

Survey to Chief APOs

Issue: Drug Testing Fee

Question (from Chester County):

Does your County charge fees to those under supervision for drug testing, and if so how much?

Allegheny County

Allegheny does not charge for testing. We use instant tests. If an offender disputes the validity of the results it is sent to the lab for confirmation. If the results from the lab confirm positive, the offender is charged \$11 which is added to their court costs. They do not pay us directly. Curious, counties that do charge, what do you do if they do not or cannot pay for the tests?

Bedford County

In Bedford County negative test costs are absorbed within my office budget. Positive tests are assessed as court costs to the defendant and that fee varies as to the drug(s) found in the defendant's system. This is noted within the supervision rules and I've not had any arguments from defense counsel over the years.

Blair County

Blair is same as Warren

\$15 per test

\$25 per positive if sent away

Cambria County

I'm currently working on Cambria's policy for this as well please copy me on any responses. We do not currently charge.

Carbon County

Carbon County currently does not charge a fee but we are discussing the possibility of charging a confirmation fee.

Clinton County

We charge \$10 per instant test. We also charge actual cost for drug patches and lab fees on confirmations. We try to collect all fees while on supervision but if we don't, the case is moved to collections.

Columbia County

Alcohol Testing:

Negative Breath Test - no charge

1st Positive Breath Test (for active supervision term) - \$20

2nd Positive Breath Test (for active supervision term) - \$30

3rd Positive Breath Test (for active supervision term) - \$50

Drug Testing:

Negative Urine Field Test - \$10

Negative Urine Lab Test - \$10

1st Positive Test (for active supervision term) - \$25

2nd Positive Test (for active supervision term) - \$50

3rd Positive Test (for active supervision term) - \$75

Testing for Synthetics - \$60

Drug Patch - \$30

Crawford County

Crawford County does not charge for drug testing.

Cumberland County

Cumberland charges \$16.00 for positive test. No fee for negative test.

Dauphin County

Dauphin County charges \$75 annually for all offenders who are court ordered to be drug tested. Most may view this as being high (no pun intended...lol), however, keep in mind that we have an onsite drug testing lab. This fee supports the operations of this lab.

Delaware County

Delco has the same policy as Allegheny but the fee is \$15.00.

Erie County

Erie county currently does not charge for drug testing.

Juniata County

Juniata does the same as Westmoreland. The cost is added to their fines/costs.

Lancaster County

Lancaster is the same as Westmoreland. We do not charge clients for routine on-site drug tests. These costs are covered by the clients' monthly administrative fee.

Lawrence County

Lawrence County charges a fee for positive urine tests and lab confirmations only. There is no fee charged for negative tests, admissions where a test is not administered. We do not charge

a fee for breath tests (positive or negative). Any added fees are entered into the CPCMS. We try to collect all fees while the person is still on active supervision but if we don't, the case is moved to our Collection Dept.

Lebanon County

Lebanon County charges a fee for positive urine tests only. Please see the attachment for our current fee schedule (Lebanon County appendix).

Luzerne County

Luzerne County does not charge a fee for drug testing. I do like the idea of charging for screening confirmations and may implement that here....

Montgomery County

In Montco, urine testing is part of routine supervision practices, therefore covered by the monthly supervision fee.

Pike County

In Pike the offender is only responsible for confirmation testing.

Schuylkill County

Schuylkill County does not charge for drug testing of Offenders. Our conditions state that they may be charged, however at this time we are not currently charging Offenders.

Snyder County

Drug testing fees are built into the supervision fees in Snyder County. However, all tests which are confirmed by the lab incur additional costs. Those costs are submitted by memo to the Clerk of Courts.

Tioga County

Tioga charges a flat \$25 and also if a client goes over 25 in tests they are assessed any additional charges just added to their costs

Warren County

Warren County rules and conditions specify that any tests that are positive for illegal drugs or drugs being illegally used will be subject to drug testing fees added to the offenders' bill with Court Collections. Drug tests that are clean cost the offender nothing.

Wayne County

Yes, \$9 (13 drug panel cup) - enough to cover cost only.

Westmoreland County

Westmoreland County does not charge for testing. However, if an offender tests positive on the instant test and disputes the results, the test is sent to the lab for confirmation. If the test comes back positive, the offender is responsible for paying the confirmation fees. Attached are the two forms that we use. The first one is for the offender to sign and the second one is completed by the PO and sent to the Clerk of Courts if a result is confirmed positive.

Lebanon County Drug Testing Fees

FEES FOR POSITIVE DRUG TESTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

SINGLE STICK - \$1.50

DOUBLE STICK - \$2.50

TRIPLE STICK - \$3.75

SYNTHETIC THC - \$4.00

FIVE STICK - \$5.00

CUP - \$5.00

LAB CONFIRMATION - \$25.00

SYNTHETIC LAB CONFIRMATION - \$55.00