



Alberta Poultry Health Centre of Excellence

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Dear Alberta Poultry Producers,

On behalf of Poultry Health Services, Egg Farmers of Alberta, the Alberta Hatching Egg Producers, Alberta Turkey Producers, and Alberta Chicken Producers, we wish to advise you of important changes to the diagnostic billing structure under the Poultry Health Centre of Excellence (PHCE). Together with the Government of Alberta we have been providing a diagnostic service for poultry producers in Alberta under this PHCE agreement first formed in 1999. While we have had ongoing improvement and increased technical capability, we have over the years had feedback regarding administrative inefficiencies and transparency in costs.

In an effort to address these concerns and to reduce administrative costs, we will be moving to direct billing from the lab to producers or their agents, effective December 1, 2016. This means producers or their agents will receive diagnostic bills from Poultry Health Services, under the direction of the PHCE, and will no longer receive bills for diagnostic services from the board offices. This system will allow for billing at the time of case completion and should make these bills easier to predict and understand. To provide transparency for billing purposes, a fixed fee structure for each of three case levels and additional costs for specific tests is attached. These costs will be updated on an annual basis, or as needed based on external lab charges.

The lab and submission processes will remain the same and the diagnostic outcomes will continue to be our focus. We recognize it is also important to make the service fit the businesses of the farms and organizations the PHCE serves.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

PHS, EFA, AHEP, ATP, ACP





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Proposed Alberta Poultry Health Centre of Excellence Diagnostic and Laboratory Fees

Effective December 1, 2016

Case Levels

LEVEL 1

\$80

- Case Submission

LEVEL 2

\$175

- Case Submission
- 1 of the following
 - Bacteriology
 - Treatment consultation (includes prescription if needed)
 - PCR

LEVEL 3

\$255

- Case Submission
- 2 of the following
 - Bacteriology
 - Treatment consultation (includes prescription if needed)
 - PCR

Additional Charges

Additional Bacteriology	\$80.00
Additional Prescription	\$80.00
Additional PCR	\$80.00
Treatment Consultation (includes prescription if needed)	\$80.00
Histology	\$200.00
Cocci Scoring	\$250.00
Data Loggers	\$359.00
Serology	\$5.75 (per sample)
Feed/Water	Dependent on requested tests
Biofilm	Dependent on requested tests

Additional Changes

RESUBMISSIONS

Resubmissions will be a new case with a distinct case number, report and invoice.

Resubmissions will be billed out at a Level 1 rate unless additional testing is also completed.

SHIPPING

Level prices are adjusted to cover the cost of shipping samples.