty issue, but not a positive drug test. Dishonesty is the most severe misconduct and will be addressed significantly and appropriately. Participants that produce repeated diluted tests may be required to undergo testing with a nephrologist or other relevant physician at the participant’s expense.

Sanctions: Sanctions listed below are in no particular order and may include, but are not limited to:

- Verbal warning
- Community service
- Write thinking report
- Increased meetings with supervising probation officer and/or treatment provider
- Increased drug testing
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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA

**Bridge Program**  
**Drug Testing Participant Contract**

- 1) Drug and alcohol testing will be performed frequently and on a random basis throughout your enrollment in the Drug Court. You will be placed on the United States Probation Office color code system. You will be required to call in daily to determine if you are to report to a specific location for testing. Additional testing will be conducted by the United States Probation Office and your substance abuse treatment provider as deemed appropriate.
- 2) I understand that it is my responsibility to report to the assigned location at the time given for the test.
- 3) Drug and alcohol testing may be performed on weekends and holidays.
- 4) Additional drug and alcohol testing will be performed by a laboratory or program approved by the Drug Court.
- 5) Because cannabinoids (a byproduct of marijuana) may persist in the body for several days, marijuana users have a two-week grace period following enrollment during which no sanctions will be given for positive cannabinoid test results. However, after two weeks positive cannabinoid tests will be presumed to reflect new marijuana use. Participants bear the burden of establishing a convincing alternative explanation for such results. After you have had two consecutive cannabinoid-negative urine specimens, the Drug Court will presume that subsequent positive cannabinoid results reflect new use.
- 6) Failure to provide a test specimen or providing an insufficient volume of urine for analysis is an infraction of the rules of the program and will be sanctioned accordingly. You will be given a sufficient time (up to one hour) to deliver a urine specimen and allowed to drink up to 8 ounces of water in the presence of staff.
- 7) I have been informed that the ingestion of excessive amounts of fluids can result in a diluted urine sample, and I understand that my urine sample will be tested to ensure the sample is not diluted.

- 8) You have the right to challenge the results of a screening test and to request proof that an adequate chain of custody was established for your specimen. The Drug Court will rely on the results of an instrumented or laboratory-based test in confirming whether substance use has occurred. You may be charged the cost of the confirmation test if a screening test is confirmed.
  
- 9) You will be sanctioned for providing diluted, adulterated, or substituted test specimens. Urine specimens below 90° F, above 100° F, or that have a creatinine level below 20 mg/dL will be presumed to be diluted or fraudulent.
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- 10) You will be sanctioned for associating with other people who are engaged in substance use or for exposing yourself to passive inhalation or secondhand smoke.
  
- 11) I understand that substituting, altering or attempting to substitute/alter my specimen for the purpose of changing drug testing result will be considered noncompliance. Such conduct may result in sanctioning and may be grounds for immediate termination from drug court.

I have read the Drug Testing Participant Contract and the Fact Sheet Regarding Creatinine, or they have been read to me, and I understand the terms and conditions of my participation in the Bridge Program. I agree to fully comply with these terms and conditions. By agreeing to participate in the Bridge Program, I consent to the disclosure of my confidential information to Bridge Program team members; I also consent to the disclosure of confidential information during Bridge Program hearings as appropriate. I understand that this is a voluntary program. By agreeing to participate in the Bridge Program, I agree that I will abide by all of the program's rules and this Drug Testing Participant Contract.

I understand and agree that it is my responsibility to produce a valid sample upon every request for testing. Failure to do so will be treated as an offense for possible sanction.

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Participant

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Date

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U.S. Probation Officer, District of South Carolina

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