Adoption Progress for Phase 1

- Red: Language adopted
- Pink: Language in the process of being adopted
- Light Blue: Process requires significant legislative action
- Yellow: Process has not been started
- Gray: No horse racing or harness racing commission

Phase 2: Penalties
Penalty language has been completed by the RMTC and the model rules committee of NAPRA/RCI has approved the language for inclusion in the model rules. The changes await board approval from RCI and NAPRA. The penalty language seeks to simplify the current penalty provisions in the RCI Uniform Classification Guidelines and also, for the first time, consists of penalties for the horse and licensed owner. Penalties are significant for those drugs with no reasonable therapeutic use in the equine athlete.

Phase 3: Withdrawal Guidelines/Thresholds
The next phase of the model rules will be to develop uniform withdrawal guidelines and thresholds for the 47 drugs identified as “necessary” therapeutics by the RMTC’s Veterinary Advisory Committee. The RMTC has begun the process of archiving all of the existing published literature for each of the drugs and will enlist its Scientific Advisory Committee to determine whether there is enough information to reach a consensus for a withdrawal time and threshold. If there is no attainable consensus, the RMTC will fund the necessary research in order to obtain the necessary data.