

# CCDAPP Newsletter

Congratulations to the following individuals on their initial or renewal certification:

**New Certification:**

Sasha Zamora, DAPA-MC

**CSAPA Renewal of Certification:**

Thomas Econome

Melissa Sabus

Samantha Dabbs

Scott Mogensen

Becky Castillo

Lynn Ward

Linda Shreet

John Throckmorton

Diana Byrnes

Laura Prejean

Candace Clepper

Regina Doural

**DAPA-MC Renewal:**

Amanda Pillinger

Brandi Jordon

## REQUESTING VIOLATION REMOVAL FROM THE FMCSA DRUG & ALCOHOL CLEARINGHOUSE

After reporting a drug and alcohol program violation in the Clearinghouse, medical review officers (MROs), employers, and consortia/third-party administrators (C/TPAs) all have the option to request that FMCSA remove that violation from the driver's record. The requestor must provide an explanation why the violation needs to be removed.

When making this request, please be specific as to the reason, as this will aid FMCSA in determining if the violation should be removed. The following are some examples of reasons for violation removal:

- Overturned positive due to driver having a prescription – state the prescription information was verified and resulted in an overturned positive
- Medical condition (e.g., shy bladder) – provide confirmation of the medical condition to overturn the positive
- Driver is not a CDL/CLP holder – provide an explanation stating you received information from the employer or C/TPA that the driver does not hold a commercial driver's license (CDL) or commercial learner's permit (CLP)
- Incorrect CDL information - provide information to show the violation was reported with the incorrect CDL information

It is also helpful to include your contact information with the reason for your request in case there is a need for follow-up questions.

For instructions on how to request that a violation be removed from the Clearinghouse, download the How to Report a Violation: MROs job aid at <https://clearinghouse.fmcsa.dot.gov/Resource/Index/Report-Violation-MRO>.

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## Questions?

Do you have a regulatory question?  
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### CBD and Drug Testing

The FDA has approved Epidiolex, which contains a purified form of the drug substance CBD for the treatment of seizures associated with Lennox-Gastaut syndrome or Dravet syndrome in patients 1 year of age and older. It has also approved Epidiolex for the treatment of seizures associated with tuberous sclerosis complex in patients 1 year of age or older.

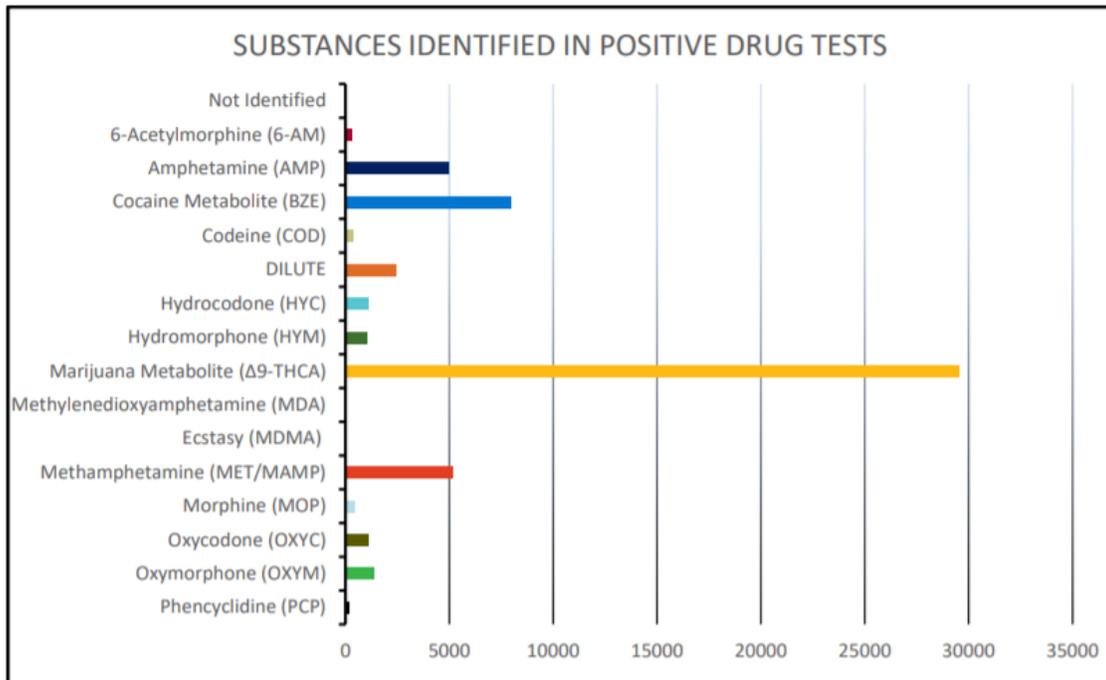


To date, this is the only FDA-approved CBD product, and requires a prescription. Non-prescription CBD products are not considered by DOT to be a legitimate medical explanation for a laboratory-confirmed marijuana positive test. Employees should be made aware that, except for Epidiolex, CBD products are unregulated and that the labeling of many CBD products may be misleading because the products could contain higher levels of THC than what the product label states.

### Thousands of Violations Reported to the FMCSA Drug & Alcohol Clearinghouse in 2020

As of January 1, the FMCSA Clearinghouse had 56,150 violations reported, split between 54,949 drug violations and 1,201 alcohol violations. Positive drug tests account for 82% of the total violations reported.

Marijuana violations led the pack, with cocaine in second place.



Positive drug tests reported as of 1/1/2021

More information can be found at <https://clearinghouse.fmcsa.dot.gov/Resource/Index/monthly-report-Dec2020>

## CCDAPP is seeking nominations for the **2020 Sue Clark Award for Excellence.**

Nominations can be submitted for **ANY** individual who meets one or more of the following criteria;

- Has made an outstanding contribution to the drug and alcohol testing industry
- Is a recognized leader in promoting drug-free workplaces
- Operates or has operated drug and alcohol programs that comply with all federal and state regulations, as well as company policies
- Is respected by peers for demonstrating leadership, integrity, and high ethical standards throughout his/her career
- Assists in the professional development of future leaders in the drug and alcohol testing industry

To submit a nominee for committee review, please provide the following information to [administrator@ccdapp.org](mailto:administrator@ccdapp.org):

- Nominee's full name, company, and title
- Summary of qualifications
- Description of why this individual is a good nominee

Nominations will be reviewed by the CCDAPP Nomination Committee and submitted for vote at the CCDAPP Annual Meeting. This prestigious award will be presented at the SAPAA Conference in August 2021.

## Confusing Terms in EBT Calibration

An important responsibility of a Breath Alcohol Technician (BAT) is to ensure the accurate results of the Evidential Breath Tester (EBT). It's part of the training. So what's the name of that procedure that checks the accuracy of an EBT? If you said "Calibration," you're wrong. The correct answer could be: Accuracy Check, Calibration Check, External Calibration Check, or Calibration Verification. The terminology can be unclear.

There are two different procedures needed to maintain an EBT properly - "Calibration" and the procedure DOT uses in Part 40 - "External Calibration Check." Because the word "calibration" is used in both procedures, it causes confusion. You may think that Calibration and External Calibration Check, sometime called and Accuracy Check, are the same. "Calibration" is often used as a generic term for both procedures, but they are not the same procedure.

Which is more important?

The DOT regulation §40.267(c)(5) states that if an EBT fails an external calibration check immediately after a positive confirmation test result (.020 or greater), the EBT must be taken out of service. If it was used afterward without repair, then every test performed on that EBT since the last valid external calibration check would be cancelled. A successful external calibration check procedure validates a confirmation test result, and a failed procedure invalidates the confirmation test.

Understanding the basic concepts of Calibration and External Calibration Checks, and using the correct terms, helps to ensuring a quality breath alcohol testing program. An external calibration check documents that an EBT produces reliable results. To validate a quality of a breath testing program, keep a logbook listing every external calibration check result, to show the EBT gives consistently accurate readings.

Source: AlcoPro Blog

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**Alcohol Use and COVID-19**

Compared with one year before, in-store alcohol sales increased by 54%, and online alcohol sales increased 262% in the week ending 21 March 2020, after stay-at-home orders implemented.

In the period from May 28 to June 16, 2020 there was a 14% increase in the frequency of alcohol consumption, and a significant increase in heavy drinking of 41% reported over the 2019 baseline period.

Source – JAMA Network Research Letter  
 September 29, 2020



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