

## Microbiology Billing at Metropolitan Medical Laboratory, P.L.C.

Microbiology is a unique area of the laboratory for billing. In addition to the base culture charge there may be additional applicable charges to your culture bill. These charges are entirely dependent upon the growth seen in the culture. These charges may include additional work performed to process certain types of specimens, to rule out or identify a pathogenic organism(s), and additional work performed for susceptibility studies. Applicable charges may also vary by the specific method used by the laboratory and the current recommendations for screening for mechanisms of microbial resistance. The following chart is a list of some common charges that may be seen.

CPT	DESCRIPTION
<i>Specimen Processing</i>	
87015	Concentration (any type), for infectious agents
87176	Homogenization, tissue, for culture
<i>Organism Identification</i>	
87076	Anaerobic isolate, additional methods required for definitive identification, each isolate.
87077	Definitive identification, Aerobic isolate, additional methods required for definitive identification, each isolate.
87088	Presumptive identification of each isolate, urine
87106	Definitive identification yeast, each organism
87107	Definitive identification mold, each organism
87147	Culture, typing immunologic method (agglutination grouping), each anti-sera
87149	Identification by nucleic acid probe, direct probe, per isolate
87150	Identification by nucleic acid probe, amplified method, per isolate
87153	Identification by nucleic acid sequencing method, each isolate
<i>Susceptibility Studies</i>	
87181	Agar diffusion method, per agent
87184	Disk method, per plate
87185	Enzyme detection (e.g. beta lactamase), per enzyme
87186	Microdilution or agar dilution (minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) or breakpoint), each multi-antimicrobial plate.