

No. 22-25-OR

AN ORDINANCE

An Ordinance of the Council of the County of Allegheny ratifying revisions to of the Allegheny County Health Department Rules and Regulation, Article XIX, "Medical Services Fees."

Whereas, Allegheny County, pursuant to the Pennsylvania Local Health Administration Law, 16 P.S. §§ 12001 – 12028, created the Allegheny County Health Department, and the Allegheny County Board of Health; and

Whereas, Section 12011 of the Local Health Administration Law provides for the Board of Health to adopt regulations and submit such regulations to Allegheny County for approval or rejection; and

Whereas, on March 19, 2025, during its regularly scheduled public meeting, the Allegheny County Board of Health adopted by affirmative vote the attached revisions to the Allegheny County Health Department Rules and Regulation, Article XIX, "Medical Services Fees," and

Whereas, it is the desire of Council to ratify the revise Allegheny County Health Department regulations as approved by the Board of Health.

The Council of the County of Allegheny hereby resolves as follows:

SECTION 1. **Incorporation of Preamble.**

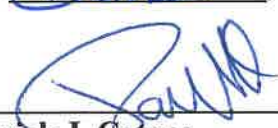
The provisions set forth in the preamble to this Ordinance are incorporated by reference in their entirety herein.

SECTION 2. **Ratification of Regulations.**

Acting pursuant to the Pennsylvania Local Health Administration Law and the Allegheny County Home Rule Charter, County Council hereby ratifies the revisions of the Allegheny County Health Department Rules and Regulations, Article XIX, "Medical Services Fees", attached hereto as Exhibit "A."

Enacted in Council, this 21st day of October, 2025.

Council Agenda No. 13494-25.


Patrick J. Catena
President of Council

Attest:


Jared Barker
Chief Clerk of Council

Chief Executive Office November 5, 2025.

Approved:


Sara Innamorato
Chief Executive

Attest:


Grant Gittlen
Chief of Staff

I hereby certify that Bill No. 13494-25 was passed for Executive signature by Council on October 21, 2025 and delivered to the Office of the County Manager on October 22, 2025. Because 13494-25 was not returned with the Chief Executive's signature until November 5, 2025, it is deemed enacted by operation of law as of October 29, 2025, in accordance with the provisions of Article IV, §5(i) of the Home Rule Charter of Allegheny County.


Jared E. Barker, Chief Clerk
Allegheny County Council

Exhibit "A"

PROPOSED REVISION

Allegheny County Health Department Rules and Regulations Article XIX, Medical Services Fees

LEGEND:

Deletions are shown with ~~strikethroughs~~.

Additions are shown in **larger font, bolded and underlined**.

Definitions is a new addition with this revision and is accordingly represented in larger bold and underlined text.

ALLEGHENY COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENTS 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.

Billing for public health services of insured individuals helps cover the cost for medical services, assure proper stewardship of public funds, and promote public and private payer participation in financing ACHD's public health programs.

1902 DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this Article the following terms/words mean the following:

- a) **Sexually Transmitted Infections/HIV Services shall include the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of Sexual Transmitted Infections (STI) and HIV.**
- b) **Tuberculosis Treatment shall include the confirmation and treatment of latent and active tuberculosis, direct observed therapy and screening for contacts to active tuberculosis.**
- c) **Pediatric Dental Services shall include prevention and treatment related to oral health.**
- d) **Routine Vaccines shall include vaccinations recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices with**

1905 ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITY

The Director of the Allegheny County Health Department, or their designee, shall be responsible for the determination of charges and the administration of the Change Policy established by the Board of Health of the Allegheny County Health Department under this regulation.

1906 REVIEW BY THE BOARD OF HEALTH

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

1907 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~~ Medications

Current Fee Schedule will be updated and can be found online.

1908 Where Allegheny County Health Department is prohibited by statute, regulations, contract, or grant specifications from collection of medical service fees specified herein, it shall not collect such fees.

**Proposed Revisions of the Allegheny County Health Department
Rules and Regulations, Article XIX, Medical Services Fee**

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

Pursuant to the authority granted to it under the Pennsylvania Local Health Administration Law, Sections 12010(f) and 12011(c), on March 19, 2025, the Allegheny County Board of Health approved revisions to the Allegheny County Health Department (“ACHD”) Rule and Regulation Article XIX, “Medical Services Fee.” The motion to approve passed without opposing vote. The approval was preceded by a 30-day public comment period, including a public hearing scheduled for January 22, 2025 – but cancelled due to a lack of registered commenters.

The Department received no comments nor public testimony pertaining to the proposed changes.

The notable changes to Article XIX are as follows:

The changes to Article XIX afford ACHD to bill for Clinical Services in new and varying ways. Specifically, ACHD will be able to begin billing third parties for:

- Tuberculosis treatment
- STI/HIV Services

The changes to Article XIX will also ensure ongoing access to STI/HIV screening and treatment without barriers that complies with state laws, payment will not be charged to third parties for:

- STI/HIV services for patients under 18 years old
- STI/HIV services for patients who opt out of third-party billing
- Pregnancy services for patients under 18 years old

Moreover, modifications to the Article XIX language clarifies ACHD ability to continue:

- Directly bill patients for:
 - PPDs (tuberculosis skin test), travel vaccines, and antibody titers testing
- Bill third parties for routine vaccines and pediatric dental care

MEMORANDUM

OFFICE OF THE ALLEGHENY COUNTY EXECUTIVE

TO: Jared Barker
Chief Clerk and Director of Legislative Services
Allegheny County Council

FROM: Ernest Rajakone
Deputy Chief of Staff, Intergovernmental Affairs
Office of Allegheny County Chief Executive Sara Innamorato

CC: John Fournier
County Manager

DATE: April 3, 2025

RE: **Allegheny County Health Department Rules and Regulations**
Article XIX, Medical Services Fees

Please find attached an Ordinance of the Council of the County of Allegheny ratifying revisions to of the Allegheny County Health Department Rules and Regulation, Article XIX, "Medical Services Fees."

1. Allegheny County Health Department Rules and Regulations Article XIX, Medical Services Fee Ordinance Legislative Summary
2. Allegheny County Health Department Rules and Regulations Article XIX, Medical Service Fees Ordinance
3. Allegheny County Health Department Rules and Regulations Article XIX, Medical Services Fees Ordinance – Exhibit A

The Allegheny County Law Department has reviewed the Ordinance prior to submission to the Council.

On behalf of Allegheny County Chief Executive Sara Innamorato, I am requesting this Ordinance be included on the agenda for introduction at the Regular Meeting of County Council on April 8, 2025.