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Changes to the Texas DSHS Laboratory Fee Schedule

Dear Colleague,

The Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Laboratory Services Section (LSS) is in the process of revising laboratory testing and fees for laboratory services to meet business needs. These revisions are proposed to take effect **January 1, 2021**. Stakeholders can submit comments until **December 30, 2020** at LabInfo@dshs.texas.gov or the mailing address at the bottom of this memo.

The following additional revisions are proposed for the **Austin DSHS Laboratory** test menu, effective **January 1, 2021**:

Fee Changes to Existing Tests:

Test Name	Fee through 12-31-2020	Fee effective 01-01-2021	CPT Code
Enterohaemorrhagic Escherichia Coli (EHEC), Shiga-like Toxin assay	\$59.85	\$21.95	87427
Misc. Parasite Exam, Wet Mount	\$75.76	\$83.01	87177

New Tests Added:

Test Name	Fee effective 01-01-2021	CPT Code
MALDI ID	\$10.91	87077
Silica, Dissolved	\$20.86	N/A
Syphilis Rapid Plasma Reagin (RPR) – Quantitative	\$12.88	86593

Existing Tests Discontinued:

- Electron Microscopy (includes observation, electron microscopy and photography)

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- Fat, Paly Screen
- Fat, Soxhlet Extraction
- Meat Protein
- Moisture (Total Water)
- Protein, Total
- Salt
- Yeast MIC Panel by Microbroth Dilution
- Yest - Amphotericin MIC

The following revisions are proposed for the **South Texas DSHS Laboratory** test menu, effective **January 1, 2021**:

New Tests Added:

Test Name	Fee effective 01-01-2021	CPT Code
Acid Fast Bacilli (AFB) AGAR Proportion Drugs, Rifampin	\$14.48	87190

Posted Fee Schedules:

The new fee schedules will be posted to the DSHS Laboratory website by **January 1, 2021**. 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>

DSHS Laboratory Forms:

As with previous fee revisions, the laboratory submission forms may also be revised. Revised submission forms would be provided to you no later than **December 31, 2020** for use beginning **January 1, 2021**.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support.

Sincerely,



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