

**144.123 FEES FOR DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORY SERVICES; EXCEPTIONS.**

Subdivision 1. **Who must pay.** Except for the limitation contained in this section, the commissioner of health shall charge a handling fee for each specimen submitted to the Department of Health for analysis for diagnostic purposes by any hospital, private laboratory, private clinic, or physician. No fee shall be charged to any entity which receives direct or indirect financial assistance from state or federal funds administered by the Department of Health, including any public health department, nonprofit community clinic, sexually transmitted disease clinic, or similar entity. No fee will be charged for any biological materials submitted to the Department of Health as a requirement of Minnesota Rules, part 4605.7040, or for those biological materials requested by the department to gather information for disease prevention or control purposes. The commissioner of health may establish other exceptions to the handling fee as may be necessary to protect the public's health. All fees collected pursuant to this section shall be deposited in the state treasury and credited to the state government special revenue fund.

Subd. 2. **Fee amounts.** The commissioner of health shall charge a handling fee prescribed in subdivision 1. The fee shall approximate the costs to the department of handling specimens including reporting, postage, specimen kit preparation, and overhead costs. The fee prescribed in subdivision 1 shall be \$25 per specimen.

**History:** 1979 c 49 s 1; 1982 c 424 s 130; 1987 c 403 art 2 s 8; 1992 c 513 art 6 s 2; 1Sp1993 c 1 art 9 s 19; 2007 c 147 art 16 s 6