

Tulare County Health & Human Services Agency

Fiscal Year 2025/2026
Fee Public Hearing

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Tulare County Health & Human Services Agency

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Fee Requests

- Fee adjustments for the following:
 - Public Guardian
 - Health Care Centers
 - Public Health Immunizations
 - Environmental Health

Human Services Branch

Public Guardian Representative Payee

Description	Current Fee	Requested Fee	Percent Change	Percent Recovery
Representative Payee	\$54	\$55	1.8%	23%

Public Health Branch

Health Care Centers

- As clinic fees are under Federally Qualified Health Center regulations, these fees are based on procedure codes that are governed by the Public Health Service Act which requires that fees be sufficient to cover actual health center costs of operation and consistent with locally prevailing rates or charges.
- The Health Care Centers are proposing:
 - Fifty-Seven (57) new fees
 - One Hundred Fifty-Seven (157) increases
 - Sixty (60) decreases

Public Health Branch

Health Care Centers

Methodology

A survey of local prevailing medical reimbursement rates found Tulare County FQHC comparable rates range from 152% to 568% of Medicare and Medi-Cal reimbursement rates.

Therefore, Tulare County Health Care Centers request to increase the prevailing rate from 150% of Medicare to 200% of Medicare reimbursement rates. If a fee is not Medicare reimbursable, the fee is set at 200% of the Medi-Cal reimbursement rate.

A prevailing rate methodology has been used consistently in establishing Health Care Center fees since 2012. This is the first prevailing rate increase since 2012.

Public Health Branch

Health Care Centers

New Fees (Sample)

Description	Fee Amount	Action	Cost Recovery
Routine obstetric care, vaginal delivery after previous cesarean delivery 59610	\$4,791	Add	100%
Routine obstetric care, cesarean delivery after previous cesarean delivery 59618	\$5,133	Add	100%
Antepartum care only 4-6 visits 59425	\$807	Add	100%
Antepartum care only, for seven or more visits 59426	\$1,480	Add	100%
Administration of patient-focused health risk assessment instrument (e.g. health hazard appraisal) with scoring and documentation, per standardized instrument 90743	\$159	Add	100%

Public Health Branch Health Care Centers Fee Increases (Sample)

Description	Current Fee	Requested Fee	Percent Change	Cost Recovery
Routine OB Care Incl Vag Del (59400)	\$3,000	\$4,613	53%	100%
Respiratory syncytial virus immune globulin (RSV-IgIM), for intramuscular use, 50 mg, each (90378)	\$2,326	\$3,581	54%	100%
Rabies immune globulin (RIg), human, for intramuscular and/or subcutaneous use Kedrab 90375	\$264	\$585	122%	100%
Pneumococcal 20-valent conjugate Prevnar 20 (90677)	\$269	\$605	125%	100%
MEDROXYPROGESTERONE INJ (J1050)	\$5	\$102	1940%	100%

Public Health Branch Health Care Centers Fee Increases (Sample)

Description	Current Fee	Requested Fee	Percent Change	Cost Recovery
Init Preven Meds E&M New PT; <1 (99381)	\$168	\$244	45%	100%
Init Preven Meds E&M New PT; 1-4 (99382)	\$176	\$254	44%	100%
Preven Meds E&M Estab PT; <1 (99391)	\$35	\$219	526%	100%
Initial Antepartum Office Visit (Z1032)	\$197	\$395	101%	100%
Init Preven Meds E&M New PT; 5-11 (99383)	\$182	\$263	45%	100%

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Health Care Centers

Fee Increases (Sample)

Description	Current Fee	Requested Fee	Percent Change	Cost Recovery
IUD Insertion (58300)	\$125	\$336	169%	100%
Depo-Provera 150 ML (J3490)	\$78	\$102	31%	100%
Implant Removal Supplies (11976/91976)	\$21	\$176	738%	100%
Removal, non-biodegradable drug delivery implant (11982)	\$112	\$139	24%	100%

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Health Care Centers

Fee Increases (Sample)

Description	Current Fee	Requested Fee	Percent Change	Cost Recovery
Removal with reinsertion, non-biodegradable drug delivery implant (11983)	\$181.00	\$197.00	9%	100%
Condoms (X1500/X15002) A4267	\$1.00	\$29.00	2800%	100%
Skyla - levonorgestrel-releasing intrauterine system (J7301)	\$711.00	\$1,926.00	171%	100%
Etonogestrel (contraceptive) implant system, including implant and supplies (J7307)	\$890.00	\$2,312.00	160%	100%

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Health Care Centers

Fee Decreases (Sample)

Description	Current Fee	Requested Fee	Percent Change	Cost Recovery
Remove FB-Ext Audit Canal; WO A (69200)	\$202	\$93	-54%	100%
Annual wellness; incl. personalized prev plan; initial visit (G0438)	\$266	\$26	-90%	100%
Annual wellness; incl. personalized prev plan; Subsq. Visit (G0439)	\$179	\$26	-85%	100%
Insertion, non-biodegradable drug delivery implant (11981)	\$208	\$120	-42%	100%
Payment for a telehealth distant site service furnished by rural health clinic or FQHC only (G2025)	\$216	\$26	-88%	100%
Preven Med Counsl (Sep Pro); 6 (G0019)	\$195	\$96	-51%	100%

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Health Care Centers

Fee Decreases (Sample)

Description	Current Fee	Requested Fee	Percent Change	Cost Recovery
Biopsy or Exc of Lesion (57500)	\$204	\$147	-28%	100%
EKG, Tracing Only (93010)	\$53	\$15	-72%	100%
Wart Removal 17110	\$176	\$142	-19%	100%
IUD Removal (58301)	\$147.00	\$126.00	-14%	100%
Postpartum Nutri Per 15 Min (Z6208)	\$46	\$16	-65%	100%
Breathing Treatment (94640)	\$45	\$16	-64%	100%

Public Health Branch Immunization Program

- The Public Health Immunization Program works to reduce vaccine-preventable diseases across the County.
- The Immunization Program is proposing:
 - Three (3) new fees be established
 - One (1) Deletion
 - Eight (8) description changes

Public Health Branch Immunization Program New Fees (3)

Description	Fee Amount	Action	Cost Recovery
RIV3 Vaccine No Preserv IM (90673)	\$125	Add	100%
Typhoid IM (90691)	\$135	Add	100%
DTaP-IPV-Hib_HepB (90697)	\$151	Add	100%

Public Health Branch Immunizations Deletes (1)

Description	Action
Tdap (Boostrix) (90715)	Delete

Public Health Branch Immunization Program Description Changes (8)

Current Description	Proposed Description
Abrysvo (5 doses)	Respiratory syncytial virus vaccine, preF, subunit, bivalent, IM (90678)
Arexvy	Respiratory syncytial virus vaccine (90679)
Beyfortus (50 Mg/5 PF)	Respiratory syncytial virus monoclonal antibody IM 50 mL (90380)
Beyfortus (100 Mg/5 PF)	Respiratory syncytial virus monoclonal antibody IM 1 mL (90380)
Influenza High Dose	Influenza virus vaccine (HD-IIV3), split virus, preservative free, enhanced immunogenicity via increased antigen content, for IM use (90662)
Influenza	Influenza virus vaccine, quadrivalent (ccIIV4), derived from cell cultures, subunit, preservative and antibiotic free, 0.5 mL dosage for IM use (90674)
Tetanus D (TD)	Td vacc no preserv 7yrs> IM (90714)
TDap	Tdap vaccine 7 yrs/> IM PF (90715)

Public Health Branch

Environmental Health

- The Environmental Health program acts as the agency responsible for inspecting and issuing various health permits in accordance with the state regulations set forth in the California Health and Safety Code and California Retail Food Code.
- The Environmental Health program is proposing:
 - Eight (8) new fees
 - Ninety-Two (92) fee increases
 - One (1) Description change
 - Four (4) Deletes

Public Health Branch

Environmental Health

New Fees (8)

Description	Requested Fee	Action	Cost Recovery
CDFA Soft Serve Surcharge 15%	15% of Fee (soft serve)	Add	100%
Water Analysis – Bacteriological	\$23	Add	100%
Application Fee	\$68	Add	100%
Food Service Operator	\$400	Add	100%
Missed Inspection Fee (CUPA)	\$366	Add	100%
Hard Copy, First Page	\$0.50	Add	100%
Hard Copies, Per Page Copy – Std 8.5” x 11”	\$0.10	Add	100%
Returned Check Fee	\$15.00	Add	100%

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Environmental Health

Application Fee (New Fee) – with County Comparison

Tulare County Environmental Health respectfully requests the inclusion of a new Application Fee in lieu of current filing fees ranging from \$78-178.

Type of Fee	Tulare (proposed)	Fresno	Madera	Kern	Stanislaus	San Luis Obispo	Santa Barbara
Application Fee	\$68	\$63	\$140/hr	\$145	\$68.50	\$253	\$255

Public Health Branch

Environmental Health

Deletes (4)

Description	Action
Plan Review – Filing Fee – Surveillance	Delete
UST – Filing Fee – New/Abandon	Delete
Plan Review – Filing Fee – Solid Waste	Delete
Plan Review – Filing Fee – Body Art	Delete

Public Health Branch

Environmental Health

Fee Increases (Sample)

Description	Current Fee	Requested Fee	Percent Change	Cost Recovery
Retail Facility Low Risk	\$513	\$560	9%	100%
Retail Facility Moderate Risk	\$591	\$661	12%	100%
Retail Facility High Risk	\$790	\$874	11%	100%
Restaurant Facility Low Risk	\$549	\$631	15%	47%
Restaurant Facility Moderate Risk	\$610	\$645	6%	100%
Temporary Food Single Event Organizer	\$177	\$204	15%	20%
Temporary Food Multiple Event Organizer	\$472	\$543	15%	37%

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Environmental Health

Fee Increases (Sample)

Description	Current Fee	Requested Fee	Percent Change	Cost Recovery
Temporary Food Single Event – Vendor Low Risk	\$35	\$40	14%	8%
Temporary Food Single Event – Vendor Moderate Risk	\$70	\$81	16%	13%
Temporary Food Single Event – Vendor High Risk	\$105	\$121	15%	14%
Cottage Food Registration (Class A)	\$217	\$250	15%	41%
Cottage Food Permit (Class B)	\$362	\$416	15%	74%
Spa/Hot Tub	\$388	\$446	15%	69%
Water Attraction	\$355	\$408	15%	21%

Public Health Branch

Environmental Health

Fee Increases (Sample)

Description	Current Fee	Requested Fee	Percent Change	Cost Recovery
UST Permit to Operate	\$696	\$762	9%	100%
UST Minor Repair Tank	\$438	\$462	5%	100%
Haz Waste Large Quantity Generator	\$484	\$507	5%	100%
Liquid Waste Vehicle	\$453	\$521	15%	73%
Body Art Practitioner Annual Permit and Annual Registration Fee	\$188	\$216	15%	31%

Public Health Branch

Environmental Health

Fee Increase

Description	Current Fee	Requested Fee	Percent Change	Cost Recovery
Haz Waste – Small Quantity Generator	\$266	\$346	30%	68%

The purpose of this program is to protect the health of the public, and the environment, from exposure to hazardous wastes by regulating industries which generate hazardous waste. This is accomplished through a program of inspection, emergency response, surveillance, incident investigation, assistance to industry, enforcement, and public education. There are currently approximately 680 facilities under this health permit in Tulare County. These facilities are required to be inspected every three years for inspection of the handling, storage, transportation, and disposal of hazardous wastes, to take appropriate enforcement action as necessary and to educate all city/county industries and the public as to the legal requirements for handling, storage, and disposal of hazardous waste.

They are also required to submit updated documentation which is reviewed by the CUPA annually and submitted to the state via the California Electronic Reporting System (CERS).

Public Health Branch

Environmental Health

Fee Increase

Description	Current Fee	Requested Fee	Percent Change	Cost Recovery
Tank Facilities >1,320 and <10,000 gallons	\$133	\$200	50%	38%

The purpose of the APSA (Above Ground Petroleum Storage Act) Program is to protect public health, the environment and groundwater from potential contamination or adverse effects associated with unintended releases from the aboveground storage of petroleum-based hazardous materials and waste. There are approximately 150 facilities under this health permit in Tulare County. Inspections are conducted every three years with update reporting required annually for review by the CUPA (Certified Unified Program Agency). Inspections include review of the SPCC (Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasure) plan to verify compliance with proper preparation and implementation of the plan in accordance with 40 CFR 112.1-112.8, and confirmation of annual submittal of a Tank Facility Statement.

Public Health Branch

Environmental Health

Comparison to Other Counties

Type of Fee	Tulare (proposed)	Fresno	Kings	Kern	Madera	Merced	Stanislaus
Haz Waste Small Quantity Generator	\$346	\$319	N/A	\$200	\$504	\$283	\$398
Tank Facilities >1,320 and <10,000 gallons	\$200	\$488	\$76	\$130	\$260	\$364	N/A

Public Health Branch

Environmental Health

Description Changes (1)

Description	Fee Amount	Action	Cost Recovery
Body Art Facility	\$332	Description change	28%

Requests

1. Conduct a public hearing considering the proposed fee adjustments for Tulare County Health & Human Services Agency: Public Guardian, Health Operations, and Environmental Health Divisions for Fiscal Year 2025/2026.
2. Adopt the fees recommended for the Tulare County Health & Human Services Agency: Public Guardian, Health Operations, and Environmental Health Divisions to cover costs.
3. Authorize the Tulare County Health & Human Services Agency: Public Guardian, Health Operations, and Environmental Health Divisions to implement the fees beginning July 1, 2025.

Thank You

Questions?



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