Drug & Alcohol Testing – SAP Referral to Education Program

**Section § 382.605: Referral, evaluation, and treatment.**

## Guidance Q&A

**Question 17: Can you clarify the DOT’s intent with respect to a SAP's determination that an individual needs education?**

**Guidance:** A SAP’s decision that an individual needs an education program constitutes a clinically based determination that the individual requires assistance in resolving problems with alcohol misuse and controlled substances use. Therefore, the SAP is prohibited from referring the individual to her or his own practice for this recommended education unless exempted by DOT rules.