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DEPARTMENT OF LIVESTOCK

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

MAR NOTICE NO. 2025-330.1

Summary

Amendment of ARM 32.2.403 pertaining to veterinary diagnostic laboratory fees

No Hearing Scheduled

If the agency receives requests for a public hearing on the proposed rulemaking from either 10 percent or 25, whichever is less, of the persons directly affected by the proposed rulemaking; from the appropriate administrative rule review committee of the Legislature; from a governmental subdivision or agency; or from an association having not less than 25 members who will be directly affected, a hearing will be held at a later date. Notice of the hearing will be published in the Montana Administrative Register.

The estimated number of persons directly affected by the proposed rulemaking is 850.

Comments

Concerned persons may submit their data, views, or arguments concerning the proposed action in writing to the contact information listed below. If persons who are directly affected by the proposed action wish to express their data, views, or arguments orally or in writing at a public hearing, they must make written request for a hearing in writing to the contact information listed below. Comments must be received by Monday, October 27, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.

Accommodations

The agency will make reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities who wish to participate in this rulemaking process or need an alternative accessible format of this notice. Requests must be made by Monday, October 6, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.

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General Reasonable Necessity Statement

The department proposes to increase the test fees charged by its Montana Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory (MVDL) by applying a 3% inflationary increase. This increase will help cover the cost of testing supplies, consumables, and other provided services related to testing. Additionally, certain fee increases are proposed to increase based on cost/market analysis (fecal flotation, cytology, select pathology, chronic wasting disease ELISA, ground shipping, and blood tube mailers) to bring MVDL's fees more in line with market prices.

The department also proposes to add new approved tests—fecal flotation (quantitative) and three equine herpesvirus PCRs—to better serve its customers and the Montana veterinary community. African swine fever is proposed to be added to the rule because MVDL is contractually obligated by the United States Department of Agriculture to provide this test if requested. Carcass incineration costs are being amended to reflect a minimum and maximum charge in addition to the by-weight charge to ensure that MVDL does not lose money on disposal of small carcasses and to ensure that owners of abnormally large carcasses do not pay more than necessary upon disposal.

Finally, the department proposes stylistic changes to the rule to make it easier for readers to find the desired test. These stylistic changes include alphabetizing the tests, amending test names to better match the names listed on MVDL's submission guide, italicizing scientific names, capitalizing first letters and genus names, and adjusting table margins for cleaner lines and consistency.

Rulemaking Actions

AMEND

The rule proposed to be amended is as follows, stricken matter interlined, new matter underlined:

32.2.403 DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORY FEES

- (1) Services available through the Montana Department of Livestock Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory (MVDL) are listed in the chart in (3), entitled MVDL Services and Fees.
 - (a) Mailing costs:
 - (i) all submissions must have shipping cost or postage prepaid;
 - (ii) "collect on delivery" shipments are not accepted;
 - (iii) any mailing costs incurred by the laboratory will be billed to the submitter.
 - (b) Delinquent accounts:
 - (i) A 1.5 percent monthly interest rate will be charged on accounts over 30 days.
 - (ii) Laboratory results on any account 90 days delinquent will be withheld until the entire payment is received.
 - (c) A 50 percent surcharge will be assessed when expedited processing is requested on a case.
- (2) An accession is defined as an MVDL case number assigned to specimens from animals that are submitted by a veterinarian, owner, or other agent to the laboratory for diagnostic or surveillance testing.
 - (a) A fee of \$5.00 will be assessed for each accession except those that are exempted. Exempted accessions are Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) tests.
- (3) MVDL services and fees:
 - (a) Clinical Microbiology/Bacteriology:

Test	Fee
A aerobic culture	\$30.00 30.90
A aerobic culture - additional isolate	\$15.00 15.45
A anaerobic culture	\$35.00 36.00
A anaerobic culture - additional isolate	\$22.00 22.65
A antibiotic susceptibility testingsensitivity - additional	\$15.45 15.90

drugs (per isolate, per drug)	
Antimicrobial susceptibility testing MIC	\$25.75
Bovine <i>Tritrichomonas foetus</i> culture	\$7.40
<i>Brucella</i> culture	\$20.6021.20
<i>Campylobacter</i> culture	\$16.5017.00
Canine diarrhea diagnostic panel	\$113.00
Dermatophyte culture	\$30.9031.80
Direct microscopy/gram stain/acid fast stain	\$10.3010.60
Fecal occult blood	\$11.3011.65
Feline diarrhea diagnostic panel	\$144.00
Feline <i>Tritrichomonas foetus</i> culture	\$9.30
Fungal culture	\$30.9031.80
<i>Giardia</i> SNAP	\$19.10
<i>Listeria</i> culture	\$24.7025.45
<i>Mycoplasma</i> culture	\$20.6021.20
<i>Salmonella</i> culture	\$20.6021.20
<i>Salmonella enteritidis</i> , <i>Salmonella pullorum</i> , or <i>Salmonella gallinarum</i> confirmatory culture	\$28.8529.70
bovine tritrichomonas foetus culture	\$7.20
feline tritrichomonas foetus culture	\$9.00
giardia antigen SNAP test	\$18.55
feline diarrhea diagnostic panel	\$140.00
canine diarrhea diagnostic panel	\$110.00
Antimicrobial susceptibility testing MIC	\$25.00

(b) Clinical Microbiology/Parasitology

Test	Fee
<i>Cryptosporidium</i> exam	\$10.3010.60
<i>Dirofilaria immitis</i> (canine heartworm) ELISA	\$12.3512.70
<i>Dirofilaria immitis</i> (canine heartworm) microfilaria filtration	\$12.3512.70
Fecal flotation	\$15.4518.00
Fecal flotation (quantitative)	\$23.00
<i>Giardia</i> ELISA	\$35.0036.00
Liver fluke sedimentation	\$31.80
Parasite or arthropod identification	\$28.8529.70
liver fluke sedimentation	\$30.90
<i>Trichinella</i> —pepsin degradation	\$86.5089.00

(c) Clinical Pathology

Test	Fee
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<u>Biochemistry panels:</u>	
<u>Canine endocrine panel</u>	\$29.70
<u>Electrolyte panel</u>	\$13.80
<u>Expanded electrolyte panel</u>	\$19.10
<u>Feline geriatric panel</u>	\$19.10
<u>Large animal panel</u>	\$31.80
<u>Small animal hepatic panel</u>	\$25.45
<u>Small animal panel</u>	\$31.80
<u>Small animal renal panel</u>	\$25.45
<u>Clinical profiles:</u>	
<u>Equine fitness profile</u>	\$42.45
<u>Feline profile</u>	\$84.90
<u>Large animal clinic profile</u>	\$48.80
<u>Large animal health screen</u>	\$63.65
<u>Small animal clinical profile</u>	\$45.60
<u>Small animal health screen</u>	\$61.50
<u>Small animal pre-anesthetic profile</u>	\$31.80
<u>small animal health-screen</u>	\$59.75
<u>large animal health-screen</u>	\$61.80
<u>small animal clinical profile</u>	\$44.30
<u>large animal clinical profile</u>	\$47.40
<u>small animal pre-anesthetic profile</u>	\$30.90
<u>feline profile</u>	\$82.40
<u>equine fitness profile</u>	\$41.20
<u>Endocrinology:</u>	
<u>ACTH stimulation</u>	\$37.10
<u>Canine thyroid panel</u>	\$37.10
<u>Canine total T4</u>	\$12.75
<u>Canine TSH</u>	\$12.75
<u>Cortisol - canine, feline, equine</u>	\$19.00
<u>Cortisol - pre & post</u>	\$37.10
<u>Dexamethasone suppression - pre & post</u>	\$53.00
<u>Feline thyroid panel</u>	\$31.80
<u>Free T4 - canine & feline</u>	\$12.75
<u>Total T3</u>	\$12.75
<u>Total T4</u>	\$12.75
<u>canine thyroid panel</u>	\$36.05
<u>thyroid panel—feline</u>	\$30.90
<u>canine total T4</u>	\$12.35
<u>total T4</u>	\$12.35
<u>canine TSH</u>	\$12.35
<u>free T4 — canine & feline</u>	\$12.35

total T3	\$12.35
cortisol: canine, feline, equine	\$18.55
ACTH stimulation	\$36.05
cortisol: pre & post	\$36.05
dexamethasone suppression: pre & post	\$51.50
Biochemistry panels:	-
small animal panel	\$30.90
large animal panel	\$30.90
small animal hepatic panel	\$24.70
small animal renal panel	\$24.70
canine endocrine panel	\$28.85
feline geriatric panel	\$18.55
electrolyte panel	\$13.40
expanded electrolyte panel	\$18.55
Other serum chemistry:	-
bile acids: canine, feline, equine	\$30.90
bile acids: pre & post	\$43.25
Hematology:	
<u>Feline anemia panel</u>	\$50.90
<u>Fibrinogen</u>	\$8.25
<u>Hemotropic parasite screen</u>	\$6.40
<u>Large animal CBC - with differential</u>	\$22.65
<u>Large animal CBC - without differential</u>	\$15.45
<u>Reticulocyte count</u>	\$10.30
<u>Small animal CBC - with differential</u>	\$22.65
<u>Small animal CBC - without differential</u>	\$15.45
<u>small animal CBC/differential</u>	\$22.00
<u>large animal CBC/differential</u>	\$22.00
<u>small animal CBC/without differential</u>	\$15.00
<u>large animal CBC/without differential</u>	\$15.00
<u>reticulocyte count</u>	\$10.00
<u>feline anemia panel</u>	\$49.45
<u>fibrinogen</u>	\$8.00
<u>hemotropic parasite screen</u>	\$6.20
urinalysis	\$18.00
Miscellaneous clinical pathology tests:	
<u>Blood cross match</u>	\$18.5519.10
<u>Buffy coat exam</u>	\$32.9533.95
<u>Canine direct Coombs</u>	\$32.9533.95
<u>IgG RID - bovine & equine</u>	\$19.10
<u>Individual coagulation test - PT & APTT only</u>	\$24.7025.45
<u>IgG RID — bovine & equine</u>	\$18.55

<u>O</u> cular nitrate	\$16.50 17.00
<u>Phenobarbital</u>	\$29.70
PLI: <u>- canine, feline</u>	\$28.85 29.70
phenobarbital	\$28.85
Individual biochemical tests (each)	\$3.00
<u>Other serum chemistry:</u>	
<u>Bile acids - canine, feline, equine</u>	\$31.80
<u>Bile acids - pre & post</u>	\$44.55
<u>Urinalysis</u>	\$18.50

(d) Cytology

Test	Fee
CSF analysis: <u>- SG, microprotein, cytospin, cytology</u>	\$61.80 65.00
<u>F</u> luid analysis: <u>- total cell count, TP, SG, cytology</u>	\$55.00 60.00
FNA: <u>- imprint, smear, stained, or unstained</u>	\$50.00 55.00

(e) Histopathology/Immunohistochemistry

Test	Fee
<u>B</u> iopsy per site (includes special stains, as needed)	\$60.00 65.00
mail-in necropsy (includes special stains, as needed)	\$60.00
<u>D</u> ecalcification/keratin treatment	\$11.30 12.00
<u>D</u> uplicate/research/other slide processing (H&E)	\$9.00 per slide
<u>I</u> mmunohistochemistry (IHC)	\$38.00
<u>M</u> argin inking/evaluation	\$10.30 10.50
<u>N</u> ecropsy mail-in (includes special stains, as needed)	\$65.00
<u>i</u> mmunohistochemistry (IHC)	\$35.00
<u>S</u> pecial stains (<u>- additional request</u>)	\$10.30 10.50
<u>D</u> uplicate/research/other slide processing (H&E)	\$8.00 per slide

(f) Milk Testing

Test	Fee
<u>A</u> dded water	\$5.15 5.35
<u>A</u> lkaline phosphatase	\$8.50
<u>A</u> ntibiotic residue	\$25.75 26.60
<u>B</u> rucella ring	\$8.25 8.50
<u>C</u> oliform plate count	\$25.00 25.80
<u>C</u> omponent electronic	\$10.00 10.30
<u>C</u> omponent manual <u>G</u> erber butterfat	\$5.15 5.40
<u>C</u> omponent manual <u>M</u> ajonnier butterfat	\$15.45 16.00

p hosphatase	\$8.25
S somatic cell count:	\$10.00 10.30
S tandard/aerobic plate count	\$25.00 25.80
Y east & mold	\$8.25 8.50

(g) Molecular Diagnostics (PCR)

Test	Fee
A avian influenza (AI)	\$41.20 42.45
Bovine coronavirus/rotavirus multiplex <u>PCR</u>	\$46.35 47.75
<u>Bovine respiratory disease viral PCR panel</u>	\$53.00
B ovine viral diarrhea virus (BVDV):	
<u>i</u> ndividual samples (ear notch samples)	\$41.20 42.45
MVDL pooled (ear notch samples)	\$66.95 69.00
E. coli – K99	\$41.20
b ovine respiratory disease viral PCR panel	\$51.50
Classical Swine Fever, <u>African Swine Fever</u> , Foot & Mouth Disease, Vesicular Stomatitis Virus, Swine Influenza Virus, or Avian Paramyxovirus PCR	\$41.20 42.45 each
<u>Clostridium perfringens</u> typing PCR	\$42.45
<u>Coxiella</u> and <u>Chlamydophila</u> PCR	\$38.20
<u>Equine herpes virus 1</u> PCR	\$42.45
<u>Equine herpes virus 4</u> PCR	\$42.45
<u>Equine herpes virus 1 & 4</u> PCR	\$47.75
<u>Escherichia coli</u> - K99	\$42.45
M ycobacterium avium paratuberculosis (Johne's):	
<u>i</u> ndividual sample	\$37.10 38.20
MVDL pooled (up to 5 feces samples)	\$43.25 44.55
<u>Mycoplasma bovis</u> PCR	\$38.20
<u>Rabbit hemorrhagic disease virus (RHDV)</u> PCR	\$42.45
<u>Salmonella enteritidis</u> PCR	\$37.10 38.20
T ritrichomonas foetus:	
<u>i</u> ndividual sample	\$30.90 31.80
MVDL pooled (up to 5 samples)	\$56.65 58.35
coxiella and chlamydophila PCR	\$37.10
mycoplasma bovis PCR	\$37.10
rabbit hemorrhagic disease virus (RHDV) PCR	\$41.20
clostridium perfringens typing PCR	\$41.20

(h) Pathology

Test	Fee
<u>A</u> abortion workup, livestock	\$85.00 90.00

After hours carcass receiving	\$50.00
Animal remains return/transfer	\$25.00
neonatal diarrhea workup – livestock	\$140.00
Carcass disposal - incineration (livestock)(per lb) (min: \$10, max: \$400)	\$0.50
Carcass disposal - incineration (other species)(per lb) (min: \$10, max: \$400)	\$1.00
Animal remains return/transfer	\$25.00
Pathologist time (after hours/insurance/legal cases)	\$200.00/hour
after hours carcass receiving	\$50.00
Necropsy - livestock	\$125.00
Necropsy - other species	\$155.00
Neonatal diarrhea workup - livestock	\$150.00
Pathologist time (after hours/insurance/legal cases)	\$200.00/hour
Spinal cord removal (in addition to necropsy fee):	
Large animal	\$125.00
Small animal	\$75.00
large animal	\$125.00

(i) Rabies

Test	Fee
small animal	\$36.00
Livestock (with histopathology)	\$67.00
Small animal	\$36.00

(j) Serology

Test	Fee
Anaplasmosis cELISA	\$10.3010.60
Avian influenza (AI) AGID	\$8.258.50
Bluetongue cELISA	\$10.3010.60
Bovine leukemia virus (BLV) AGID	\$10.60
Bovine leukemia virus (BLV) ELISA	\$8.258.50
bovine leukemia virus (BLV) AGID	\$10.30
Bovine respiratory syncytial virus (BRSV) –SN	\$10.3010.60
Bovine viral diarrhea virus (BVDV) type I, II - SN	\$18.5519.10
Bovine viral diarrhea virus (BVDV) ELISA	\$6.206.40
<i>Brucella abortus/suis</i> :	
Card, BAPA, or RAP	\$2.50
FPA	\$3.50
Rivanol, SPT, CF, STT	\$3.50
<i>Brucella ovis/canis</i> ELISA	\$9.259.50

<u>C</u> eaprine arthritis encephalitis (CAE)/ovine progressive pneumonia (OPP) cELISA	\$9.25 <u>9.50</u>
<u>E</u> epizootic hemorrhagic disease <u>v</u> irus (EHDV) –AGID	\$13.40 <u>13.80</u>
<u>E</u> pizootic hemorrhagic disease virus (EHDV) ELISA	\$13.40
<u>E</u> quine infectious anemia (EIA) AGID individual sample	\$10.30 <u>10.60</u>
<u>E</u> quine infectious anemia (EIA) cELISA individual sample	\$14.40 <u>14.80</u>
EIA Global Vet Link surcharge (per animal)	\$2.00
<u>I</u> nfectious bovine rhinotracheitis (IBR)–_SN	\$9.25 <u>9.50</u>
<u>L</u> eptospiriosis MAT:	-
(routine) <i>L. canicola</i> , <i>L. grippo</i> , <i>L. hardjo</i> , <i>L. ictero</i> , <i>L. pomona</i>	\$15.45 <u>15.90</u>
(routine) + <i>L. autumnalis</i> ; & <i>L. bratislava</i>	\$3.00/serovar <u>\$22.10</u>
Per serovar	\$3.00
<u>M</u> ycobacterium <u>a</u> vium paratuberculosis (PTB) <u>J</u> ohne's ELISA	\$9.25 <u>9.50</u>
<u>P</u> arainfluenza virus type 3 (PI3) –HAI	\$7.20 <u>7.40</u>
<u>P</u> seudorabies –gB ELISA	\$7.75 <u>8.00</u>
<u>S</u> almonella pullorum/gallinarum MAT	\$6.70 <u>6.90</u>
<u>V</u> esicular stomatitis <u>v</u> irus (VSV):	
CF	\$56.65 <u>58.35</u>
NJ & Ind –SN	\$18.50 <u>19.00</u>
<u>W</u> est Nile virus IgM ELISA	\$26.75 <u>27.50</u>
epizootic hemorrhagic disease virus ELISA	\$13.00

(k) Serology - Small Animal

Test	Fee
<u>B</u> rucella canis - RSAT screen, 2ME-TAT confirmation	\$26.75 <u>27.50</u>
<u>F</u> eline infectious peritonitis (FIP)/ <u>f</u> eline enteric coronavirus (FCoV) ELISA	\$36.00 <u>37.00</u>
<u>F</u> eline leukemia virus (FeLV) SNAP	\$24.45 <u>25.50</u>
<u>F</u> eline leukemia/feline immunodeficiency virus/heartworm SNAP	\$32.95 <u>34.00</u>

(l) Virology

Test	Fee
<u>B</u> ovine viral diarrhea virus (BVDV) SNAP	\$7.40
<u>B</u> rucella canis IFA	\$25.75
<u>C</u> anine distemper virus ELISA	\$12.35
<u>C</u> anine parvovirus SNAP	\$30.90 <u>31.80</u>
<u>C</u> anine tick-borne disease antibody screen (4 tests)	\$82.40

<u>Anaplasma phagocytophilum</u> (canine anaplasmosis) IFA	\$27.80
<u>Borrelia burgdorferi</u> (Lyme disease) IFA	\$27.80
<u>Ehrlichia canis</u> (canine ehrlichiosis) IFA	\$27.80
<u>Rickettsia rickettsii</u> (rocky mountain spotted fever) IFA	\$27.80
Chronic wasting disease ELISA	\$17.00
Chronic wasting disease IHC	\$36.00
<u>Coxiella burnetii</u> (Q fever) ELISA	\$13.80
Equine abortion serology panel	\$46.35
Equine rhinopneumonitis (equine herpesvirus) SN	\$16.50
Equine tick-borne disease antibody screen (2 tests)	\$51.50
<u>Anaplasma phagocytophilum</u> (equine ehrlichiosis) IFA	\$27.80
<u>Borrelia burgdorferi</u> (Lyme disease) IFA	\$27.80
Equine viral arteritis (EVA) SN	\$17.00
Ffluorescent antibody (FA) testing - per agent:	
Bbovine coronavirus (BCV)	\$11.3011.65
Bbovine respiratory syncytial virus (BRSV) SN	\$11.3011.65
Bbovine viral diarrhea virus (BVDV)	\$11.3011.65
Ccanine distemper (CDV)	\$11.3011.65
Ccanine parvovirus (CPV)	\$11.3011.65
Eequine herpesvirus (EHV)	\$11.3011.65
Ffeline panleukopenia (FPLV)	\$11.3011.65
Ffeline infectious peritonitis (FIP)/feline enteric coronavirus (FCoV)	\$11.3011.65
Ffeline herpes virus (FHV)	\$11.3011.65
Iinfectious bovine rhinotracheitis (IBR)	\$11.3011.65
Lleptospira interrogans	\$11.3011.65
Miscellaneous	\$11.65
Pparainfluenza —virus type 3-Virus (PI-3)	\$11.3011.65
Pporcine parvovirus (PPV)	\$11.3011.65
<u>Neospora caninum</u> cELISA	\$8.00
Ovine abortion serology panel	\$51.50
chronic wasting disease IHC	\$35.00
chronic wasting disease ELISA	\$15.00
virus isolation (livestock only)	\$35.00
bovine viral diarrhea virus (BVDV) antigen SNAP test	\$7.20
equine virus arteritis (EVA) virus neutralization test	\$16.50
Parainfluenza virus type 3 (PI3) SN	\$7.40
Ppregnancy test	\$4.604.75
Pregnancy ELISA	\$6.00

<u>Ruminant abortion serology panel</u>	\$51.50
<u>Small animal pregnancy test</u>	\$25.75
<u>coxiella burnetii (Q fever) ELISA</u>	\$13.40
<u>parainfluenza virus type 3 serum neutralization (PI-3)</u>	\$7.20
<u>canine distemper virus ELISA</u>	\$12.00
<u>Toxoplasmosis IgG ELISA</u>	\$14.50
<u>Virus isolation (livestock only)</u>	\$36.00
<u>equine rhinopneumonitis (equine herpesvirus) serum neutralization test</u>	\$16.00
<u>ruminant abortion serology panel</u>	\$50.00
<u>equine abortion serology panel</u>	\$45.00
<u>ovine abortion serology panel</u>	\$50.00
<u>brucella canis IFA</u>	\$25.00
<u>canine tick borne disease antibody screen (4 tests)</u>	\$80.00
<u>ehrlichia canis (canine ehrlichiosis) IFA</u>	\$27.00
<u>anaplasma phagocytophilum (canine anaplasmosis) IFA</u>	\$27.00
<u>borrelia burgdorferi (Lyme disease) IFA</u>	\$27.00
<u>rickettsia rickettsii (rocky mountain spotted fever) IFA</u>	\$27.00
<u>equine tick borne disease antibody screen (2 tests)</u>	\$50.00
<u>anaplasma phagocytophilum (equine ehrlichiosis) IFA</u>	\$27.00
<u>borrelia burgdorferi (Lyme disease) IFA</u>	\$27.00

(m) Miscellaneous Tests/Fees

Test	Fee
<u>After hours reporting fee</u>	\$20.00
<u>Blood tube mailers (small) (5 tubes)</u>	\$2.50
<u>Blood tube mailers (medium) (4 tubes + slides)</u>	\$5.00
<u>Blood tube mailers (large) (8 tubes + slides)</u>	\$7.50
<u>Blood tube mailers (40 tubes)</u>	\$2.00
<u>Blood tube mailers (100 tubes)</u>	\$3.00
<u>Campylobacter tube</u>	\$2.00
<u>Cleaning/decontamination</u>	\$2.00
<u>Client requested corrected report fee</u>	\$10.00
<u>Duplicate test result reporting (hard copy)</u>	\$4.00
<u>Formalin jar (small)</u>	\$2.50
<u>Formalin jar (large)</u>	\$3.50
<u>organization fee</u>	\$75.00/hour

after hours reporting fee	\$20.00
shipping and handling (referrals)	\$20.00
incoming ground shipping (web submissions)	\$8.00 10.00
incoming overnight shipping (web submissions)	\$18.00
client requested corrected report fee	\$10.00
neospora caninum cELISA	\$8.00
Organization fee	\$75.00/hour
pregnancy ELISA	\$6.00
kits (abortion, diarrhea, necropsy, biopsy)	\$5.00
Pads of forms	\$5.00
Rabies shippers	\$22.00
Shipping and handling (referrals)	\$20.00
Specimen collection/transport kits (abortion, diarrhea, necropsy, biopsy)	\$5.00
blood tube mailers (small) (5 tubes)	\$2.50
blood tube mailers (medium) (4 tubes + slides)	\$5.00
blood tube mailers (large) (8 tubes + slides)	\$7.50
40 tube blood mailers	\$2.00
100 tube blood mailers	\$2.00
Supply order handling fee	\$2.00
cleaning/decontamination	\$7.50
<i>Tritrichomonas</i> transfer pouches	\$7.50
campylobacter tube	\$2.00
formalin jar (small)	\$2.50
formalin jar (large)	\$3.50

Authorizing statute(s): 81-1-102, 81-2-102, MCA

Implementing statute(s): 81-1-301, 81-1-302, 81-2-102, MCA

Small Business Impact

Veterinarians and veterinary offices make up three-fourths of submitters to the MVDL. Veterinarians are thus the small business class most affected by the proposed rule change, and they will be required to pay higher fees upfront. These fees are usually passed along to the animal's owner, although collection and recoupment is a contract matter between the veterinarians and their clients. Documentation of the small business impact analysis is available upon request.

On average there are approximately 600 veterinary submitters, 150 private submitters, and 100 government entity submitters to the MVDL each year. Based on the average number of tests performed in fiscal years 2022, 2023, and 2024, the department estimates that the proposed fee increases will result in approximately \$67,000 in additional MVDL revenue each year. However, the volume of specific tests performed each year fluctuates significantly with the presence or absence of animal disease.

Bill Sponsor Notification

The bill sponsor contact requirements do not apply.

Interested Persons

The department maintains a list of interested persons who wish to receive notices of rulemaking actions proposed by this agency. Persons who wish to have their name added to the list shall make a written request that includes the name, email, and mailing address of the person to receive notices and specifies for which program the person wishes to receive notices. Notices will be sent by e-mail unless a mailing preference is noted in the request. Written requests may be mailed or delivered to the contact person listed in this notice or may be made by completing a request form at any rules hearing held by the agency.

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