

## Questions Received in Response to the ASAP Request for Qualified Providers

**Question #1:** For drug screens we have switched from urine drug screens to oral fluid swab drug screens. The oral fluid swabs are comparable to urine drug screens in accuracy and test for barbiturates, benzodiazepines, cocaine, marijuana, methadone, methamphetamine and opiates. We have found that the oral fluid swabs are less intrusive for our patients and can be more efficiently and securely administered by our staff. The frequency that we screen individuals with the swabs is far greater than that required in the information packet for urine drug screens. Additionally, we do have the capacity to provide urine drug screens and will request them from our patient's from time to time if we feel a urine drug screen will help us better monitor a patient.

The question is: Will our primary use of oral fluid swabs be a hindrance for our continued acceptance as a Fairfax ASAP provider?

**Answer:** A positive result from a swab-only sample will not stand up in court; so the remedy in the past has been that every swab positive sample has been followed up with a urine sample which is sent to the lab, tested and confirmed. As long as this process is in place, the use of swab tests as a preliminary screening tool does not pose a problem.

**Question #2:** I tried the link noted in the application package and have not been able to find a Policy and Procedure section. What web page will this information be available?

**Answer:** The information on the website <http://www.vasap.state.va.us/> may be limited. Additional information can be requested from the contact noted in the application Angela Coleman at 804.786.5895.

**Question #3:** How does ASAP do referrals?

**Answer:** This application provides Fairfax County the opportunity to determine that proposed providers meet the minimum qualifications for the ASAP program. Those meeting the qualifications and abiding by the reporting requirements will be maintained on the ASAP Provider List. This list is given to ASAP clients so that they may choose a treatment provider.

**Question #4:** How much information should I provide in the application? Should I list all of our sites and services?

**Answer:** Providers are encouraged to provide as much information about the services and sites where they provide services as would be appropriate and necessary for a client to determine which provider, services and sites meet their needs.

**Question #5:** Is it required that a facility or group be licensed by DMHMRSAS if the individual providers are licensed?

**Answer:** Yes, however facility/groups that are in the process of becoming licensed by DMHMRSAS may describe their plan and timeline for becoming licensed as well as provide individual license copies for those proposed to provide services to ASAP clients.