

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**SUBJECT:** COSTS OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES TO PROVIDE
EVIDENCE FOR CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS**POLICY NO. 525**

PURPOSE:: To state the Department's Policy regarding charging for health care services provided for the purpose of obtaining evidence for a criminal proceeding at the request of a law enforcement agency.**POLICY::** When a Departmental facility provides such a service in accordance with law, rules of consent, and other applicable policies, no charge shall be made for the following services:

1. Blood, breath, or urine tests for alcohol content provided to persons suspected of drunk driving in violation of state law. However, where a written agreement exists with other public entities, these entities shall be charged for the cost of these tests.
2. Examination and tests for evidence of sexual assault, and related pregnancy and venereal disease.
3. Procedures requested by an officer of the Los Angeles County Sheriff which is for the purpose of providing evidence in a criminal proceeding and which is not medically necessary or intended for the patient's benefit.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Apr 11, 1983**SUPERCEDES:****APPROVED:** Signature on File