



HAYWOOD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA REQUEST

***Must be presented to the County Manager's Office
NO LATER THAN 5 P.M. FRIDAY THE WEEK BEFORE THE MEETING***

DATE OF REQUEST: July 7, 2015

FROM: Amy Stevens, Administrative Assistant III, HCHHSA on behalf of Carmine Rocco, HCHHSA Public Health Services Division Director

MEETING DATE REQUESTED: **July 20, 2015, 5:30 PM**

*Regular meetings: First (1st) Monday of the month at 9:00 am
Third (3rd) Monday of the month at 5:30 pm*

SUBJECT: **Public Health proposed fee changes**

REQUEST:

- 1. Approval of fee increase from \$51 to \$57 for 2-hour glucose tolerance test for prenatal clients.**
- 2. Approval of Adult Health fees due to coding changes at the state level.**

BACKGROUND:

(Research and justification of proposal and need; Alternatives evaluated; Legal Basis: Outcome-What will be achieved and how will it be measured?)

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- 1. HCHHSA Public Health Services Division is seeking to increase fees for 2-hour Glucose tolerance test for prenatal clients to compensate for costs that have recently increased.**
 - 2. Four Adult Health exam fee adjustments are also being requested due to coding changes implemented at the state level.**

The proposed fees for the 2-hour glucose tolerance test and Adult Health exam adjustments were approved by the Haywood County Health and Human Services Agency Board on May 19, 2015 to go before the Board of County Commissioners for approval.

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN:

Fiscal Year 2015-16

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT: (What is the cost? Where is the money coming from? Optional or mandated?)

Approval would allow necessary changes to our fees and increase revenue through billing.

SUPPORTING ATTACHMENTS: YES NO HOW MANY? 1 pdf
LIST: **Public Health Services Division Recommended Fee Changes, May 12, 2015**

PowerPoint Presentation: YES NO

PERSON MAKING PRESENTATION AT MEETING: **Carmine Rocco**
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County Manager / Clerk to the Board Comments: _____

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Updated 5:07pm 07/15/15

Additional Information for the Fee Requests to the Board of County Commissioners 07/20/15:

Regarding the 2 Hour Glucose tolerance Test:

Haywood Regional Medical Center (HRMC) fee is \$109.10, LabCorp fee is \$136.25, No private medical office in the county performs this test, they are all sent to HRMC. These fees are the totals including the venipuncture fee. Jackson County Health Department's Fee \$40 for a 3-hour Glucose Tolerance Test, Burke County Health Department's Fee is \$55, Macon County Health Department's Fee is \$31.50. Haywood County proposing a fee of \$57 (increase from \$51).

Adult Health Fees:

These fees initially were coded and billed as local use fees or LU codes that were billed as a flat fee of \$50. The state has discontinued the use of these specific LU codes. Therefore, the Public Health Services Clinic must use existing codes with previously approved fees to continue to charge for services billed under the LU codes, such as physicals. Haywood County fees are primarily cost based. Buncombe County does not offer these services and codes.

The following are sample fees charged by two local health departments in our region:

	Haywood County	Caldwell County	Burke County	Jackson County	Macon County
99212 Focused Exam; new patient:	\$84	\$113.86	\$90	\$106.96	\$72
99213 Expanded Exam; established patient:	\$142	\$157.32	\$152	\$181.06	\$121
99381 New Patient Exam:	\$232	\$180	\$265	\$90	\$211
99386 Patient 40 & over:	\$272	\$398	\$304	\$346.50	\$287
Skyla IUD	\$811 (Proposed Fee)	Does not offer	Does not offer	Does not offer	Does not offer

**EXCERPT FROM HAYWOOD COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY BOARD
MINUTES 5-19-15 SHOWING APPROVAL OF PROPOSED FEE INCREASES FOR SKYLA, 2
HOUR GLUCOSE TOLERANCE TEST AND ADULT HEALTH FEES.**

individuals on life support. Currently, the agency has about 47 adults in guardianship, including some young adults who aged out of foster care but are too emotionally damaged by the abuse they suffered before being removed from their parents to function independently.

- F. Ms. Hawes also handles appeals. These are very stringent and time consuming. We currently have a 100% win rate for the past five years on appeals, and have been quoted three times in the last year by the Court of Appeals in their decisions.
 - G. Ms. Hawes stated that there will be a need to hire another attorney for the agency in the near future. The American Bar Association has guidelines and recommendations regarding the caseloads of social services attorneys. Ms. Hawes' caseload is currently three times the ABA's recommended amount for social services attorneys.
3. Public Health Recommended Fee Changes—Carmine Rocco
- A. Mr. Rocco reviewed the recommended fee changes as outlined in the document provided in the Board packets.
 - i. Skyla IUM from \$750 to \$811
 - ii. 2 hour prenatal glucose tolerance test from \$51 to \$57
 - iii. Transferring Adult Health fees from inactive flat fee local use codes to existing evaluation and maintenance codes on a sliding fee scale, based on proof of income. These changes are being made to improve collections.
 - B. Dr. Morrison made a **motion** to accept the fee changes as presented. Tammy Maney **seconded**. The fee changes were unanimously accepted without discussion.
4. Business from the Chairman—Paul Turner
- A. Mr. Turner noted that each of the new members had been asked to choose a committee on which to serve. After some discussion, the following appointments were made:
 - i. Ginger Lang: Nominations and Personnel
 - ii. Lisa Flora: Policy, Advocacy, and Regulation
 - iii. Tammy Maney: Finance
 - B. Ms. Stevens will issue an updated committee list and contact list to Board members.

INFORMATION AGENDA / DIRECTOR REPORTS

1. Public Health Services—Carmine Rocco
- A. The Public Health Services Division Strategic Plan update for 2014 was reviewed.
 - B. The strategic plan was originally formulated in 2012 as part of the accreditation process and functions as a great planning and tracking tool for the goals of the division. It was originally devised as a five-year plan, and was created through a SWOT analysis and incorporation of public health and community information and needs provided by the Community Health Assessment. Recent changes through consolidation have altered many of the goals and shifted the focus and responsibility away from Public Health, as reflected in the updated information here.
 - C. Each year, the strategic plan is reviewed and updates regarding progress and implementation are provided for each of the original action items. Issues that are resolved are removed from the following year's plan update, while annual reassessment of remaining strategic plan priorities provide the template for goals for the upcoming year.
 - D. Key accomplishments for the year were highlighted, including:
 - i. Completion of Quality Improvement 101
 - ii. Developing coordinated advocacy in Haywood County, particularly in the area of substance abuse. Healthy Haywood has been a guiding force in this initiative, along with the county sheriff. There has already been at least one documented revival of an overdose through the Naloxone program. Public Health Services received notification last week that we have received another \$30,000 grant from the NC Coalition Initiative to continue work on substance