



### Quality Division Use Only

Quality Tracking #: 2019-056

Section: Quality

Follow up Date: 09/21/21

#### Follow up Description:

As part of the actions taken for Quality corrective action 2019-056, the Seized Drugs SOP was revised to require additional analysis in instances where initial testing only identifies acetaminophen.

Has the solution been effective? N/A

#### Please explain below:

An audit was conducted on cases that had items reported as “no controlled substance identified” between September 2019 through March 2021. A total of 359 cases were identified within this time range. From these 359 cases, a total of 233 cases were audited and no instances were noted where acetaminophen was the only substance identified in an item (the exact circumstance as the proficiency test). There were 9 cases where acetaminophen was found in combination with other non-controlled substances. For these cases, the non-controlled substances were identified in the analytical data showing that acetaminophen did not have a masking effect on these evidence items. An audit was previously completed during the investigation of this corrective action that focused on January 2018 through August 2019 timeframe. A total of 212 cases with reported results as “no controlled substance identified” were audited. This audit did not find any instance where reported items were found to solely contain acetaminophen. Both audits demonstrated that evidence items containing only acetaminophen, are not commonly encountered in casework. Additional follow up will be needed to ensure staff members are following the Seized Drugs SOP for this type of evidence sample.

Additional follow up needed? Yes

Timeframe: 6-12 months

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