

# Clinical Research Support Office ("CRSO") STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE

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	Processes
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#### 1. PURPOSE

THIS SOP OUTLINES THE PROCESS AND PROCEDURES SURROUNDING CHARGING AND INVOICING FOR THE MEDICARE COVERAGE ANALYSIS (MCA) FEE.

#### 2. SCOPE

This fee will be charged to all industry sponsored, non-IIT, qualifying, clinical trials with billable items to insurances, for which the CRSO receives a service request form on, or after August 1, 2020 and to all substantial content amendments to those studies. The fees are not retroactive. A substantial content amendment includes anything that adds items, services or visits that will affect the coverage analysis and therefore require research and new designations.

#### 3. PROCEDURE

#### A. General Fee Information

- a. MCA Fees will be charged to sponsors on any industry sponsored, qualifying, study that submits a SRF to the CRSO on, or after, August 1, 2020
- b. The Billing Integrity team will determine if a study is qualifying
- c. If the industry sponsor offers to cover all items and services of a qualifying clinical trial, the MCA fees are waived
- d. The start up fee will be charged when the contract is fully executed
- e. Any amendment fees will be charged to substantial content changes that alter the billing grid or MCA, sponsor driven, amendments after the processing is



complete

- B. Internal process to communicate
  - a. Finance team will use OnCore reports to track new MCA and substantially modified amendments
    - The report for new MCA will also be sent to SRAS bi-weekly so they can check contracts and eIAFs to confirm that our new fees are included
  - b. Finance team will use Vendor Payables function in OnCore to track invoices sent and payments received

#### C. Invoices

- a. Invoices will be sent by the CRSO Finance team
  - i. Invoices will list the physical mailing address as the remit to address. Wire transfer/ACH information will be provided to sponsors on request
- b. AR will be monitored by the Finance Team
- c. Check Information:
  - i. Physical checks are to be sent to the CRSO mailing address and be processed by the CRSO finance team
  - ii. ACH/Wire Transfers should be sent to the bank information referenced on the attached bank letter
  - iii. Checks will be made out to the University of Kentucky
- d. Finance team will review the daily ACH and Wire transfer emails for payments
  - i. Payments will be processed using the wire or check transfer transmittal process
- e. If a sponsor does not pay this fee after 60 days with regular follow up from the finance team, the team will escalate the issue to the Operations Director

#### D. OSPA

- a. OSPA will email <a href="mailto:cRSOFinance@uky.edu">cRSOFinance@uky.edu</a> when a contract is signed and the fee is OK to be charged. This email will include the final contract and the sponsor invoice contact information.
- E. Escalation if sponsors refuse to pay
  - a. If a sponsor refuses to include this fee in the contract, the CRSO will not wave this fee.
    - The department can include this as part of the general start up fee and JV the funds to the CRSO (Note: the department will need to inform the CRSO and OSPA so F&A is not charged)
    - ii. The department can chose to pay the CRSO out of department funds. The CRSO will perform the JV once the department provides an account number

#### 4. ATTACHMENTS



Wire transfer banking information and bank letter

### 5. <u>REFERENCES</u>

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