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Important information for faculty conducting human subjects research:

Tallahassee Memorial HealthCare (TMH) recently updated its IRB review fee schedule to incorporate a 30% discount for FSU researchers collaborating with TMH. The discount will be applied to the listed fees, which can be found at <https://ocra.fsu.edu/clinical-collaborators/>. Any FSU researcher planning to collaborate with TMH should work with the Office for Clinical Research Advancement (OCRA) to address what TMH IRB fees outlined in the schedule may apply to the study and, if the study is unfunded, how to request consideration for a fee reduction or waiver. Although the TMH IRB has had a fee structure in place for years, the discount was just implemented in June in recognition of the collaborative partnership between FSU and TMH. For that, we are very appreciative!

As you may be aware, IRB fees are a standard practice among healthcare research institutions like hospitals as a way to recoup a small portion of their costs to support operations such as IRB reviews. Universities typically recoup similar overhead expenses by budgeting into grant applications indirect costs that come back to the university as part of the grant award. Because TMH does not have a federally negotiated rate for recouping overhead costs if their clinician researchers apply for extramural grant awards, assessing IRB fees is how TMH can recoup a portion of its research operational costs.

As with any study-related costs, FSU researchers who plan a collaboration with institutions like TMH should include in grant proposals any fees from external IRBs. Likewise, studies being funded by researcher start-up funds or other internal university awards that allow such costs to be budgeted also should include external costs like IRB fees. Going forward, for funded studies that anticipate collaborating with external institutions such as TMH, researchers should contact OCRA@fsu.edu before finalizing the protocol and budget. TMH will

need to review those study materials in order to provide a letter of support and ensure that resources are budgeted for the collaboration.

Thank you for working with us on this aspect of our research collaboration with TMH, and continued best wishes for your research endeavors.

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