On October 17, 2018, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) issued a "Dear Colleague" letter announcing that effective January 1, 2019, the minimum rate of random drug testing will increase from 25 percent to 50 percent of covered employees for employers subject to FTA’s drug and alcohol regulation. This change is due to an increase in the industry’s "positive rate" as reflected in random drug test data for calendar year 2017. The alcohol testing rate set by FTA is unchanged for 2019 and will remain at 10 percent.

The testing rates of the Connecticut Statewide Drug and Alcohol Testing Consortium will meet or exceed the minimum annual percentage rate set each year by the FTA Administrator.