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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: District Offices  
FROM: M. Rony Francois, MD, MSPH, PhD  
RE: GPHL New Fees

**Georgia Public Health Lab New Fees**

Effective April 1, 2010, the Georgia Department of Community Health (DCH), Division of Public Health (DPH) is increasing fees for screening tests, conducted by the Georgia Public Health Lab (GPHL). In an effort to address the economic shortfall in state revenue and to support DPH’s FY2010 budget, DPH has proposed to increase lab fees for specific tests (see below). The increased revenue from the new lab fees will be directed to the State Treasury. Based on DCH’s recommendation to Georgia legislators, these new lab fees will help to maintain the current FY2010 budget for GPHL and to ensure that it can continue to provide critical lab screening tests for the citizens of Georgia.

The Georgia Public Health Laboratory new fees are as follows:

Lab Test:	Current Fee:	New Fee:
Routine HIV Screening Test	\$0.00	\$10.00
Routine Syphilis Screening Test	\$0.00	\$10.00
Hepatitis C	\$0.00	\$10.00
Lead Blood Test	\$0.00	\$10.00
Well Water Testing	\$0.00	\$30.00

Districts and counties may obtain these lab tests locally if they choose to do so.

Each public health district may charge for these lab fees based on a sliding scale up to \$10.00.

Exception: The Well Water testing is \$30.00 and is not adjustable.

Retests are subject to the new fees, unless the error in testing is made by the GPHL.

Should you have any questions regarding the new lab fees and/or screening tests, please contact Dr. Elizabeth Franko, PH Clinical Laboratory Director, at (404-327-7900) or [efranko@dhr.state.ga.us](mailto:efranko@dhr.state.ga.us).