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## **HEALTH PROFESSIONALS RECOVERY PROGRAM (HPRP) OF MICHIGAN CONTRACTS WITH FIRSTLAB**

### *PROGRAM EMPHASIZES TREATMENT & RECOVERY*

**NORTH WALES, PA, February 10, 2005** – FirstLab, the nation's leading provider of testing and support services to professional monitoring organizations, has been contracted by the Health Professionals Recovery Program (HPRP) of Michigan to administer their urine drug screening program for licensed health care professionals.

FirstLab will support the goals of Michigan's HPRP through ongoing testing services and random monitoring via its network of certified collection sites and testing labs. In addition, FirstLab will also provide compliance consulting, a dedicated account manager to service the needs of the program, medical review officer services, and Internet-enabled reporting and management of the program.

“FirstLab is delighted to have been selected to provide services to HPRP. We have long regarded the task of promoting the recovery of health professionals, and preserving the safety and integrity of their continued services to the public to be one of our most important mandates,” said Mary Ellen Petti, Chief Development Officer for FirstLab. “We're pleased to see more and more states like Michigan implementing monitoring programs. Through programs like HPRP the loss of otherwise accomplished health professionals, with important skills and training, is minimized and people can continue to receive the level of quality care they expect, and deserve.”

“HPRP is very pleased with the manner in which FirstLab was able to step in and coordinate services to our monitored population. Working with FirstLab has been a very pleasant experience for all of HPRP's staff members,” said Dr. Sandra Landau, HPRP Clinical Program Consultant.

Established in 1994 by legislation, the State of Michigan's Health Professionals Recovery Program is under the purview of the Department of Community Health and administered by a private contractor. Anyone who knows a licensed health professional who may be in need of the type of help and support HPRP offers, should call 1-800-453-3784. All calls are completely confidential.



### **About FirstLab's Professional Health Monitoring Division**

FirstLab's PHM Division was created in 1999, and the division currently provides testing and support services to over 30 professional monitoring organizations in 18 states, and works to support the recovery of over 5,000 participants nationwide. FirstLab provides customized services such as: a dedicated account manager, medical review officers, a national network of collection sites, forensic chain of custody procedures, testing performed at nationally certified laboratories, testing for specialized drugs and drug panels, early warning on participant compliance issues, computerized random selection of participants, and a toll-free random call-in system.

### **About FirstLab**

As one of the largest providers of employment screening and regulatory support services, FirstLab delivers quality, customized testing program services to a broad client base. FirstLab's service offerings include comprehensive drug and alcohol testing programs, driver qualification file maintenance (DQF) and background investigation services. FirstLab - a subsidiary of FHC Health Systems - is one of the leading third party administrators (TPA's) of drug testing services to a variety of public and private sector clients working in the manufacturing, transportation, construction, and healthcare industries. Visit [www.firstlab.com](http://www.firstlab.com) for more information.

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