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**Changes to the Texas DSHS Laboratory Fee Schedule  
Including a fee increase to the NBS test**

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, 2022**. Stakeholders can submit comments until **December 30, 2021** at [LabInfo@dshs.texas.gov](mailto: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, 2022**.

Fee Changes to Existing Tests:

Test Name	Fee through <b>12-31-2021</b>	Fee effective <b>01-01-2022</b>	CPT Code
Newborn Screening Panel Test Kit (private pay) Fee	\$60.58	\$63.55	N/A

Changes to Test Names to More Accurately Reflect the Actual Test Procedure:

Test Name Through <b>12-31-2021</b>	Test Name Effective <b>01-01-2022</b>
Candida auris Colonization	Candida auris Culture
Nucleic Acid Amplification for Mycobacterium tuberculosis complex	Nucleic Acid Amplification for Mycobacterium tuberculosis complex & Rifampin Resistance Detection

New Tests Added:

Test Name	Fee effective <b>01-01-2022</b>	CPT Code
Food Analysis: Cyclospora, PCR	\$230.30	N/A

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Existing Tests Discontinued:

- Escherichia coli (E. coli) Serotyping
- Influenza Pyrosequencing for Antiviral Resistance
- Salmonella Serotyping
- Water, HPC (SimPlate)

The following revisions are proposed for the South Texas DSHS Laboratory test menu, effective **January 1, 2022**.

New Tests Added:

Test Name	Fee effective <b>01-01-2022</b>	CPT Code
Mycobacteriology, Acid fast bacillus (AFB): Nucleic acid amplification for Mycobacterium tuberculosis (M.tuberculosis) complex & Rifampin Resistance Detection	\$171.70	87556

Existing Tests Discontinued:

- Mycobacteriology, Acid fast bacillus (AFB): Nucleic acid amplification for Mycobacterium tuberculosis (M.tuberculosis) complex (*Note: This testing is still available at Texas DSHS Lab as "Mycobacteriology, Acid fast bacillus (AFB): Nucleic acid amplification for Mycobacterium tuberculosis (M.tuberculosis) complex & Rifampin Resistance Detection"*)

Posted Fee Schedules:

The new fee schedules will be posted to the DSHS Laboratory website by **January 1, 2022**. 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 will be provided to you no later than **December 31, 2021**, and they may be used beginning **January 1, 2022**.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support.

Sincerely,



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