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### **MRO ADVISORY:**

#### **HHS Announces Change in Effective Date for All Revisions to the Mandatory Guidelines from May 1, 2010 to October 1, 2010**

*The following notice was posted for display in today's Federal Register for publication tomorrow.*

#### **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

#### **Mandatory Guidelines for Federal Workplace Drug Testing Programs**

**AGENCY:** Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA),  
Department of Health and Human Services

**ACTION:** Final Rule: Change in Effective Date

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is changing the effective date of the Revisions to the Mandatory Guidelines for Federal Workplace Drug Testing Programs (Mandatory Guidelines) from May 1, 2010, to October 1, 2010. The purpose of this notice is to notify participants in Federal and federally regulated workplace drug testing programs as soon as possible that they will not be expected to implement the revisions to the Mandatory Guidelines on May 1, 2010, so that they do not unnecessarily expend resources to comply on May 1, or risk compliance problems by prematurely implementing new provisions.

**DATES:** The revisions to the Mandatory Guidelines will now become effective October 1, 2010. This change in the effective date becomes effective [insert date of publication in the Federal Register].

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**Follow-up will be included in the May issue of MROALERT.**