

ORDINANCE #65879
Board Bill No. 64
Floor Substitute

An ordinance pertaining to health care services, authorizing the Commissioner of Health of the City of St. Louis to provide to the general public tuberculosis testing and authorizing the Comptroller to establish a special purpose account where the funds from said testing shall be placed and used for the purchase of additional serum, administration, testing, treatment completion enablers and incentives for active tuberculosis cases and program supplies, and containing definitions and an emergency clause.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SAINT LOUIS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION ONE. For purposes of this ordinance the following definitions shall apply:

“Enablers” shall mean those things that make it possible or easier for the patients to receive treatment by overcoming barriers such as transportation or housing difficulties.

“Incentives” shall mean small rewards given to patients to encourage them to either take their own medicines or keep their clinic or field DOT appointments.

SECTION TWO. The Commissioner of Health is hereby authorized to provide tuberculosis testing to the general public. The Department of Health and Hospitals shall establish rules and regulations and reasonable fees for the cost of administration and delivery of testing. The City will not charge more than the actual cost to the City of supplies, actual testing and program administration.

SECTION THREE. The Comptroller is hereby authorized and directed to establish a Tuberculosis Incentive & Support Fund account where funds from said testing shall be placed and said funds shall only be used for the purchasing of additional serum, administration, testing, treatment completion enablers and incentives for active tuberculosis cases and program supplies.

SECTION FOUR. Emergency Clause. This being an Ordinance for the immediate preservation of public peace, health and safety, it is hereby declared to be an immediate measure within the meaning of Section 19 and 20 of Article IV of the Chapter of the City of Saint Louis and therefore this Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

Approved: June 4, 2003