

ORDINANCE NO. 10996 (N.S.)

AN ORDINANCE ADDING AND AMENDING PROVISIONS IN ARTICLE XV-B OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE RELATING TO HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES FEES AND CHARGES

The Board of Supervisors of the County of San Diego ordains as follows:

Section 1. Section 238.1 of the San Diego County Administrative Code is added as follows:

SEC. 238.1 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES.

Effective July 1, 2026, any duty or authority assigned in this Article to the Health and Human Services Agency or its Director shall, with respect to behavioral health fees or charges, or for facilities operated by the Behavioral Health Services Department, be assigned to the Behavioral Health Services Department or the Director of Behavioral Health Services, as applicable.

Section 2. Section 239 of the San Diego County Administrative Code is amended as follows:

SEC. 239. RATES OF CHARGE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PUBLISHED MEDI-CAL SCHEDULE.

Except as otherwise specified in Section 240 through Section 255 of this Administrative Code, the rates of charge for health care to be rendered by public health and behavioral health programs listed in Section 233 of this Administrative Code shall be set in accordance with the current published Medi-Cal schedule and shall be revised by the Agency Director of the Health and Human Services Agency, referred to hereafter in this Article as Agency Director, as the published Medi-Cal schedule changes. At least once each twenty-four (24) months, the rates shall be reviewed by the Health and Human Services Agency to assure that such charges do not exceed the County's actual costs. In the event the review determines that any specific charge(s) exceed actual costs, the Agency Director shall revise the rates of charge to reduce the applicable charge(s) to the level of actual costs. Specified services subject this section include:

(a) public health services:

- (1) Trichomonas test
- (2) GC Culture (Negative) test
- (3) GC Culture (Positive) test
- (4) Norovirus by PCR test
- (5) Confirmatory HIV-1/2 (Genius) test
- (6) Mycobacteriology Culture (includes Specimen Concentration, Fluorochrome Smear, and MGIT culture)
- (7) Mycobacteriology Positive Culture and Identification (includes Specimen Concentration, Fluorochrome Smear, MGIT culture, Ziehl-Neelsen smear, GeneXpert MTB/Rif, and subculture)
- (8) Drug susceptibility, per drug test
- (9) Direct specimen PCR for TB/ Rifampin resistance test
- (10) Darkfield exam test

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- (11) RPR - quantitative test
 - (12) Confirmatory TP-PA with both RPR above test
 - (13) Syphilis Antibody CIA test
 - (14) Immunizations provided
 - (15) Enterovirus
 - (16) Hepatitis A PCR Screening (Thermocycler)
 - (17) Measles PCR
 - (18) Mumps PCR
 - (19) Herpes NAAT
 - (20) Measles CIA IgG
 - (21) Hepatitis A Prep Sequencing
 - (22) Hepatitis B CORE Antibody (Total)
 - (23) Hepatitis C Antibody
 - (24) Hep C RNA
 - (25) Hepatitis B surface antibody (HbsAg) Quantitative
 - (26) Hepatitis B surface antigen (HbsAb) Qualitative
 - (27) HIV-1/2 Antigen/Antibody CIA test
 - (28) Carbapenem-Resistant A. baumannii (CRAB) - Negative
 - (29) Carbapenem-Resistant A. baumannii (CRAB) - Positive
 - (30) MALDI-TOF MOTT
 - (31) General Bacteriology
 - (32) MALDI-TOF MS
 - (33) API Testing
 - (34) Monkeypox PCR
 - (35) Other related health services that are included in the Medi-Cal schedule
- (b) behavioral health services:
- (1) Hospital Inpatient
 - (2) Hospital Administrative Day
 - (3) Crisis Stabilization - Urgent Care/ ER
 - (4) Day Rehabilitation - Full Day

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- (5) Outpatient Services by Provider type
- (6) Other related behavioral health services that are included in the Medi-Cal schedule
- (c) medical care services
- (1) Pharmacy Dispensing

Section 2. Section 244 of the San Diego County Administrative Code is amended as follows:

SEC. 244. FEES FOR LABORATORY SERVICES.

The Agency Director shall charge and collect the following fees for the following laboratory services:

ENVIRONMENTAL TESTING FEES

Colilert for Total Coliforms & E. coli (Drinking Water)

\$41.38

Enterolert for Enterococcus – 0.1 Dilution (Marine Water)

\$18.89

Enterolert for Enterococcus - Additional Dilution (Marine Water)

\$18.24

Enterolert for Enterococcus - Undiluted (Marine Water)

\$17.57

Membrane Filtration for Enterococcus - Undiluted and 0.1 Dilution

\$188.14

Membrane Filtration for Enterococcus - Additional Dilution

\$24.15

Colilert-18 for Total Coliforms & E. coli – Additional Dilution (Marine Water)

\$20.39

Colilert-18 for Total Coliforms & E. coli – Undiluted (Marine Water)

\$19.79

Membrane Filtration for Total Coliforms – Undiluted and 0.1 Dilution

\$102.74

Membrane Filtration for Fecal Coliforms – Undiluted and 0.1 Dilution

\$67.21

Membrane Filtration for Total Coliforms – Additional Dilution

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	\$17.20
	Membrane Filtration for Fecal Coliforms + Additional Dilution
	\$18.45
	Colilert-18 for Total Coliforms & E. coli – 0.1 Dilution (Marine Water)
	\$21.11
	ddPCR for Enterococcus
	\$124.33
	ddPCR for Enterococcus (Overtime Rate)
	\$151.07
	HF183 by ddPCR - Replicate
	\$84.73
	Enterolert for Enterococcus - Base Cost (Marine Water)
	\$24.42
	Colilert-18 for Total Coliforms & E. coli - Base Cost (Marine Water)
	\$26.48
	Water/Sample Filtration
	\$49.68
	Virus Identification by PCR, Influenza test
	\$95.19
	OTHER TESTS CURRENTLY PERFORMED
	Food borne examination (Negative)
	\$150.85
	Food borne examination (Positive)
	\$304.77
	Rabies
	\$140.81
	Save Body Carcass Return
	\$25.00
	Rabies Testing Extraction
	\$94.11

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OTHER CLINICAL FEES

SARS-CoV-2 Assay - Panther Fusion

\$17.24

SARS-CoV-2 Assay - Panther Aptima

\$29.43

Biofire GI Panel PCR

\$220.27

HIV-1 Viral Load

\$63.12

Hep C RNA

\$31.19

Chlamydia / Gonorrhea – Panther

\$22.80

Quantiferon Gold (TB test, cell immune measure) test

\$42.01

Panther Fusion - 4plex test (SARS, Influenza A&B and RSV)

\$34.24

NON-DIAGNOSTIC GENERAL HEALTH ASSESSMENT

Semi-annual general filing fee

\$137.00

Semi-annual fee for additional tests

\$34.00

Semi-annual fee for additional location

\$95.00

Annual Maximum Charge per Agency

\$1,228.00

Section 3. Section 253 of the San Diego County Administrative Code is added as follows:

SEC. 253. VITAL RECORDS NON-CONTAGIOUS DISEASE LETTER.

The Agency Director shall charge and collect the following fee for a Non-Contagious Disease Letter: \$14.00

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Section 4. Section 255 of the San Diego County Administrative Code is amended as follows:

SEC. 255. EDGEMOOR DISTINCT PART SKILLED NURSING FACILITY.

The Agency Director shall charge and collect the following fees for the following inpatient health services at Edgemoor Distinct Part Skilled Nursing Facility:

Private Pay Rate \$1,119

Section 5. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after its adoption. Within fifteen (15) days after the date of adoption of this ordinance, a summary shall be published once with the name of those members voting for and against the same in the newspaper of general circulation published in San Diego County.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY,

Damon M. Brown, County Counsel

BY: Kyle Sand, Senior Deputy County Counsel

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Diego this 19th day of May 2026.



MONICA MONTGOMERY STEPPE
Vice-Chair, Board of Supervisors
County of San Diego, State of California

The above Ordinance was adopted by the following vote:

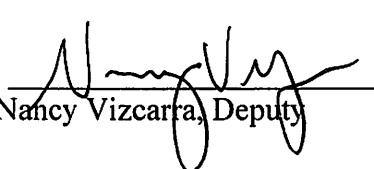
AYES: Aguirre, Anderson, Montgomery Steppe, Desmond

ABSENT: Lawson-Remer

ATTEST my hand and the seal of the Board of Supervisors this 19th day of May 2026.

ANDREW POTTER
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By



Nancy Vizcarra, Deputy



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