



Sexual Assault Reimbursement Unit Drug-Facilitated Sexual Assault (DFSA) Testing Reimbursement Guidelines
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Eligible Vendors: Hospitals

Determining the Necessity of Testing

The following circumstances may indicate the collection of a urine or blood sample.

- The patient presents with drowsiness, fatigue, light-headedness, dizziness, physiologic instability, memory loss, impaired motor skills, or severe intoxication.
- The patient or accompanying persons state the patient was or may have been drugged.
- The patient suspects drug involvement because of a lack of recollection of event(s).

Determining Whether to Collect Urine or Blood

- **If fewer than 120 hours have elapsed since ingestion, collect a urine sample from the patient.**
- **If fewer than 24 hours have elapsed since ingestion, collect a blood sample.** Most drugs will be undetectable in the blood more than 24 hours after ingestion.
- Specimens should be submitted to **a qualified forensic toxicology laboratory** for analysis. A lab is qualified if it has a Forensic Laboratory License issued by the Maryland Department of Health Office of Health Care Quality.

Important: The SARU will reimburse for blood sample testing **only if the blood sample is collected within 24 hours of suspected ingestion.**

The SARU will reimburse for urine sample testing **only if the urine sample is collected within 120 hours of suspected ingestion.**

DFSA claims submitted to the SARU must include the following:

- **An invoice** with the following information:
 - Name of the hospital, provider, or laboratory
 - Billing address of hospital, provider, or laboratory
 - Federal tax identification number
 - Invoice number or Patient Identification Number
 - Patient name, date of birth, and date of service
 - Line item charges for DFSA testing
 - An itemized bill with a description of the testing and
 - Corresponding lab codes
- A completed and signed **SARU SAFE Reimbursement Form (SSRF)**
 - Submission must include signed informed consent forms
 - Submission must include the completed DFSA portion of the SSRF
 - Check DFSA only for outsourced testing or in-house testing beyond a 12-panel screening.

Note: To support the SARU's ability to track and budget for DFSA testing accurately, please check the DFSA box on the SSRF **only if** you outsourced testing or conducted an in-house screening beyond the standard 12-panel screening.

- The standard 12-panel drug and alcohol screening will not be documented and tracked as DFSA toxicology.
- Outsourced and in-house toxicology screening beyond the standard 12-panel drug and alcohol screening will be documented and tracked as DFSA toxicology.