

**Salt Lake County Health Department
Medical Office
STD/HIV Clinic
2019 Program Fee Review
July 1, 2019**

Clinic Office Visit Fee Review

OFFICE VISIT (NEW): \$35 TO \$50, 43% INCREASE

OFFICE VISIT (ESTABLISHED) \$35 TO \$50, 43% INCREASE

OFFICE VISIT EPI (In county) \$35 TO \$50, 43% INCREASE

OFFICE VISIT RX-REFILL \$35 TO \$50, 43% INCREASE

OFFICE VISIT RE-TREATMENT \$35 TO \$50, 43% INCREASE

- The office visit to the STD/HIV clinic activities include checking the patient in, time for the staff to see patients, processing of the labs, treatment, education of patients about various STD's and HIV and checking the patient out.
- Current fees have not been assessed since 2016. We have increased in the number of patients per year that visit the clinic and have also added new staff.

OFFICE VISIT (OUT OF COUNTY) \$60 TO \$70, 17% INCREASE

- STD testing cost is kept at an affordable price with Salt Lake County taxes. When we have patients from out of county using our service, they are receiving the discounted prices but do not pay into the tax base, so we increase their fees for the office visit to adjust for living out of county. They do pay the same cost for the testing as in county patients.

OFFICE VISIT COURT TEST \$75.00 TO \$50, -33% DECREASE

- The time it takes to see the patient has decreased since we have changed from the chain of custody blood test to the rapid HIV test in the clinic.

OFFICE VISIT BUSINESS LICENSE \$110 TO \$100, -9% DECREASE

- Escort Business license includes the time to check the escort into clinic, the time spent with nurses, and the processing of the labs.
- Escorts have continued in the last 3 years to decrease their visits to the clinic since there have been a decrease in Escort businesses in the community.

CLINIC TESTING COSTS

CONFIDENTIAL HIV BLOOD TESTS \$30.00, STAYS AT \$30.00, NO CHANGE

CONFIDENTIAL/ANONYMOUS HIV RAPID TESTS \$30.00, STAYS AT \$30.00, NO CHANGE

- We receive rapid tests and grant monies from Utah Department of Health, so we do not charge the patients for HIV testing currently.

UNIFIED STATE LABORATORIES: PUBLIC HEALTH

SYPHILIS IgG BLOOD TEST \$30 TO \$35.00, 17% INCREASE
CHLAMYDIA/GONORRHEA TESTS (ALL SITES) \$30.00 TO \$40.00, 33% INCREASE
HBsAG (HEPATITIS B) \$30.00 TO \$40.00, 50% INCREASE
HEPATITIS C ANTIBODY \$30.00 TO \$50, 67% INCREASE
HERPES ½ PCR TESTS \$55.00 TO \$75.00, 36% INCREASE
HPV TREATMENT \$50.00 TO \$60.00, 20% INCREASE

ACM LABS

URINE CULTURE AND SENSITIVITY \$50.00 TO \$60.00, 20% INCREASE
HERPES ½ BLOOD TESTS \$75.00 TO \$50, -33% DECREASE
HCV QUANTITATIVE \$100 TO \$115, 15% INCREASE
PAP SMEARS \$50.00 **We no longer offer pap smears in the clinic.**

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON LAB

HERPES WESTERN BLOT \$300.00 TO \$325.00, 8% INCREASE

Explanation of cost changes:

- The costs have been kept comparable or lower to the services provided by other local health care providers and the Utah health departments in the state so we can provide low cost STD services to the Salt Lake community.
- Over the last 3 years the cost of the tests that the Unified Public Health Lab have increased. Prices have been adjusted to reflect the increase cost to the clinic.

We are planning to introduce a new test for the STD mycoplasma genitalium. The bacteria are an STD that scientists have known about since the 1980's, but a recent study has shown that more than 1 in 100 adults might have it. The symptoms are like chlamydia. Studies have also shown that up to 80% of mycoplasma genitalium may be resistant to the standard treatment of azithromycin. We hope to offer this test by the end 2018 as the Unified State Laboratories prepares to make the test available. The cost to us will be \$19.00. We will be charging the STD clients \$35. With this test available we will be able to identify if a patient has this infection and if that it is the cause if their symptoms especially if the symptoms are not improving with azithromycin.