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REVISED NOTICE: CHANGE IN FEE EFFECTIVE DATE
NO CHANGE TO FORM REVISION EFFECTIVE DATES

Dear Colleague,

The Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Laboratory Services Section (LSS) is in the process of revising rules concerning laboratory testing and fees for some laboratory services. These revisions will take effect ~~September 1, 2016~~ **October 1, 2016**.

The following revisions have been made to the Austin DSHS Laboratory test menu, effective ~~September 1, 2016~~ **October 1, 2016**:

Fee Changes to Existing Tests:

Test Name	Price through 8/31/2016 09/30/2016	Price effective 09/01/2016 10/01/2016
Newborn Screen Kit	\$33.60	\$55.24
Cystic Fibrosis Mutation Panel	\$147.22	\$175.19
Galactosemia: Common Mutation Panel	\$383.21	\$529.03
Hemoglobin DNA Test: Beta-Globin Gene Sequencing	\$783.42	\$1,054.24
Hemoglobin DNA Test: Common Beta Thalassemia Mutation	\$213.21	\$287.66
Hemoglobin DNA Test: Hb, S, C, E, D or O-Arab	\$186.84	\$255.72
MCAD Mutation Panel	\$280.79	\$374.95
HIV supplemental confirmation testing	\$40.74	\$83.74
Norovirus PCR	\$55.77	\$162.96
Emerging Disease PCR	\$116.22	\$137.31
Respiratory viral panel, PCR	\$167.13	\$149.82
Routine Water Mineral Group	\$106.39	\$102.25

New Tests Added:

- Whole Genome Sequencing Gram Negative
- Whole Genome Sequencing Gram Positive
- Microfilariae Identification

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- Chagas, IgG
- Chikungunya, IgM
- Emerging Disease, IgM
- Chikungunya Real-Time, RT-PCR
- PCR Emerging, Non-clinical testing Aedes
- PCR Emerging, Non-clinical testing Culex
- Cyanide, free, SM-29th edition, 4500-CN F

Existing Tests Discontinued:

- Glucose Post Prandial (1 hour)
- Glucose Post Prandial (2 hour)
- Glucose Tolerance Test 1 hour
- Glucose Tolerance Test 2 hour
- Glucose Tolerance Test 3 hour
- AFB Blood Culture
- Misc. Parasite Tissue Preparation
- Adenoviruses PCR
- Enterovirus PCR
- Food Analysis Bacillis, MPN
- Food Analysis Yeast and Mold Enumeration
- Standard Plate Count: Food

No fee revisions have been made to the South Texas DSHS Laboratory test menu.

Posted Fee Schedules:

The new fee schedule for the Austin Laboratory will be posted to the DSHS Laboratory website by [Sept. 30, 2016](#). To view the current Austin Laboratory and South Texas Laboratory fee schedules, please use the following link: <http://www.dshs.texas.gov/lab/fees.shtm>

DSHS Laboratory Forms: *(No changes from original message)*

As with previous fee revisions, the laboratory submission forms are also being revised. In order to avoid delays and errors in accessioning, processing and handling of specimens submitted to the DSHS Laboratories and related billing activity: please take a moment to ensure you have the most current versions of the DSHS Laboratory submission forms. Master copies of the 2016 version of the specimen submission forms are included with this letter, based on your submission history. Please make copies of these master copies as needed. Please destroy older versions of these forms.

Form Number	Form Name	Form Revision Date
DSHS Austin Laboratory		
G-1B	Biochemistry and Genetics Specimen Submission Form	September 2016
G-THSTEPS	Texas Health Steps Specimen Form	September 2016
G-2A	Serology Specimen Submission Form	September 2016
G-2B	Bacteriology and Parasitology Specimen Submission Form	September 2016
G-2V	Virology Specimen Submission Form	July 2016
G-MYCO	Mycobacteriology/Myology Specimen Submission Form	September 2016
G-9	Laboratory Test for Rabies	September 2016

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G-14	Mosquito/Entomology Specimen Submission Form	September 2016
G-19	Water Bacteriology Specimen Submission Form	June 2016
G-22	Environmental/Fluoride/Microbiological Specimen Submission Form	September 2016
G-23	Food Sample Specimen Submission Form	September 2016
G-26	Uniform Analysis for TDJC and TJJD Specimen Submission Form	September 2016
G-27	Biothreat Environmental Specimen Submission Form	September 2016
G-27A	Emergency Preparedness Specimen Submission Form	September 2016
DSHS South Texas Laboratory		
F40-A	Chemistry Specimen Submission Form	September 2016
F40-B	Microbiology Specimen Submission Form	September 2016
F40-C	Biothreat Specimen Submission Form	September 2016
F40-D	Emergency Preparedness Specimen Submission Form	September 2016

Several sections of the specimen submission form have required fields, which have been clearly marked with double asterisks “**” (see list below). Please ensure that all these required fields are completed as your facility may be billed for the testing service, regardless of which payor source is selected.

Submitter/TPI Number	Submitter Name and Full Mailing Address
Submitter NPI Number	Submitter Contact Phone and Fax Numbers
Patient Full Name	Patient Full Mailing Address
Patient Date of Birth and Sex	Specimen Date of Collection
ICD Diagnosis Code(s)	Ordering Physician’s Name and NPI Number

As Applicable for Payor Source Section:

Patient Medicare/Medicaid Number *or*
Payor Source *or*
Patient Insurance Company Name, Address and Phone Number; Responsible Party Name
and Insurance ID Number

More information regarding the DSHS Laboratory Submission forms, including instructions and sample forms, can be found at the DSHS Laboratory website at

http://www.dshs.texas.gov/lab/mrs_forms.shtm

Thank you for your continued partnership and support.

Sincerely,



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