STATE OF CALIFORNIA
MANUAL OF STATE FUNDS

Legal Title
Genetic Disease Testing Fund

Legal Citation/Authority
Chapter 941, Statutes of 2000
Health and Safety Code section 124996

Fund Classification	Fund Classification
GAAP Basis Governmental/Special Revenue Funds	**Legal Basis** Governmental/Other Governmental Cost Funds

Purpose
The Genetic Disease Testing Fund was created as a depository for fees charged for testing children born in California. The purpose of these tests is to detect, as early as possible phenylketonuria, and other preventable heritable or congenital disorders leading to mental retardation or physical defects.

Administering Agency/Organization Code
Department of Public Health/Org 4265

Major Revenue Source
Genetic testing fees.

Disposition of Fund (upon abolishment)
Pursuant to Government Code section 16346, absent language that identifies a successor fund, any balance remaining in this fund upon abolishment, shall be transferred to the General Fund.

Appropriation Authority
This fund is continuously appropriated to carry out the purposes of the Hereditary Disorders Act.

State Appropriations Limit
Excluded - Revenues in this fund are not proceeds of taxes, however, when transferred, may become proceeds of taxes. These revenues are used to provide direct services or products to the payers.

Comments/Historical Information
Chapter 1112, Statutes of 1975, created the Genetic Disease Testing Fund, which provided for a fee, not to exceed $5 per test, for each test performed.

Chapter 1037, Statutes of 1977, amended Section 309 of the Health and Safety Code to allow the Director to set the fee at a level that will cover the actual testing and other program costs. Chapter 1037, Statutes of 1977 also provided for loans from the General Fund to the Genetic Disease Testing Fund, subject to approval of the Director of Finance, to be repaid no later than June 30, 1982.

The Genetic Disease Testing Fund is to be expended for the costs of the genetic disease unit established by Chapter 1112, Statutes of 1975 and the costs of testing newborn children. It may also be expended for grants or contracts for demonstration projects to determine the desirability of additional tests or new genetic services and genetic information and counseling.

Chapter 657, Statutes of 1979, authorized expenditures for additional laboratory facilities for the purposes of the Genetic Disease Testing Fund. The State Department of Health Services will contract to provide testing services and will perform laboratory services necessary to ensure the objectives of this program.

Chapter 1011, Statutes of 1998, requires the establishment of a program to provide for additional newborn genetic screening. A fee is to be charged, not to exceed the actual costs of providing this testing.

Chapter 803, Statutes of 2000, requires the department to establish a program for the development and evaluation of genetic disease testing. This chapter also appropriates a one-time sum of $3,900,000 to the department from the Genetic Disease Testing Fund to fund the cost of the trial of the program and a follow up report.

Original Administrative Organization Code 4260 was changed to 4265 due to the Department of Health Services splitting into two departments effective July 2007 according to Chapter 241, Statutes of 2006 (SB162).