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Dear Investigator,

The Executive Committee for Clinical Research Billing, consisting of senior research, legal, compliance and financial executives for Johns Hopkins Medicine met this month to review and update the research charge adjustment percentages.

For statements generated after April 1, 2021, Hospital Billing (HB) charges will be discounted by 62.5% of the facility charge master for Government/Not for Profit organizations and by 43.7% for Pharmaceutical/For Profit sponsors. These reductions maintain equivalency with our target guideline of 100% of CMS Medicare rates for Government/Not for Profit sponsors and 150% of CMS Medicare rates for Pharmaceutical/For Profit companies.

Monthly Single Billing Office (SBO) account statements for research accounts with HB charges will continue to include a memo highlighting the charge master total, research discount, and adjusted balance for payment from the study IO#. The research account will be charged 37.5% of the charge master total for Government/Not for Profit sponsors and 56.3% for Pharmaceutical/For Profit sponsors.

Your support and cooperation is appreciated as we continue to improve administrative processes supporting clinical research. Study teams should contact the Clinical Research Support Services (CRSS) team to access pricing and develop budgets that ensure financial integrity of research projects. Please contact that group at CRSS@jhmi.edu or via phone at 410-361-8362. Fees used in budgets for imaging services on the Johns Hopkins Hospital campus must be obtained directly from RadResearchBilling@jhmi.edu.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D E Ford".

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cc: Executive Committee on Clinical Research Billing