

June 2, 2026

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 **September 1, 2026**. Stakeholders may submit comments until **August 31, 2026**, to LabInfo@dshs.texas.gov or the following mailing address:

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

Revisions Effective September 1, 2026:

Revisions include discontinuation of some existing tests, addition of new tests, or lab fee adjustments due to changes in testing methods. DSHS will also make any needed changes to the lab specimen submission form. DSHS will send out any revised submission forms no later than August 31, 2026, for use beginning September 1, 2026.

Posted Fee Schedules:

The new fee schedules will be posted on the DSHS Laboratory website by September 1, 2026. 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,



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Director, Public Health Laboratory Division

Attachment 1: Austin DSHS Laboratory Fee Schedule

Attachment 2: South Texas Laboratory Fee Schedule

Austin DSHS Laboratory Fee Schedule Changes

Effective September 1, 2026

Existing Tests Discontinued (Austin DSHS Laboratory)

- Acid Fast Bacilli (AFB) Isolate Identification; Probe / CPT Code 87149
- Rubella IgG / CPT Code 86762

Fee Decreases (Austin DSHS Laboratory)

Test Name	Fee through 08-31-2026	Fee effective 09-01-2026	CPT Code
Chagas, IgG	\$204.00	\$197.00	86753
Hemoglobin Electrophoresis	\$79.98	\$62.72	83020, 83021

New Tests Added (Austin DSHS Laboratory)

Procedure Name	Fee effective 09-01-2026
Metals in Food, Method EAM 4.7, As, Cd, Cu, Pb, Se	\$98.77

South Texas DSHS Laboratory Fee Schedule Changes

Effective September 1, 2026

Existing Tests Discontinued (South Texas DSHS Laboratory)

- Thyroid Hormone (T3) Uptake / CPT Code 84479
- Urine Microalbumin, Random / CPT Code 82044

Fee Decreases (South Texas DSHS Laboratory)

Test Name	Fee through 08-31-2026	Fee effective 09-01-2026	CPT Code
Lactic Acid Dehydrogenase	\$9.28	\$9.10	83615
Lipase	\$23.20	\$14.79	83690
Phosphorus	\$13.13	\$8.04	84100
Renal function panel	\$20.58	\$9.54	80069
Tuberculosis Custom Panel	\$11.76	\$6.32	84075, 84550, 82247, 84450, 84460, 82465, 82565, 84520, 82977

Fee Increases (South Texas DSHS Laboratory)

Test Name	Fee through 08-31-2026	Fee effective 09-01-2026	CPT Code
Alanine Amino Transferase (ALT)	\$1.52	\$8.19	84460
Albumin, serum	\$1.44	\$7.96	82040
Alkaline phosphatase	\$1.56	\$8.19	84075
Amylase	\$8.37	\$12.63	82150
Aspartate aminotransferase (AST)	\$1.50	\$8.19	84450
Basic Metabolic panel	\$4.14	\$4.39	80048
Bilirubin, Direct	\$1.92	\$8.25	82248
Bilirubin, total	\$1.48	\$8.03	82247
Bilirubin, Total & Direct Profile	\$2.77	\$8.25	82247, 82248

Test Name	Fee through 08-31-2026	Fee effective 09-01-2026	CPT Code
Blood urea nitrogen (BUN)	\$1.68	\$8.11	84520
Calcium	\$1.86	\$8.01	82310
Carbon dioxide (CO2)	\$1.53	\$8.74	82374
Chloride, serum	\$1.53	\$8.63	82435
Cholesterol: High-density lipoprotein (HDL)	\$1.56	\$9.09	83718
Cholesterol: Low-density lipoprotein (LDL)	\$2.50	\$9.85	83721
Cholesterol: total	\$1.54	\$8.19	82465
Comprehensive Metabolic panel	\$7.25	\$8.65	80053
Creatinine assay	\$1.48	\$4.03	82565
Creatine Kinase (CK) Assay	\$3.16	\$9.76	82550
Differential, manual	\$11.23	\$16.88	85007
Electrolyte panel	\$3.21	\$8.79	80051
Gamma-glutamyl transferase (GGT)	\$4.43	\$8.53	82977
Glucose	\$1.52	\$5.18	82947
Glucose postprandial, 0 and 2 hours	\$1.52	\$8.01	82950
Hepatic function panel	\$2.80	\$10.07	80076
Iron, Total	\$8.04	\$10.52	83540
Iron Binding Capacity, Total (TIBC)	\$9.71	\$10.07	83550
Lipid Profile Panel	\$10.04	\$31.89	80061
Magnesium	\$8.88	\$9.74	83735
Peripheral Smear Review	\$8.62	\$9.05	85008
Potassium	\$1.53	\$8.63	84132
Protein, total	\$1.60	\$8.01	84155
Sodium	\$1.53	\$8.63	84295
Triglycerides	\$1.54	\$8.40	84478
Uric acid	\$4.62	\$8.04	84550