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RE: Rabies Antibody Titer (RFFIT) Test Submission Guidelines for Maryland Residents Not Employed by the State or Local Health Departments (LHDs) Effective January 1, 2014

Due to budgetary constraints effective January 1, 2014, the DHMH Laboratories Administration implemented a schedule of charges for Rabies Antibody Titer (RFFIT) test submissions from Maryland residents not employed by the state or local health departments (LHDs) in Rabies/Zoonotic disease control programs or local government animal control agencies.

The fee is $60 for each specimen. The rabies antibody titer (RFFIT) test submission guideline is enclosed and can also be found at http://www.dhmh.maryland.gov/laboratories/SitePages/rabies.aspx). For additional information, please contact the Rabies/Zoonotic Diseases Program at (410) 767-6177. Thank you.

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