

Tulare County Health & Human Services Agency

Fiscal Year 2020/2021
Fee Public Hearing

April 21, 2020



Tulare County Health & Human Services Agency

HHSA's FY 2020/2021 Fee Requests

- Fee adjustments from the following:
 - Public Guardian
 - Vaccines
 - Public Health Lab
 - Health Care Centers
 - Environmental Health



Human Services Branch

Public Guardian

Representative Payee

- The Public Guardian Representative Payee program is a voluntary program that receives a fee for the management of clients' income and expenses and ensures bills and other living expenses are paid timely. The fee covers the cost to manage these finances and is approved by the Social Security Administration. The Public Guardian Representative Payee program is proposing one (1) fee adjustments:



- One (1) fee increase

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Human Services Branch Public Guardian Representative Payee

Description	Current Fee	Requested Fee	Percent Change	Percent Recovery
Representative Payee	\$42	\$44	5%	84%



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Public Health Branch

Immunizations- Travel Clinic

- The Immunizations program provides elective vaccines to clients at the actual cost of the vaccine plus an administrative fee.
- The Immunization program is proposing:
 - Three (3) fee adjustments.



Public Health Branch

Immunizations- Travel Clinic

Fee Adjustments (3)

Description	Current Fee	Requested Fee	Percent Change	Cost Recovery
Rabies (Pre-Exposure)	\$272	\$363	33% Inc.	100%
Typhim VI	\$66	\$68	3% Inc.	100%
Influenza High Dose	\$46	\$48	4% Inc.	100%



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Public Health Laboratory

- The Public Health Laboratory supports community health surveillance and outbreak investigations for various infectious and food borne pathogens.
- The Public Health Laboratory is proposing:
 - Two (2) new fees be established.
 - Sixty-Three (63) fee adjustments.



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Public Health Laboratory

Methodology

To ensure that the PH Lab is compliant in seeking required reimbursement from all sources and to better align with the health care centers longstanding fee methodology, the PH Lab has updated their fees to a percentage of Medicare/Medi-Cal reimbursement rates. Depending on the fee.



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New Fees (2)

Description	Fee Amount	Action	Cost Recovery
87798-Nor- Measles	\$58	Add	100%
87798Flu- Influenza	\$58	Add	100%



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Fee Adjustments (63)

Description	Current Fee	Requested Fee	Percent Change	Cost Recovery
87169- Macroscopic Exam; worm	\$29	\$7	75% Dec.	100%
87186- Antibiotic Sensitivity	\$25	\$7	72% Dec.	100%
SO86171- Complement fixation tests (Send out)	\$44	\$17	62% Dec.	100%
87118- Culture, Mycobacteria, ID Ea	\$28	\$11	61% Dec.	100%



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Fee Adjustments (Cont.)

Description	Current Fee	Requested Fee	Percent Change	Cost Recovery
87118- Culture, Mycobacteria, ID Ea	\$49	\$22	55% Dec.	100%
87040- Blood Culture	\$36	\$17	53% Dec.	100%
87220- Tiss Exam Fungi	\$14	\$7	49% Dec.	100%
87081- Culture & ID, Bordetella	\$20	\$11	45% Dec.	100%



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Fee Adjustments (Cont.)

Description	Current Fee	Requested Fee	Percent Change	Cost Recovery
SO86331- Immunodiffusion; gel diffusion; qualitative	\$36	\$20	45% Dec.	100%
87338- O/Helicobacter Pylori, Stool	\$46	\$27	42% Dec.	100%
86592- RPR Card Test	\$11	\$7	35% Dec.	100%
87081- Culture, Strep Only	\$17	\$11	35% Dec.	100%



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Fee Adjustments (Cont.)

Description	Current Fee	Requested Fee	Percent Change	Cost Recovery
87076- Cult Bact Any; Defin ID Ea Ana	\$20	\$13	33% Dec.	100%
87177- O & P Concent & Wet Mount	\$22	\$15	33% Dec.	100%
87147- B/Rast each antigen	\$10	\$7	29% Dec.	100%
87101- Culture, Fungi Isolation, Skin	\$18	\$13	29% Dec.	100%



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Fee Adjustments (Cont.)

Description	Current Fee	Requested Fee	Percent Change	Cost Recovery
87070-Culture, Other Gyn	\$20	\$14	28% Dec.	100%
86593- VDRL, Quantitative	\$10	\$7	27% Dec.	100%
SO87522- HCV RNA BY PCR	\$97	\$71	26% Dec.	100%
86635- Analysis for Coccidioides antibody	\$25	\$19	24% Dec.	100%



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Fee Adjustments (Cont.)

Description	Current Fee	Requested Fee	Percent Change	Cost Recovery
86790- Analysis for antibody to virus not elsewhere specified	\$28	\$21	23% Dec.	100%
87207- Smear Prim W/Interpt; Special	\$13	\$10	23% Dec.	100%
87550-Infectious agent detection by nucelic acid	\$43	\$33	22% Dec.	100%
87102-Fungus Culture, Other	\$18	\$14	22% Dec.	100%



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Fee Adjustments (Cont.)

Description	Current Fee	Requested Fee	Percent Change	Cost Recovery
87106- Fungus Identification	\$22	\$17	22% Dec.	100%
87107- Def ID; Mold	\$22	\$17	22% Dec.	100%
87045-Stool Culture	\$20	\$16	21% Dec.	100%
87046- Stool, Additional Pathogens, I&P	\$20	\$16	21% Dec.	100%
87075-Culture, Anaerobic	\$20	\$16	21% Dec.	100%



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Fee Adjustments (Cont.)

Description	Current Fee	Requested Fee	Percent Change	Cost Recovery
87086- Urine Culture	\$17	\$13	21% Dec.	100%
87168- Macroscopic Exam; Arthropod	\$9	\$7	21% Dec.	100%
87172- Pinworm Exam	\$9	\$7	21% Dec.	100%
88313- Trichrome Stain	\$73	\$58	21% Dec.	100%
87252- Tissue cult, obs, presumptive id	\$53	\$43	18% Dec.	100%



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Fee Adjustments (Cont.)

Description	Current Fee	Requested Fee	Percent Change	Cost Recovery
87556- Amplified Mycobacterium	\$75	\$63	17% Dec.	100%
87077- Culture, Bacterial (Reflex);	\$17	\$15	12% Dec.	100%
86592q Syphilis Test	\$8	\$7	11% Dec.	100%
86780- Treponema Pallidum Test	\$27	\$25	9% Dec.	100%
87653- Strep b dna amp probe	\$63	\$58	7% Dec.	100%



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Fee Adjustments (Cont.)

Description	Current Fee	Requested Fee	Percent Change	Cost Recovery
87798 Bor- Strep b dna amp probe	\$63	\$58	7% Dec.	100%
87300- Antigen detec; immunofluorescence, polyvalant antiserum	\$18	\$20	11% Inc.	100%
87015- Concentration, AFB	\$10	\$11	11% Inc.	100%
86789-Anitbody, West Nile	\$20	\$24	20% Inc.	100%



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Fee Adjustments (Cont.)

Description	Current Fee	Requested Fee	Percent Change	Cost Recovery
86702-HIV-2 Testing	\$18	\$23	25% Inc.	100%
87880- AGT- Immunassay Dir Obs; Strep	\$18	\$25	38% Inc.	100%
87116- Concntr Parasites Ova/Tubercle	\$13	\$18	38% Inc.	100%
87206- Smear Flouresc/Acid Stain Fast	\$6	\$9	50% Inc.	100%



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Fee Adjustments (Cont.)

Description	Current Fee	Requested Fee	Percent Change	Cost Recovery
SO87536- Infect agent (DNA or RNA) HIV-1 quantification	\$89	\$142	59% Inc.	100%
99001- Handling Fee, Send Out	\$14	\$22	60% Inc.	100%
87103- Fungus Culture, Blood	\$19	\$31	62% Inc.	100%
87529- Infectious agent detection by nucleic acid;	\$36	\$58	62% Inc.	100%



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Fee Adjustments (Cont.)

Description	Current Fee	Requested Fee	Percent Change	Cost Recovery
86480- Tb test, cell mediated immunity antigen resp; gamma interferon	\$59	\$103	75% Inc.	100%
87389-HIV 1 Antigen(s)	\$32	\$58	83% Inc.	100%
87491- Amplified Chlamydia	\$25	\$58	134% Inc.	100%
87591- Amplified Gonorrhea Probe	\$25	\$58	134% Inc.	100%



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Fee Adjustments (Cont.)

Description	Current Fee	Requested Fee	Percent Change	Cost Recovery
87507BIO- Iadna-dna/ma probe tq 12-25	\$233	\$695	198% Inc.	100%
86480p- Tuberculosis cell mediated immunity antigen	\$34	\$103	204% Inc.	100%
83655- B/Lead Blood	\$19	\$63	231% Inc.	100%
87483- Infectious agent detection by nucelic acid amplification,	\$201	\$695	246% Inc.	100%



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Fee Adjustments (Cont.)

Description	Current Fee	Requested Fee	Percent Change	Cost Recovery
87633 BioFire- Resp virus 12-25 targets	\$183	\$695	280% Inc.	100%
87486 BioFire- Chylmd pneum dna amp probe	\$7	\$58	736% Inc.	100%
87581 BioFire- M.pnuemon dna amp probe	\$7	\$58	736% Inc.	100%
87798 BioFire- BioFire - Detect agent nos dna amp	\$7	\$58	736% Inc.	100%



Public Health Branch Health Care Centers

- The Federally Qualified Health Centers, Clinic fees are based on procedure codes that are governed by the Public Health Service Act which requires that fees be sufficient to cover actual health center costs of operation and consistent with locally prevailing rates or charges.
- The Health Care Centers are proposing:
 - Twenty-One (21) new fees be established.
 - Seven (7) fee adjustments.



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Health Care Centers

New Fees (21)

Description	Fee Amount	Action	Cost Recovery
99188 - Application of topical fluoride	\$18	Add	100%
82274 - Assay test for blood, fecal	\$14	Add	100%
S9441 - Asthma, Non-Physician, Per Session	\$30	Add	100%
J0585 - Botulinum toxin type a, per unit	\$16	Add	100%
64615 - Chemodenervation of muscle(s); muscle(s)	\$226	Add	100%



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New Fees (21)

Description	Fee Amount	Action	Cost Recovery
S9455 - Diabetes Management, Non-Physician, Group Session, Per Session	\$30	Add	100%
90682 - Influenza virus vaccine, quadrivalent (RIV4), derived from recombinant DNA, hemagglutinin (HA) protein only, preservative and antibiotic free, for intramuscular use	\$58	Add	100%
90662 - Influenza virus vaccine, split virus, preservative free, enhanced immunogenicity via increased antigen content, for intramuscular use	\$58	Add	100%



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Health Care Centers

New Fees (21)

Description	Fee Amount	Action	Cost Recovery
J0702 - Injection, betamethasone acetate 3 mg and betamethasone sodium phosphate 3 mg	\$11	Add	100%
J1885 - Injection, ketorolac tromethamine, per 15 mg	\$5	Add	100%
97802 - Medical nutrition therapy; initial assessment and intervention, individual, face-to-face with the patient, each 15 minutes	\$59	Add	100%



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Health Care Centers

New Fees (21)

Description	Fee Amount	Action	Cost Recovery
S9446 - Patient education, not otherwise classified, non-physician provider, group, per session	\$30	Add	100%
90378 - Respiratory syncytial virus immune globulin (RSV-IgIM), for intramuscular use, 50 mg, each	\$1,470	Add	100%
99173 - Screening test of Visual Acuity, Quantitative, Bilateral	\$3	Add	100%



Public Health Branch Health Care Centers New Fees (21)

Description	Fee Amount	Action	Cost Recovery
S9453 Smoking Cessation, Non-Physician, Per Session	\$30	Add	100%
D1206 - Topical application of fluoride varnish	\$18	Add	100%
G0127 - Trimming of dystrophic nails, any number	\$39	Add	100%
76817 - Ultrasound, Preg Uterus, Transvaginal	155	Add	100%



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Public Health Branch Health Care Centers New Fees (21)

Description	Fee Amount	Action	Cost Recovery
81002 - Urinalysis, by dip stick or tablet reagent for bilirubin, glucose, hemoglobin, ketones, leukocytes, nitrite, pH, protein, specific gravity, urobilinogen	\$2	Add	100%
A4620 - Variable concentration mask	\$1	Add	100%
S9449 - Weight Management, Non-Physician, Per Session	\$30	Add	100%



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Health Care Centers

Fee Adjustments (7)

Description	Current Fee	Requested Fee	Percent Change	Cost Recovery
99000 - Specimen Collection / Handling, Trans from Phys off to Lab	\$13	\$4	225% Dec.	100%
J2550 - Promethazine HCL, up to 50 mg (phenergan)	\$13	\$7	86% Dec.	100%
90685 - Influenza virus vaccine, quadrivalent, for intramuscular use	\$37	\$26	42% Dec.	100%



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Public Health Branch Health Care Centers Fee Adjustments (7)

Description	Current Fee	Requested Fee	Percent Change	Cost Recovery
90688 - Influenza virus vaccine, quadrivalent,	\$27	\$22	23% Dec.	100%
90686 - Influenza virus vaccine, quadrivalent, split virus, preservative	\$27	\$23	17% Dec.	100%
90620 - Meningococcal recombinant protein	\$163	174	6% Inc.	100%
J0696 - Ceftriaxone Sodium / Rocephin, per 250 mg	\$1	\$5	80% Inc.	100%



Public Health Branch Environmental Health

- The Environmental Health program acts as the agency responsible for inspecting and issuing various health permits in accordance with state regulations set forth in the California Health and Safety Code.
- The Environmental Health program is proposing:
 - Twenty-five (25) new fees.
 - Two (2) fee adjustments.



Environmental Health Food Safety Fees

- The current fee methodology is based on the number of seats or the square footage of the facility, but a large facility can have the same risk as a small facility when it comes to foodborne illness factors.
- Environmental Health is proposing the alignment of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) risk-based food inspection process with the proposed permit types and permit fees.
 - Facility fees would be equal with the risk category their food facility is assigned.
 - Convert the permit types to a low, medium and high risk that may result in a health permit fee increase or decrease.



Risk Categories and Inspection Frequencies for Retail Food Establishments

Risk Category	Description of Risk	Inspections Per Year
1	Examples include convenience stores, and retailer type operations. Establishments that only sell commercially pre-packaged foods to the customer. No food preparation is conducted at Risk 1 operations.	1
2	Examples may include retail food store operations, schools, and quick service operations such as fast food operations. Limited menu. Most products are prepared/cooked and served immediately. May involve hot and cold holding of TCS foods after preparation or cooking. Complex preparation of TCS foods requiring cooking, cooling, and reheating for hot holding is limited to only a few TCS foods. Establishments that would otherwise be grouped in Category 3 but have shown through historical documentation to have achieved active managerial control of foodborne illness risk factors.	2
3	An example is a full service restaurant and establishments serving extensive menu and handling of raw ingredients. Other examples are preschools, hospitals, nursing homes, and establishments conducting processing at retail. Complex preparation including cooking, cooling, and reheating for hot holding involves many TCS foods. Variety of processes require hot and cold holding of TCS food. Includes establishments serving a highly susceptible population or that conduct specialized processes, e.g., smoking and curing; reduced oxygen packaging for extended shelf-life.	3

Public Health Branch Environmental Health New Fees (25)

Description	Fee Amount	Action	Cost Recovery
Retail Facility – No Prep	\$388	Add	100%
Retail Facility – Low Risk	\$471	Add	100%
Retail Facility – Moderate Risk	\$552	Add	100%
Retail Facility – High Risk	\$790	Add	100%
Bar – Low Risk	\$299	Add	100%



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Public Health Branch Environmental Health New Fees (Cont.)

Description	Fee Amount	Action	Cost Recovery
Bar – Moderate Risk	\$376	Add	100%
Bar – High Risk	\$431	Add	100%
Restaurant – Low Risk	\$477	Add	100%
Restaurant – Moderate Risk	\$610	Add	100%
Restaurant – High Risk	\$790	Add	100%
Bakery	\$405	Add	100%



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Environmental Health

New Fees (Cont.)

Description	Fee Amount	Action	Cost Recovery
Temporary Food Multiple Event – Annual Vendor Low Risk	\$42	Add	100%
Temporary Food Multiple Event – Annual Vendor Moderate Risk	\$182	Add	100%
Temporary Food Multiple Event – Annual Vendor High Risk	\$342	Add	100%
Temporary Food Single Event – Annual Vendor Low Risk	\$30	Add	100%



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Environmental Health

New Fees (Cont.)

Description	Fee Amount	Action	Cost Recovery
Temporary Food Single Event – Annual Vendor Moderate Risk	\$61	Add	100%
Temporary Food Single Event – Annual Vendor High Risk	\$91	Add	100%
Hotel/Motel Continental Breakfast Only	\$153	Add	100%
Deli	\$113	Add	100%
Fish/Meat Department	\$126	Add	100%



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Environmental Health

New Fees (Cont.)

Description	Fee Amount	Action	Cost Recovery
Additional Food Prep Operations	\$122	Add	100%
Registered Environmental Health Specialist Hourly Rate	\$122	Add	100%
Registered Environmental Health Specialist Supervisor Hourly Rate	\$156	Add	100%
Office Assistant	\$55	Add	100%
In-Vessel Digestion Facilities	\$4,392	Add	100%



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Public Health Branch Environmental Health Fee Adjustments (2)

Description	Current Fee	Requested Fee	Percent Change	Cost Recovery
Cow Dairy	\$208.87	\$230	10% Inc.	94%
Goat Dairy	\$75	\$80	7% Inc.	88%



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Requests

1. Conducted a public hearing considering the proposed fee adjustments for Tulare County Health & Human Services Agency Public Guardian, Public Health, Health Operations, and Environmental Health Divisions for Fiscal Year 2020/2021.
2. Adopted the fees recommended for the Tulare County Health & Human Services Agency: Public Guardian, Public Health, Health Operations, and Environmental Health Divisions to cover costs; and
3. Authorized the Tulare County Health & Human Services Agency Public Guardian, Public Health, Health Operations, and Environmental Health Divisions to implement the fees beginning July 1, 2020.



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Thank You

Questions?



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