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RULE SUMMARY: Amend OAR 333-024-1100 (2) to permit a qualifying fee exemption request to be submitted in lieu of payment.

Amend OAR 333-024-1100 (3) – Changes fee for:

- A one-specimen kit from \$59 to \$100.
- A two-specimen kit and three-specimen kits from \$80 to \$175.

Amend OAR 333-024-1100 (4)(c) to permit the program to authorize a fee exemption in lieu of refund or kit replacement.

CHANGES TO RULE:

333-024-1100

Newborn Screening: Ordering Specimen Collection Kits and Fees

(1) Kits for collecting specimens for newborn screening must be ordered from the Oregon State Public Health Laboratory.

(2) Orders must be accompanied by payment for the full amount of the order, based on the fees in section (3) of this rule, or fee exemption request based on section (4) of this rule. Refunds will not be issued for specimens that cannot be used for testing due to an error in the collection of the specimen or incomplete patient information.

(3) The fees for newborn screening specimen collection kits include the cost of newborn screening services provided by the Oregon State Public Health Laboratory and are as follows:

- (a) ~~\$59~~100 per one-specimen kit.
- (b) ~~\$80~~175 per two-specimen kit.
- (c) ~~\$80~~175 per three-specimen kit.

(4) No Oregon infant shall be denied newborn screening because of the inability of the infant's parent or legal guardian to pay the fee for a test or kit:

(a) A practitioner, parent or legal guardian requesting an exemption from fees shall complete a form, available from the Oregon Health Authority, attesting that the family income would qualify them for Oregon WIC and the mother has no health insurance.

(b) Exemption forms must be received by the Oregon State Public Health Laboratory within 30 calendar days from the day the infant was born.¶

(c) Upon receipt of a form requesting a fee exemption and confirmation through Oregon Health Authority records that exemption criteria are met the Oregon Health Authority will grant an exemption, issue a refund check, or replace the kit. The Oregon Health Authority will issue a refund check or the replacement kit to the payer of record.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 413.014, 431A.750, 433.285

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 433.285, 433.290, 433.295