



## New York State Contract Case Cap to Increase

Due to budget issues, *the charge for cases that qualify as New York State Contract cases will increase effective December 1, 2008 from \$30 to \$50 as a maximum charge for these cases.*

The Animal Health Diagnostic Center, under contract with the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets, levies a maximum charge (cap) for diagnostic tests performed on New York food and fiber-producing animals. This contract case fee maximum will apply to samples submitted by veterinarians licensed to work with New York State producers when such tests are important to the diagnosis of a disease condition in food- and fiber-producing animals in the state of New York. Determination of a case's eligibility for this contract maximum case charge is at the discretion of the AHDC.

- The fee charged in cases that qualify for the NYS contract will be the lesser of the actual charges or the maximum contract charge, with the exceptions noted below. Horse cases may be covered by this contract, depending on the history and conditions that may require testing.
- The number of samples submitted should be reasonable in number and consistent with the history and clinical findings. For guidance when multiple animals are affected, please contact the laboratory prior to submission. The Laboratory reserves the right to modify test requests for contract submissions, in consultation with the submitting veterinarian.
- An adequate history is required and must accompany sample submissions in order for a capping determination to be made for testing; otherwise, full charges will be applied for testing.
- **Necropsy** costs on New York State contract cases are only partially subsidized by the New York State Department of Agriculture & Markets; the current necropsy charge for eligible food and fiber producing animal cases is \$80 per case.
- **Histopathology services** for eligible cases are also subsidized by the state, incurring at most the maximum case fee.
- The following tests are not subsidized by the NYS contract and will always be billed according to the full charges listed in the Test & Fee Schedule:
  - Virus Isolation (special fee for contract cases)
  - Endocrinology
  - Clinical Pathology
  - Toxicology
  - Comparative Coagulation
  - Referrals to Other Laboratories