

CDC National Infertility Prevention Project

Region VIII

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Public vs. Private

Privatization

- **ADVANTAGES**
 - Lower Costs

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- Remember the private laboratory is in business to make \$\$\$

Privatization

- **DISADVANTAGES**

- **Lost Leader – Cheap the first year**
- **Cost of Contracting (10-20% of the value of the contract)**
- **Cost of Monitoring QA**
- **Repeat test, e.g. questionable results**
- **Specimens available for special studies, evaluations**
- **Technology changes – stuck with contract**

Privatization

- **DISADVANTAGES**

- **Manufacturers go out of business (Abbott)**
- **Need addition information, e.g. new data request from CDC**
- **Laboratory costs can rise for other tests**
- **Public Standards - Watchdog**
- **Public Health Team vs. \$\$\$**
- **Maintain Core Public Health Infrastructure**



QUESTIONS?

