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Clark County District Board of Health approves immunization fee

(Las Vegas, Nev., - December 19, 2002) – The Clark County District Board of Health approved a \$15 administrative fee for immunizations at its meeting today. The policy goes into effect on January 1, 2003, and the fee will be charged per visit rather than per immunization.

In the past the health district has resisted the trend to collect fees for immunizations, however, recent budget cuts have necessitated identifying additional revenue streams.

"We have extensive experience with sliding fee schedules and our staff will be able to work with all our clients to ensure they have access to this important component of preventive health care," said Dr. Donald Kwalick, chief health officer for the Clark County Health District.

The health district is estimating the immunization administration fee will result in \$336,000 in revenue for the second half of the fiscal year based on a collection rate of 50 percent.

For more information about immunizations, contact the health district immunization clinic at 383-1351 or 383-1352.

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