

TO: SOUTHERN NEVADA DISTRICT BOARD OF HEALTH DATE: May 23, 2013

RE: *Addition of Fee to the Family Planning Fee Schedule for HPV Laboratory Testing*

PETITION # 12-13

That the Southern Nevada District Board of Health approve the addition of a sliding fee for HPV testing which is a recommended co-test to be combined with PAP testing to screen for the incidence of cancer in women age 30 and above.

PETITIONERS:

Bonnie Sorenson, Director of Nursing and Clinic Services *BS.*
Elaine Glaser, Director of Administration
John Middaugh, M.D., Interim Chief Health Officer *JM*

DISCUSSION:

1. Cervical cancer screening is an essential part of a woman's routine health care. It is a way to detect abnormal cervical cells. Cervical cancer screening includes two types of screening tests: the Pap test or Pap smear, and human papilloma virus, or HPV testing. The main purpose of screening with the Pap test is to detect abnormal cells that may develop into cancer if left untreated.
2. HPV testing is used to look for the presence of DNA or RNA from high-risk HPV types in cervical cells. These tests can sometimes detect HPV infections before cell abnormalities are evident.
3. Current guidelines recommend that women should have a Pap test every 3 years beginning at age 21. These guidelines further recommend that women ages 30 to 65 should have HPV and Pap cotesting every 5 years or a Pap test alone every 3 years. Women with certain risk factors may need to have more frequent screening or to continue screening beyond age 65.
4. Quest charges SNHD \$33 for the test.
5. Payment is based on a review of a client's income and placement on a sliding fee schedule in accordance with the 2013 Federal Poverty Guidelines (POV).

0-100% POV	101-150% POV	151-200% POV	201-250% POV	>250% POV
\$0	\$8.00	\$17.00	\$25.00	\$33.00

FUNDING:

Not Applicable