

April 14, 2026

RE: Changes to IRB Fees on Industry-Sponsored Studies for 2026

Dear Sponsors:

Effective July 1, 2026, IRB fees associated with reviews of private and industry-sponsored clinical studies involving human subject research protocols at West Virginia University (WVU) and its affiliates are being updated.

Attached to this memorandum is the WVU Office of Human Research Protections IRB Fee Schedule for industry-sponsored studies, **effective July 1, 2026**, for your documentation. This fee schedule will also be available on our website.

Also, to improve collections and reduce process inefficiencies, WVU is continuing its policy regarding invoicing and payment of IRB fees for all private and industry-sponsored research studies. All agreements must include the following language in contracts and/or budgets:

All fees for IRB services will be invoiced directly by the WVU Office of Human Research Protections (WVU OHRP) and should be paid directly to WVU OHRP. IRB fees payable will be billed in accordance with those published on our website and shown in the current IRB fee schedule as of the date of billing.

If you have further comments or inquiries regarding these fee increases and changes to billing, please contact Gretchen McMasters, Director, Office of Human Research Protections at 304.293.7555 or via email at gretchen.mcmasters@mail.wvu.edu.

Sincerely,



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