

Document #12

Regarding TB lab test charges and items discussed at the conference call for leadership.
Leadership IT/Nursing update on 9/15/08:

A. Effective October 1st counties can “ASK” LTBI clients to pay for the following lab tests done prior to starting INH, Rifampin:

Hepatic Function Panel Q10256 \$10

AST Q822 \$10

ALT Q823 \$10

Serum Creatinine Q375 \$10

CBC Diff/Plt Q6399 \$10

**required testing for LTBI clients 16 years and up starting INH, is an AST. (the Hepatic Function Panel gives you that and more)*

A CBC w/plts should be done if starting Rifampin, and serum creatinine if history of kidney disease.

If the client is unable to pay you cannot make them and create a barrier to service, but we can ask and prevent having to “eat” these costs that occur in the TB program.

We prefer that you **order Q10256 Hepatic Function Panel** when needing an AST/ALT for LTBI , as the cost of the profile is the same as the single test , therefore you get more information for the same cost.

This does not apply to TB cases, or suspects.

B. Also, all Quest labs that are done should be entered into VHN using the “Q number” of the code not the “name”. This will be the only option when we are on Central Server. You should not be using “LIV” when ordering a quest hepatic function panel in TB. These codes will be expired.

You will order Q10256 Hepatic Function Panel.

C. Do not do “Quick Entry”, for labs. Labs should be “Ordered” from the VHN side menu in the lab screen.

FP sliding med fees:

Title X requires we **slide fee’s** for contraceptive choices only.

All other meds given in FP can be charged for, and do not slide.

Following is a list of those meds:

You may charge \$10 for Miconazole, Flagyl, Doxycycline, Diflucan, Terazol, Azithromycin, Cipro, Rocephin, Bicillin