



Office of the City Manager

PUBLIC HEARING

May 26, 2015

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From:  Christine Daniel, City Manager

Submitted by: Kelly Wallace, Acting Director, Health, Housing and Community Services

Subject: Fees: Ann Chandler Public Health Clinic Immunization Services

RECOMMENDATION

Conduct a public hearing and, upon conclusion, adopt a Resolution increasing the vaccine administration fee at the Ann Chandler Public Health Clinic (ACPHC) from \$17 to a maximum of \$26 per vaccination. The proposed Resolution will bring the ACPHC into compliance with December 29, 2014 guidelines issued by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH). The new fees will be effective July 1, 2015. This resolution rescinds Resolution No. 64,796–N.S. from March 2010.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

The proposed fee structure is detailed in Appendix A, Table 1. Table 2 describes the existing fee structure. The changes are as follows: (1) increase the vaccine administration fee from \$17 to a maximum of \$26 per vaccine; and (2) cap the proposed vaccine administration charge at \$78 (the equivalent of 3 vaccine administrations) for clients at or below 150% Federal Poverty Level (FPL). These changes are consistent with the recent CDPH guidelines.

Based on the number of vaccine visits and the average number of vaccinations administered per visit, the new fee structure may result in an estimated \$2,700 in additional annual revenue. The revenues will be collected and expensed from the General Fund and the Health (General) Fund (which is a State revenue fund).

FY 2016	Without fee increase	With fee increase	Change
Total Revenues	\$25,000	\$27,700	\$2700
Total Expenditures	\$42,839	\$42,839	\$0

The ACPHC receives free vaccines from the California Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program. VFC stipulates that vaccine administration fees must be waived if payment cannot be paid at the time of vaccine administration. This is current practice at the ACPHC and will continue. As with other ACPHC services, no clients are denied services due to inability to pay.

Approval of the recommended proposed fee schedule will enable the ACPHC to continue providing high-quality and accessible public health services to the Berkeley community, including uninsured and self-pay clients, and to maintain a limited reliance on the City's General Fund while assisting these clients.

BACKGROUND

The Department of Health, Housing & Community Services operates the Ann Chandler Public Health Clinic at 830 University Avenue. The ACPHC has offered free and low cost public health services since 1908. Administration of vaccinations to children and adults are among the services provided by the Ann Chandler Public Health Clinic. Self payment for services is on a sliding fee scale, which is based on federal poverty level guidelines. No one is denied services due to inability to pay. ACPHC immunization fees were last revised in March, 2010.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

ACPHC immunization fees were last revised by Council Resolution 64,796–N.S. on March 9, 2010. The new fee structure was implemented on March 20, 2010. CDPH guidelines of December 29, 2014 state that local health jurisdictions providing state-funded childhood vaccines (VFC) may charge a vaccine administration fee of not more than \$26 per vaccine. The fee schedule implemented on March 10, 2010 does not comply with the CDPH guidance.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

There are no identifiable environmental effects or opportunities associated with the subject of the report.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

The proposed fee schedule will directly affect only self-pay (private pay) clients. Vaccine administration fees for Medi-Cal clients that are eligible for the VFC program are charged to Medi-Cal. We also bill local Medi-Cal managed care plans (Alameda Alliance) for clients that are eligible for the VFC program. Fees are capped for clients with incomes at or below 150% of the FPL. No one is denied services due to the inability to pay.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

The City can maintain current fees; however, this would result in the Ann Chandler Public Health Clinic being out of compliance with the most recent CDPH guidelines.

CONTACT PERSON

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Attachments:
1: Resolution

Exhibit A: Fees for Immunization Services
2: Public Hearing Notice

RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

ESTABLISHING FEES FOR ANN CHANDLER PUBLIC HEALTH CLINIC IMMUNIZATION SERVICES EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015 AND RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO.64,796–N.S.

WHEREAS, fee increases and adjustments were approved by City Council on March 9, 2010 and implemented on March 10, 2010 to ensure that the Public Health Clinic (PHC) could continue to offer immunization services to the Berkeley community consistent with its mission since 1908; and

WHEREAS, the State Department of Public Health provided guidelines to local health jurisdictions on December 29, 2014 which establish the maximum vaccine administration fee of \$26.03 per vaccine; and

WHEREAS, the ACACPHC is able to provide immunization services at a maximum of \$26.03 per vaccine administration in accordance with State guidelines and to continue to provide a revenue stream with a modest decreased liability on the City of Berkeley's general fund.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the following fees as detailed in Exhibit A are hereby fixed and established effective July 1, 2015 for immunization administration services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Resolution No. 64,796 is hereby rescinded effective July 1, 2015.

Exhibits:

A. Fees for Immunization Services

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**Table 1: Immunization Services
City of Berkeley Ann Chandler Public Health Clinic
Vaccine Administration Charges, effective 7/1/2015**

Immunization Services		Self-Pay Client Fees	
Charges Based on # of Vaccines Administered	CPT	Charge in Full Dollar Amts*	25% Discount for add'l family member
1	90471	\$26	\$19
2	90471	\$52	\$39
CAP for under 150% FPL**	3	\$78	\$58
	4	\$104	\$78
	5	\$130	\$97
	6	\$156	\$117

* Charges calculated using the rate of \$26.03 per vaccine administration and rounded to whole dollar amounts. No charge exceeds \$26.03 per vaccine.

**Charges are capped at this level for clients with income less than or equal to 150% Federal Poverty Level.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL**

**FEES: ANN CHANDLER PUBLIC HEALTH CLINIC IMMUNIZATION
SERVICES**

Notice is hereby given by the City Council of the City of Berkeley that a public hearing will be conducted by said city council of the City of Berkeley at which time and place all persons may attend and be heard upon the following:

The Department of Health, Housing, and Community Services is proposing to increase the vaccine administration fee at the Public Health Clinic.

**City of Berkeley Ann Chandler Public Health Clinic
Proposed Vaccine Administration Charges, effective 7/1/2015**

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**City of Berkeley Ann Chandler Public Health Clinic
Current Vaccine Administration Charges, effective 3/10/2010**

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1	90471	\$17	\$13
2	90471	\$35	\$26
CAP for under 150% FPL** 3	90471	\$52	\$39
4	90471	\$70	\$53
5	90471	\$87	\$65
6	90471	\$105	\$79

The hearing will be held on, MAY 26, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 2134 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way.

For further information, please contact Ann Song, Health, Housing, and Community Services at (510) 981-5399.

A copy of the agenda material for this hearing will be available on the City's website at www.CityofBerkeley.info as of **May 14, 2015**.

Written comments should be mailed or delivered directly to the City Clerk, 2180 Milvia Street, Berkeley, CA 94704, in order to ensure delivery to all Councilmembers and inclusion in the agenda packet.

Communications to the Berkeley City Council are public record and will become part of the City's electronic records, which are accessible through the City's website. **Please note: e-mail addresses, names, addresses, and other contact information are not required, but if included in any communication to the City Council, will become part of the public record.** If you do not want your e-mail address or any other contact information to be made public, you may deliver communications via U.S. Postal Service or in person to the City Clerk. If you do not want your contact information included in the public record, please do not include that information in your communication. Please contact the City Clerk at 981-6900 or clerk@cityofberkeley.info for further information.

If you challenge the above in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Berkeley at, or prior to, the public hearing. Background information concerning this proposal will be available at the City Clerk Department and posted on the City of Berkeley webpage at least 12 days prior to the public hearing.

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I hereby certify that the Notice for this Public Hearing of the Berkeley City Council was posted at the display case located near the walkway in front of Council Chambers, 2134 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, as well as on the City's website, on May 14, 2015.

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Mark Numainville, City Clerk

