Palmetto Health Research Rates PGR

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Name of Associated Policy: Sponsored Research Award Policy

DEFINITIONS:

1. **Investigator**: An individual having the background and training in scientific and administrative oversight necessary to conduct and manage research activities.

2. **Research**: A systematic investigation, including research development, testing and evaluation, designed to develop or contribute to generalizable knowledge. Activities which meet this definition constitute research for purposes of this policy, whether or not they are conducted or supported under a program which is considered research.

3. **Sponsor**: An individual, company, institution, government agency or organization responsible for the initiation, management and financing of research.

RESPONSIBLE POSITIONS (TITLE):

- Investigator
- Research Compliance Staff
- Reimbursement Services Senior Financial Analyst

EQUIPMENT NEEDED:

N/A

PROCEDURE STEPS, GUIDELINES, OR REFERENCE

1. Purpose. Palmetto Health has established a standard discounted rate of healthcare items/procedures/services to Investigators for research performed at Palmetto Health facilities.

2. Applicability. This procedure applies to research studies that are approved by the Palmetto Health Institutional Review Board and the Palmetto Health Administrative Review Process.
on or after October 1, 2014. The previous version (Version 1) of the procedure covered research studies approved between April 1, 2013 and September 30, 2014. Research studies begun prior to April 1, 2013 may continue with their previously negotiated rates.

3. It is the Investigator’s responsibility to thoroughly review and understand the research project and to identify all items/procedures/services that are necessary to completely conduct the study. For example, the charge for a procedure may not include necessary professional, pharmacy or other costs essential to perform the procedure.

4. The discounts will be applied on hospital inpatient/outpatient charges.

4.1. Palmetto Health has authorized a 40% discount of the billed charge for items/procedures/services that are performed for research and are funded by an industry sponsor (for-profit).

4.2. Palmetto Health has authorized a 55% discount of the billed charge for items/procedures/services that are performed for research and are Federally-funded, funded by a not-for-profit, or unfunded.

4.3. Additional services above standard healthcare item/procedure/services may be required to conduct the study (e.g. copies of medical records, packing and sending/mailing of specimens, etc.). The discount will not apply to these services, and the charge must be negotiated directly with the impacted department by Research Compliance.

4.4. Charges are not fixed and may be changed. Typically, charges are modified at least on an annual basis. It is the Investigator’s responsibility to negotiate and/or establish the study budget to include these increases during the course of the conduct of the research.

4.5. Discounts are only for technical/facility charges (i.e. charges that would be on the hospital bill). Any professional fees are not covered by this procedure. It is the Investigator’s responsibility to negotiate directly with the service provider for these professional fees.

4.6. Exceptions to this procedure must be presented to Research Compliance for review and approval.

5. Method to obtain discount.

5.1. Prior to budget negotiation, the Investigator must contact Research Compliance with a list of the items/procedures/services that are necessary to conduct the study.

5.2. Research Compliance staff will contact Reimbursement Services to obtain the current charges and then apply the appropriate discount to determine the research charge.

5.3. Research Compliance staff will contact the impacted departments for services above standard healthcare item/procedure/services that are required to conduct the study as defined in Section 4.3.

5.4. Research Compliance staff will provide a list of the current research rates to the Investigator.