

WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §16-22A-3

§16-22A-3. Fees for testing; payment of same.

(a) Testing required under this article shall be a covered benefit reimbursable by all health insurers except for health insurers that offer only supplemental coverage policies or policies which cover only specified diseases. All policies issued pursuant to articles fifteen, sixteen, twenty-four and twenty-five-a of chapter thirty-three of this code shall provide coverage for the testing required under this article.

(b) The Department of Human Services shall pay for testing required under this article when the newborn infant is eligible for medical assistance under the provisions of §9-5-12 of this code.

(c) In the absence of a third-party payor, the parents of a newborn infant shall be informed of the testing availability and its costs and they may refuse to have the testing performed. Charges for the testing required under this article shall be paid by the hospital or other health care facility where the infant's birth occurred: *Provided*, That nothing contained in this section may be construed to preclude the hospital or other health care facility from billing the infant's parents directly.