



October 1, 2025

Changes to the Texas DSHS Public Health Laboratory Fee Schedule

Dear Colleague,

The Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Public Health Laboratory Division is revising laboratory testing and fees to meet business needs. These revisions are proposed to take effect **January 1, 2026**. Stakeholders may submit comments until **December 31, 2025**, to LabInfo@dshs.texas.gov or the following mailing address:

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Newborn Screening Fee Change Effective January 1, 2026:

The cost of PAID newborn screening (NBS) kits increases from \$68.63 to \$94.81. Paid NBS kits, ordered on or after January 1, 2026, would be billed at the new price of \$94.81. Additionally, the procedure name will be updated from "Newborn Screening Panel Test Kit (private pay) Fee" to "Newborn Screening Panel Test Kit (Insurance/Self-Pay) Fee." The purpose of this increase will be for the addition of new conditions to the DSHS newborn screening panel and to support increased costs for operations. DSHS is giving NBS providers advanced notification of the fee increase to allow providers time for negotiating inclusion of the new rate as part of their insurance contracts.

Posted Fee Schedules:

The new fee schedule will be posted on the DSHS Laboratory website by January 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.shtml>.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support.

Sincerely,

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Deputy Commissioner, Public Health Laboratory Division