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| Microbiology Add-on ID Billing Charges Policy |
| **Policy Statement**  | This policy provides instruction for ADD-ON ID BILLING CHARGESThe goal of this policy is to be reimbursed adequately for all appropriate work performed in a manner that is in compliance with all regulations. |
| **Responsibility** | This procedure applies to Microbiologists that perform plate reading.  |
| **Principle**  | This policy documents and provides guidance for the processes and procedures to add billing for organisms that have been identified to the genus or species level by performing four (4) or more simple presumptive tests per organism or billing based on definitive identifications.  |
| Procedure | 1. Presumptive tests: Four individual tests equal one ID charge.
* Each of these tests MUST be documented in the organism work-up for billing compliance in order to be charged. The billing codes are ID1, AID1, YID1, etc.
* Examples, but not all inclusive, of presumptive tests are below. Four of these equal an ID charge.

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| Gram Stain  | Urease | BS | Microdase |
| Catalase | Growth on selective agar | BUT | Bacitracin |
| Oxidase | Colony morphology  | LAP | ATT |
| Indole | Optochin | NACL | Camp test |
| Slide Coag | Wet Mount  | BES | X & V Factors |

   1. Definitive Tests: One equals an ID charge, if MOR2, then another ID may be charged. Examples of definitive ID tests are below
* **VITEK MS, organisms 1-6:** ID1, ID2, ID3, ID4, ID5, ID6.
* **Vitek 2 GN, GP, NH, organisms 1-6:** ID1, ID2, ID3, ID4, ID5, ID6.
* **VITEK MS yeast ID, organisms 1-4:** YID1, YID2, YID3, YID4.
* **Vitek 2 yeast ID, organisms 1-4:** YID1, YID2, YID3, YID4.
* **Strep latex typing:** ID1
* **Anaerobic ID, organisms 1-4:** AID1, AID2, AID3, AID4
* **Beta lactamase testing**: charge ONLY when appending the BL result to an organism: BLC
* **PBP2a testing:** PB2A, PB2A2, PB2A3, PB2A4, PB2A5 for each additional test.
* **FIDDH**: Fungal ID to MDH
* **MIMDH**: Mycobacterial ID to MDH
* **BBID**: BioFire FilmArray BCID panel
1. Stool Cultures: Do not charge for preliminary ID’s based on MILS, Vitek MS, etc. as this is already included in the charge. If a VITEK MS/ Vitek 2 ID that confirms the positive screening was performed, this can be charged ID1, ID2, etc.
* Billing charges are added for additional pathogens such as Aeromonas and Yersinia, (AERID, YERID).
1. U of M Billing charges are added to send-out results per [MCVI 5.31 Add on micro UM bill code](file:///%5C%5Ckidsnet.childrenshc.org%5Cchcdfs%5Cdept%5CLab%20Procedures%5CMicrobiology%5C1NEW%20Micro%20Procedure%20Manual.%20%28same%20as%20in%20Starnet%29%5CMCVI%205%20Computer%5CMCVI%205.31%20Add%20on%20micro%20UM%20bill%20codes.%202015.xlsx) spreadsheet:
* When sending susceptibility tests only, always include ASU1A to bill for the handling fee. Add additional codes as needed. e.g. for 3 drugs, bill ASU1A and ASU1B.
* When sending Identification and susceptibility tests, use code **ASU1B** for one drug as the ID code includes the handling fee.
* MIC AST Bill Only Tests for send-out testing should be added when the test is referred so the billing can be processed as the account may be closed before results are available.
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| **Sunquest** **CPT codes and Prices for tests** | Sunquest – finding CPT codes and prices for tests1. Open the Billing folder in Sunquest GUI
2. Click on File, and from the drop down menu choose Fee Schedule🡪Order Code Billing
3. In the box next to Fee Schedule, Type **MIN1 for Mpls** or **STP for St. Paul**
4. Hit Enter-- 3x-- to fill in the next 2 fields
5. In the box next to Order Code, type in the order code for the test you want to look up and hit enter.
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| **Historical Record** | **Version** | **Written/Revised by:** | **Effective Date:** | **Summary of Revisions** |
| 1 | Pat Ackerman | 01/18/2007 | Initial Version |
| 2 | Becky Carlson | 01/05/2011 | Reformatted to new policy template |
| 3 | Becky Carlson | 04/15/2012 | Added BLC code for ßlactamase |
|  | 4 | Becky Carlson  | 4/3/2015  | Re-numbered from MC 106.01 |  |  |
| 5 | Becky Carlson | 12/6/2016 | Added VITEK MS to list. Deleted TUC, Flagella Stain. |
| 5 | Susan DeMeyere | 8/11/2017 | Added hyperlink for MCVI 5.31 |
| 6 | Susan DeMeyere | 3/14/2018 | Add billing for PBP2a test |
| 7 | Susan DeMeyere | 5/18/2018 | Add code for FIDDH  |
|  | **8** | Susan DeMeyere | 9/9/2019 | Removed viral billing, added BBID and MIMDH. Removed MSID as a presumptive test.  |
|  | **9** | Susan DeMeyere | 6/12/2021 | Removed BPFA billing. Added further instruction to U of M billing codes. |