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CHARGE POLICY FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

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OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA
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CITY OF PHILADELPHIA
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Regulations of the Board of Health of the City of Philadelphia
Governing the Charge Policy for the Department of Public Health

THE PHILADELPHIA HOME RULE CHARTER

ARTICLE V - EXECUTIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE
BRANCH - POWERS AND DUTIES.

CHAPTER 3 - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
AND ITS DEPARTMENTAL BOARDS.

Section 5-300 - Functions.

The Department of Public Health shall have the
power and its duty shall be to perform the
following functions:

(c) Health Facilities. The Department shall
establish, maintain, and operate health
centers, stations and clinics, laboratories
and other health facilities.

Section 5-301 - Board of Health.

(b) The Board of Health shall make reasonable
regulations, not contrary to any statute or
ordinance, for the preservation and promotion
of the health of the people of the City. Such
regulations shall be the regulations of the
Department of Public Health.

Pursuant to Sections 5-300 (c) and 5-301 (b) of the Home
Rule Charter, the following regulations are promulgated by
the Board of Health.

1. Policy Statement

It is the policy of the Philadelphia Board of Health that individuals seeking medical services in the Community Health Services facilities of the Philadelphia Department of Public Health should not be denied such health services because of inability to pay for such services, in whole or in part. However, where a charge can be made, it is also the policy of the Board to charge all recipients for such health services at reasonable rates. Where a third party is responsible for all or part of the services provided, the Department will charge the appropriate third party. There will be no difference in patient care based on source of payment for the care.

The Board of Health is adopting this charge policy to insure that all available health care monies, such as State and Federal resources, are obtained so the citizens of the City of Philadelphia can receive the maximum amount of health services. Otherwise, it would be unfair to City residents, whose State and Federal taxes are contributing to these financial resources, not to derive the full benefit of them.

2. Determination of Charges

- (a) All recipients of services provided by the Department shall be charged a uniform fee for such services, in accordance with [the provision established under Section 5 and] the schedule of fees and charges for personal health services which shall from time to time be proposed by the Health Commissioner to the Board of Health for its approval.
- (b) Charges for personal health services shall not be more than but may be less than the cost of providing these services. Such charges shall be related to the fee schedules of third party payors.
- (c) Separate fees shall be charged for diagnostic x-rays and laboratory analysis of diagnostic tests which may be provided as part of these services.

(d) Personal health services for which fees shall be charged will include, but will not be limited to the following categories of clinical services:

(1) Medical Clinic Visits

(2) Dental Care Services

(e) The Board of Health shall from time to time review the [schedules set forth herein] schedule of fees and charges and make such changes or additions as it may seem necessary or desirable.

3. Billings for Established Service Charges

(a) All persons shall be responsible for 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.

4. Administrative Responsibility

The Health Commissioner shall be responsible for the administration of the Charge Policy established by the Board of Health.

5. Review by the Board of Health

The Board of Health shall review periodically, but at least once yearly, the cost of the services being provided and the fee schedules of major third party payors. [and adopt a schedule of charges for all recipients.]

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PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF FEES & CHARGES
FOR PERSONAL HEALTH SERVICES

Pursuant to the provision under Section 5, the following
schedule of fees and charges for personal health services pro-
vided by the Health Department shall be effective immediately.

<u>Description</u>	<u>Per Visit Charge</u>
<u>Medical Clinic Visit</u>	<u>\$ 9.00</u>
<u>Laboratory Tests and X-Rays</u>	<u>Prevailing Rates</u>
<u>Dental Services:</u>	
<u>Comprehensive Examination</u> <u>and X-Rays</u>	<u>12.00</u>
<u>Prophylaxis (Cleaning)</u>	<u>4.00</u>
<u>Single Surface Restoration</u> <u>(Silver Filling)</u>	<u>5.00</u>
<u>Dual Surface Restoration</u> <u>(Silver Filling)</u>	<u>7.00</u>
<u>Three or More Surfaces Restoration</u> <u>(Silver Filling)</u>	<u>10.00</u>
<u>Simple Extraction</u>	<u>4.00</u>
<u>Fees for other dental services at prevailing rates.</u>	

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Underlining indicates new matter added
Brackets indicate matter deleted.