

681—5.3 (263) Charges.**5.3(1)** Specimens for which the fee may be waived or deferred:

- a.* Specimens submitted relating to diseases communicable from human to human, from animals to human, provided such examinations are required by rules of the state department of public health.
- b.* Specimens submitted under statutory authority by state agencies or designees of state agencies which are involved in investigations or episodes challenging the health of the public or the quality of the environment. Expenses caused by emergency testing may be eligible for subsequent reimbursement.
- c.* Any specimen when there is probable cause that a direct threat to public health exists. Such tests may qualify for subsequent reimbursement.
- d.* Specimens submitted related to the confirmation or identification of potential weapons of mass destruction (WMD) according to the Iowa Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosive (CBRNE) Response Protocol.

5.3(2) Specimens for which fees are charged:

- a.* Specimens submitted under no statutory authority which are part of special investigations or surveillance programs and where there is no direct threat to the public health or environmental quality.
- b.* Specimens submitted for the submittor's private information, such as well water samples.
- c.* Specimens submitted by private concerns and municipalities which are considered to be product quality control measures and, therefore, a cost of doing business.
- d.* Specimens not covered by statute, by rules of the state department of health, by rules of the natural resources department or in this subrule may be examined and charged for at rates to be determined by the laboratory subject to any limitations imposed by law.

These rules are intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 263.