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**UNIVERSITY HYGIENIC LABORATORY PRICING POLICY
AND PROCESS POSITION STATEMENT**

Action Requested: Consider recommending adoption of the pricing policy and process position statement from the University Hygienic Laboratory (UHL) to the Board.

Executive Summary: In response to an internal audit report dated June 14, 2007, in which improvement in the price setting process was cited, University Hygienic Laboratory submits a basic costing model that captures cost accounting information from the general ledger to assist in the price setting process.

Additional Information: Pursuant to Iowa Code, Chapter 263 the University Hygienic Laboratory has been established to: “make or cause to be made microbiological and chemical examinations and other necessary investigations by both laboratory and field work in the determination of the causes of disease...” Iowa Administrative Code, 681 – 5.3(2)(a) states that the UHL is authorized to charge for testing of specimens “submitted under no statutory authority which are part of special investigations or surveillance programs and where there is no direct threat to the public health or environmental quality.” Iowa Administrative Code 681 – 5.3(2)(d) further states that “specimens not covered by statute, by rules of the state department of health, by rules of the natural resources department or in this subrule, may be examined and charged for at rates to be determined by the state board of regents subject to any limitations imposed by law.”

In support of this and associated responsibilities, the UHL has received an annual appropriation from the General Assembly. The FY09 appropriation is \$4,516,091.

In response to the audit, the UHL has developed as a Management Action Plan a basic costing model consisting of a list of tests performed by the UHL and estimated cost/charge for those tests (Attachment 1). This fundamental pricing list establishes the basis for the UHL to establish charges which can be applied or waived based upon that test's coverage under IAC 681-5.3

In order to determine the charge status of a test on the pricing list the UHL held discussions with the Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH). The IAC identifies the IDPH as an authority for the identification of those tests which are necessary to “ensure the health of the public” and therefore must be performed by the UHL without charge. Pursuant to discussions between the Department and the UHL, the laboratory test list (Attachment 1) has been amended to reflect the Department's determination of those tests for which charges should not be levied (exempt tests). This amended list has been approved by the Director of the Iowa Department of Public Health (Exhibit 1) and is accepted by the UHL as a statement of policy by the IDPH.

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<i>IN OUTBREAKS CHARGES WAIVED</i>	CPT	Charge
TESTS PERFORMED AT UHL	Code	
Acid Fast Bacillus Concentration	87015	9.23
Acid Fast Bacillus Susceptibility 1	87190	7.81
Acid Fast Bacillus Susceptibility 2	87190	7.81
Adenovirus	87252	36.02
Arbovirus Panel	86651-LAC	12.35
	86652-EEE	12.35
	86653-SLE	12.35
	86654-WEE	12.35
Arthropod-identification	87168	5.9
Blood smear- malaria	87169(87207-malaria stain)	5.9
Brucella serology agglutination	86622	12.35
Chlamydia pneumoniae ifa	87810	16.58
Chlamydia/gonorrhoeae	87491/87591	48.50/48.50
Chlamydia pneumoniae pcr	87486	27.71
Cytomegalovirus culture	87254	3.02
Cytomegalovirus serology IgM	86645	23.28
CNS serology panel	86696-HSV	???
	86280-Pico	
Cryptococcal antigen	86403	16.58
Cryptosporidium	87207 for direct smears-not co	12.3
Epstein Barr virus-ebna	86664	21.14
Epstein Barr virus-vca	86665	25.07
Eastern Equine Encephalitis serology IgM	86652	18.23
Enterohemorrhagic E. coli (EIA)	87427	16.58
E.coli O157 (STEC) only culture	87045?	
Enteric (stool) culture	87046 (87045?)	3.26
Enteric serotype	87147 (typing-per antisera)	???
Enterovirus pcr	87498	27.71
Fungal Serology Complement Fixation	86612-Blasto	11.23
	86698-Histo	11.23
	86635-Cocci	11.23
Fungal Serology Aspergillus	86606	11.23
Fungus Serology MID	86671	11.23
Gram stain	87205	5.9
Group a strep - TEST DELETED	87430 (87070)	16.58
Hantavirus antibody serology	86790	17.81
Hepatitis A IgM	86709	15.55
Hepatitis B surface antigen	87340-Ag	14.84
	87341-Neut	No charge

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Hepatitis B surface antibody	86706	14.84
Hepatitis B core IgM	86705	9.26
Hepatitis C antibody	86803	19.73
Human Granulocytic Ehrlichiosis Serology	86609	17.81
HIV antibody	86703	13.2
HIV oral Fluid	86701	9.26
HIV Western Blot	86689	9.44
Human Monocytic Ehrlichiosis Serology	86609	17.81
Herpes simplex virus dfa	87899	16.58
Herpes simplex virus pcr	87800	27.71
Herpes simplex virus culture	87252	36.07
Herpes simplex virus culture positive	87253	16.58
HSV/VZV dfa	87810 or 87899 X2	16.58
HSV IgG 1+2 Serology	86695/86696	18.23/9.44
Influenza Virus Culture shell vial	87254	36.02
Influenza A PCR	87798	27.71
Influenza B PCR	87798	27.71
Influenza A/H3 PCR	87800	27.71
Influenza A/H1 PCR	87800	27.71
Lacrosse IgM	86651	17.81
Legionella antibody	86713	21.12
Legionella culture	87070-direct culture with pre	10.03
Legionella dfa	10 (87278-dfa for pneumopl	16.58
Legionella ifa	86713	16.58
Legionella PCR	87541	27.71
Leptospira Serology IgM	86720	18.23
Lyme serology elfa	86618	17.81
Lyme pcr	87476	27.71
Lyme IgG western blot	86617	21.4
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Mycobacteria Culture	87116	14.93
MTD test - direct TB detection	87556	48.5
Mumps antibody	86735	18.03
Mumps PCR	87800	27.71
Mycology Culture	87106 (this is yeast)	14.27
Mycology culture confirmation Histo/Blasto/Cocci	87149	27.71
Mycoplasma antibody	86738	18.31
Mycoplasma pcr	87581	27.71
Norovirus Group 1 and Group 2 pcr	87798 x2	27.71
Ova and parasites	87177	12.3
Parasite id	7(87169-macroscopic parasi	12.3
Parvovirus B19 serology	86747	20.77

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Pertussis pcr	87798	27.71
Pulsed Field Gel Electrophoresis on organism	87152	7.21
Picornavirus serology	86790	17.81
Psittacosis antibody	86631	16.35
Quantiferon TB Gold	86480	\$85
Q fever antibody	86638	4.89
Rabies	87300	8.29
Reference Bacteriology Organism Identification	87077 (add 8706 for AA?)	10.03
Respiratory Antibody Panel	86603-Ad	16.58
	86738-Mpn	16.58
Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever Serology	86757	9.44
Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever/Typhus Serology	86757	9.44
RSV DFA	87280 or 87807	16.58
RSV culture	87252	36.02
RSV culture positive	87253	16.58
Rubella	86762	19.89
Rubeola (measles) antibody	86765	17.81
Saint Louis Encephalitis serology IFA	86653	18.23
Syphilis fta	86781	18.3
Syphilis tppa	86781	18.3
Syphilis vdrl csf	86592	5.9
Syphilis vdrl serum	86592	5.9
Toxoplasmosis Serology ELFA	86777	19.89
Toxoplasmosis Serology IgM	86778	18.3
Trichrome stain for parasite detection	87209	16.58
Tularemia Serology agglutination	86668	12
Typhus Serology IFA	86757	9.44
Virus isolation and detection (vid)	87252	36.02
Virus isolation and detection (vid) positive	87253	16.58
VZV DFA and culture	87800/87810/	27.71/16.58
Western Equine Encephalitis serology IgM ifa	86654	18.23
West Nile virus human pcr	87800	27.71
West Nile virus IgG eia	86789	12.35
WNV IgM eia	86788	12.35
<p>Criteria: We do not to have a barrier to testing "real or perceived"</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We will not charge for any communicable disease test (person to person or animal to person) of public health significance. 2. We will not charge for any test that is mandatory reportable or must be sent to UHL for testing. 3. During an outbreak any charge would be waived. <p>WHENEVER ORDERED BY IDPH OR LPH THEN NO CHARGE</p>		