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LOCAL LAW 7 - 2018

A LOCAL LAW RELATING TO FEES COLLECTED BY THE ONONDAGA COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT FOR CERTAIN PERSONAL HEALTH SERVICES AND IMPLEMENTING A SLIDING SCALE PAYMENT PROGRAM

BE IT ENACTED BY THE ONONDAGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF ONONDAGA, NEW YORK, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Collection Authorized.

As provided within New York State Public Health Law, the County administers a health district, and the State provides aid to defray a portion of the costs incurred by the County. As a condition of receiving such aid, the County must periodically conduct a community health assessment and develop a plan to meet the community health needs. Since the creation of the County health district in the 1960s, the County has operated clinics and provided personal health services to complement services provided within the community, seeking to improve the public health.

Section 606 of the New York State Public Health Law requires the assessment and collection of fees for the provision of public health services. For personal health services provided to an individual, the County must administer its fee collection program in a way that takes into account such individual's ability to pay and the availability of payment on the behalf of such individual by third parties, like insurance coverage.

This local law authorizes the imposition and collection of fees for personal health services, including those set forth below in Section 2. The Onondaga County Health Commissioner is authorized to establish rules and regulations for the collection of such fees and to include among such rules and regulations a procedure that allows for payment in whole or in part, depending on the individual's demonstrated ability to pay. This sliding scale payment program shall be administered in a way that is rational and intended to maximize collection of revenues to support the public health program. The fee collection is to be further consistent with applicable law.

Section 2. Schedule of Fees.

The fees to be imposed for the services listed below is as follows:

Description of Service to be Provided	Fee
New Patient Physician and Nurse Practitioner Visit	
Level 1	\$55.00
Level 2	\$85.00
Level 3	\$120.00
Level 4	\$180.00
Level 5	\$220.00
Established Patient – Physician and Nurse Practitioner Visit	
Level 1	\$30.00
Level 2	\$55.00
Level 3	\$85.00
Level 4	\$120.00
Level 5	\$160.00

Nurse Visit	\$30.00
Counseling Visits	
Level 1	\$42.00
Level 2	\$70.00
Level 3	\$95.00
Level 4	\$120.00
Venipuncture	\$8.00
PPD Placed – TB Test	\$25.00
Sputum Induction	\$55.00
STD Tests	\$30.00
Urine Tests	\$5.00
Pregnancy Test	\$10.00
Injections	\$42.00
Vaccines Administration, 1 vaccine	\$25.00
Vaccines Administration, >1 vaccine	\$30.00
Direct Observed Therapy	\$50.00
Interpretation Services	\$50.00

Section 3. Effect on Prior Legislation.

Any prior legislation related to fees to be collected for receipt of personal health services provided by the Onondaga County Department of Health shall be amended and otherwise construed to be consistent with this local law, including, without limitation, the authorization for the Commissioner to administer a sliding scale payment program.

Section 4. Severability.

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section, or part of this law or the application thereof to any person, individual, corporation, firm, partnership, entity, or circumstance shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such order or judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section, or part of this law, or in its application to the person, individual, corporation, firm, partnership, entity, or circumstance directly involved in the controversy in which such order or judgment shall be rendered.

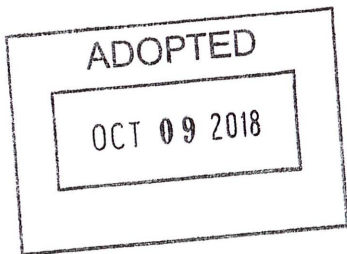
Section 5. Reverse Preemption.

This law shall be null and void on the day that statewide or federal legislation goes into effect, incorporating either the same or substantially similar provisions as are contained in this law, or in the event that a pertinent State or Federal administrative agency issues and promulgates regulations preempting such action by the County of Onondaga. The Onondaga County Legislature may determine via resolution whether or not identical or substantially similar statewide legislation has been enacted for the purposes of triggering the provisions of this section.

Section 6. Effective Date.

This Local Law shall take effect November 1, and shall be filed consistent with the provisions of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND EXACT COPY OF LEGISLATION DULY ADOPTED BY THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF ONONDAGA COUNTY ON THE 9th DAY OF October, 2018.

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CLERK, COUNTY LEGISLATURE
ONONDAGA COUNTY, NEW YORK

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