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**Summit County Health Department – Clinical/Nursing Division**

**Proposal for Addition of New Fee-Based Services**

**Submitted to: Summit County Board of Health**

**Date: June 2, 2025**

**Purpose**

The Clinical/Nursing Division proposes the addition of new fee-based services to address community needs and emerging public health priorities. Per Summit County Health Department policy and state statute, any changes to public fees must be approved by the Board of Health. This proposal outlines the recommended fees for the following services:

- Rapid lead testing
- Blood titers for measles/mumps/rubella (MMR)
- Combination STI test
- Vaccines for Adults (VFA) program

**Background**

As of January 2024, the Clinical/Nursing division of the Summit County Health Department has provided a range of diagnostic and screening services using a cost-recovery model that includes the lab test cost, plus an additional fee to cover supplies, equipment wear, and software licensing (Nightingale Notes). These fees follow an established structure:

- **\$5 fee** for rapid and non-invasive tests
- **\$10 fee** for tests requiring a venipuncture or blood draw

In addition, the department administers immunization programs such as the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program, which operates on a sliding fee scale ranging from \$15 to \$0 based on ability to pay. Historically, the adult equivalent program—Vaccines for Adults (VFA)—has been offered at no charge. To align these programs and ensure sustainability, we propose implementing the same sliding fee scale for the VFA program.

### Proposed Changes to Services and Fees

<u>Proposed New Services</u>	<u>Proposed Fee</u>	<u>Total Cost to Client</u>
Rapid Lead Test (capillary)		\$13.00
STI Combo (Chlamydia/Gonorrhea/Trichomonas)	\$10 + cost of test for blood draws; \$5 + cost of test for rapid/non-invasive tests	\$64.00
Measles Titer (IgG)		\$31.00
Mumps Titer (IgG)		\$31.00
Rubella Titer (IgG)		\$30.00
MMR Panel (Measles/Mumps/Rubella)		\$72.00
Vaccines for Adults (VFA)	\$0-\$15	\$0-\$15

**Note:** These services are **cash-only** and not billable to insurance. Immunizations remain the only service covered by third-party payers.

#### Justification

- **Rapid Lead Test:** Enabled through the recent acquisition of a lead testing machine, this service allows for timely detection of lead exposure in children and at-risk populations.
- **MMR Titers:** The national resurgence of measles has increased demand for immune status confirmation among residents, travelers, and local employers. These titers allow for individual testing or full-panel screening.
- **STI Combo Test:** Based on client feedback and national testing recommendations, we are introducing a bundled screening option for chlamydia, gonorrhea, and trichomonas to promote early detection and treatment of common STIs.
- **Vaccines for Adults (VFA):** Aligning the VFA program fee structure with the established VFC sliding scale improves equity, ensures consistency across programs, and supports the department's cost-recovery goals.

#### Requested Action

Approval of the proposed fee structure for the new Clinical/Nursing Division services as outlined above, to take effect **after 30 day public comment period, and upon approval of the board.**

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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