

June 23, 2003

<b>DIRECTIVE:</b>	<b>JOB CORPS PRH CHANGE NOTICE NO. 02-06</b>
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**TO:** ALL JOB CORPS NATIONAL OFFICE SENIOR STAFF  
ALL JOB CORPS REGIONAL DIRECTORS  
ALL JOB CORPS CENTER DIRECTORS  
ALL JOB CORPS CENTER OPERATORS  
ALL NATIONAL TRAINING AND SUPPORT CONTRACTORS  
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National Director  
Office of Job Corps

**SUBJECT:** Revisions to Support Chlamydia Testing in Males

1. Purpose. To update the policy on chlamydia testing in males.
2. Background. Chlamydial infections are the most prevalent of all sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) reported to the Center for Disease Control (CDC). With the advent of the new, highly sensitive nucleic acid amplification tests that can be performed on urine, symptomatic and asymptomatic (they display no symptoms) males are increasingly being diagnosed with chlamydial infections. In the past years, the rate of chlamydial infections in males has increased 71.9% nationally. Untreated chlamydial infections in males can cause other infections and sterility.

Job Corps policy has been to test all females for chlamydia on entry and when clinically indicated, and to screen all males for leukocyte esterase and, if positive, to collect a specimen to be tested for chlamydia. Effective immediately, all males will be tested for chlamydia on entry by the nationally contracted laboratory.

3. Explanation of Changes. Highlights of PRH changes are as follows:

***Revise PRH 6.10, R1(c), Entrance Laboratory Testing Requirements, Males Only:***

- Remove from inside the parentheses “Chlamydia and” found after Urinalysis (Dipstick) for Leukocyte Esterase.
- Remove “(if leukocyte esterase screen is positive)” after Chlamydia Testing.

4. Filing Instructions.

<b>REMOVE FROM PRH</b>	<b>REPLACE WITH</b>
Section 6.10, Student Health Services, dated June 2, 2003	Section 6.10, Student Health Services, dated June 23, 2003

5. Effective Date. June 23, 2003

6. Action Required. Addressees are to ensure that a copy of this PRH Change Notice is distributed to appropriate staff.

7. Inquiries. Direct any inquiries to Barbara Grove, RN, at (202) 693-3116, or email to [grove.barbara@dol.gov](mailto:grove.barbara@dol.gov).

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