



Office for the Protection of Research Subjects (OPRS)

IRB Review Fee Policy

Background

The volume and complexity of research conducted at UNLV has dramatically increased in recent years. As a consequence of this desirable growth, the Office for the Protection of Research Subjects (OPRS) and the Institutional Review Board (IRB) has experienced a continual increase in new protocol submissions that has necessitated expansion of the OPRS staff and services. In the past, the OPRS has absorbed the substantial costs associated with initial and continuing protocol review. However, due to institutional budget constraints, the IRB is no longer able to fully absorb these costs and must institute charges to off-set the additional administrative costs associated with expansion. Effective October 15, 2006, the OPRS will charge a fee for all industry-sponsored research submissions requiring protocol review.

IRB Review Fee

The fee for initial review of an industry-sponsored protocol is \$1,750; and a \$750 fee for continuing review will be assessed annually for the duration of the study. Modifications requiring review will also be charged a fee of \$750. These fees apply only to research supported by for-profit entities and entities desiring to utilize the UNLV IRB as their IRB of record. There will be no charge for federal, foundation, UNLV investigator-initiated, or university-supported research. The IRB fees have been given careful consideration and are consistent with fees charged at other universities.

Investigators submitting for-profit industry-sponsored research protocols to the IRB should include a separate line item in the study budget for initial and continuing IRB review. Payment will be due thirty (30) days from receipt by the OPRS or forty-five (45) days from full execution of your research agreement, whichever occurs later. Fees for continuing review will be charged annually until a Final Report form is submitted to the OPRS office.

Applicability

The IRB review fee is exempt from the calculation of indirect costs and therefore should be listed as a separate invoiced item that is included in the total budget amount. Payment of IRB fees is regarded as a contractual responsibility of the sponsor. The fees are assessments of actual costs associated with protocol review by the OPRS and the IRB and are charged for services rendered. Because the OPRS and the IRB commits its full resources to each review, the fees are due in full from the sponsor, even if the IRB does not approve the study, subjects are never enrolled, or the study is terminated before objectives are reached. All necessary forms must be

completed for the review. Contact the Office for the Protection of Research Subjects (OPRS) at (702) 895-2794 or OPRSHumanSubjects@unlv.edu for protocol submittal guidance.

IRB Review Fee Invoice and Collections Process

The IRB review fee is a line item in the sponsor budget, is included in the agreement, and is therefore an obligation of the external industry sponsor. The IRB review fees are assessments for a portion of the real costs associated with protocol review by the IRB. Invoices for the IRB review fee are generated and submitted to sponsors once a protocol has been submitted to the IRB for review. The actual costs of the review process are still incurred if subjects are never enrolled, the study terminates before milestones are met, expenditures exceed revenue, or a contract is never finalized. The invoice is therefore due and payable upon receipt.

For questions, please contact Brenda Durosinmi, OPRS Director and IRB Administrator at (702) 895-2794 or email at: Brenda.Durosinmi@unlv.edu