

ALLEGHENY COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Rules and Regulations

ARTICLE XIX. MEDICAL SERVICES FEES

1901 PURPOSE AND POLICY

It is the policy of the Allegheny County Health Department that individuals seeking medical services from the Department shall not be denied such health services because of inability to pay. However, where a charge can be made, it is the policy of the Department to bill the individual and/or appropriate third party.

1902 DETERMINATION OF CHARGES

- a) All recipients of services provided by the Allegheny County Health Department shall be charged, where applicable, a fee in accordance with the provision established under Section 1906 and the schedule of fees and charges for personal health services.
- b) Charges for personal health services shall not be more than, but may be less than, the cost of providing these services.
- c) Separate fees shall be charged for x-rays and other diagnostic tests.

1903 BILLINGS FOR ESTABLISHED SERVICE CHARGES

- a) All persons shall be responsible for the cost of the services received except patients whose cost of medical care is the responsibility of a third party payor.
- b) Charges for services shall be billed directly to the third party payor or the private payor, as appropriate, but not both, and payment made by third party payor will be accepted as payment in full.

1904 ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITY

The Director of the Allegheny County Health Department shall be responsible for the determination of charges and the administration of the Charge Policy established by the Board of Health of the Allegheny County Health Department under this Regulation.

1905 REVIEW BY THE BOARD OF HEALTH

The Director shall annually provide the Board of Health a current schedule of Medical Service fees.

1906 SCHEDULE OF FEES AND CHARGES FOR PERSONAL HEALTH SERVICES

The following personal health services provided by the Department shall be charged at a rate not to exceed the Allegheny County Health Department's cost of delivery of such health service:

- a) Medical Clinic Visits
- b) Diagnostic/Screening Tests and X-rays
- c) Dental Services
- d) Immunizations, Biologicals and Related Pharmaceuticals
- e) Pharmacy Charges

1907 Where Allegheny County Health Department is prohibited by statute, regulation, contract, or grant specifications from collection of medical service fees specified herein, it shall not collect such fees.