



October 1, 2024

**Changes to the Texas DSHS Laboratory Fee Schedule**

Dear Colleague,

The Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Public Health Laboratory (PHL) is revising laboratory testing and fees to meet business needs. These revisions are proposed to take effect **January 1, 2025**. Stakeholders may submit comments until **December 31, 2024**, to [LabInfo@dshs.texas.gov](mailto:LabInfo@dshs.texas.gov) or the following mailing address:

Public Health Laboratory, MC 1947  
Texas Department of State Health Services  
P.O. Box 149347  
Austin, Texas 78714-9347

Revisions Effective January 1, 2025:

Revisions include adding tests, discontinuation of existing tests, or lab fee adjustments due to changes in testing method. DSHS will also make any needed changes to the lab specimen submission form. DSHS will send out any revised submission forms no later than December 31, 2024, for use beginning January 1, 2025.

Posted Fee Schedules:

The new fee schedules will be posted on the DSHS Laboratory website by January 1, 2025. To view the current Austin and South Texas DSHS Laboratory fee schedules, please use the following link: <http://www.dshs.texas.gov/lab/fees.shtm>

Please see attachments for additional detail on the upcoming changes. Thank you for your continued partnership and support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Grace Kubin".

Grace Kubin, Ph.D  
Director, Public Health Laboratory Division

Attachment 1: Austin DSHS Laboratory Fee Schedule Changes

Attachment 2: South Texas Laboratory Fee Schedule Changes

## Austin DSHS Laboratory Fee Schedule Changes

Effective January 1, 2025

### New Tests Added (Austin DSHS Laboratory)

Category	Procedure Name	CPT Code	Fee
Clinical Testing Services	Chagas, IgG	86753	\$204.00
Clinical Testing Services	Hepatitis C RNA, Quantitative NAAT	87522	\$160.35
Clinical Testing Services	HIV-1 RNA, Quantitative NAAT	87535	\$63.80
Clinical Testing Services	Rickettsia PCR	87798	\$130.07
Environmental Testing Services / Drinking Water	Five Metals, Drinking Water  <i>This fee offers a discount over the cost of five Single Metals ICP-MS analysis. Requester selects five of the following metals for analysis: Aluminum, Antimony, Arsenic, Barium, Beryllium, Cadmium, Chromium, Copper, Lead, Manganese, Mercury, Nickel, Selenium, Silver, Thallium, Uranium, Zinc.</i>	N/A	\$100.00
Environmental Testing Services / Non-Potable Water	Five Metals, Non-Potable Water  <i>This fee offers a discount over the cost of five Single Metals ICP-MS analysis. Requester selects five of the following metals for analysis: Aluminum, Antimony, Arsenic, Barium, Beryllium, Cadmium, Chromium, Copper, Lead, Manganese, Mercury, Nickel, Selenium, Silver, Thallium, Uranium, Zinc.</i>	N/A	\$177.00
Environmental Testing Services / Soils and Solids	Five Metals, Solids  <i>This fee offers a discount over the cost of five Single Metals ICP-MS analysis. Requester selects five of the following metals for analysis: Aluminum, Antimony, Arsenic, Barium, Beryllium, Cadmium, Chromium, Copper, Lead, Manganese, Mercury, Nickel, Selenium, Silver, Thallium, Uranium, Zinc.</i>	N/A	\$245.00

## South Texas DSHS Laboratory Fee Schedule Changes

Effective January 1, 2025

### Existing Tests Discontinued (South Texas DSHS Laboratory)

- Mycobacteriology, Acid fast bacillus (AFB): identification of AFB isolate, DNA probe
- Mycobacteriology, Acid fast bacillus (AFB): identification, referred isolates, DNA probe (M.Avium Complex)
- Mycobacteriology, Acid fast bacillus (AFB): identification, referred isolates, DNA probe (M.Kansasii)

### Fee Increases (South Texas DSHS Laboratory)

Test Name	Fee through <b>12-31-2024</b>	Fee effective <b>01-01-2025</b>	CPT Code
Urine microalbumin, random	\$6.15	\$9.18	82044