



**Institutional Review Board for Human Research (IRB)  
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To Our Valued Clients,

The MUSC Institutional Review Board is committed to providing research services at the lowest possible rate and in line with charges across the university. The Institutional Review Board (IRB) charges fees for processing of research submissions that are partially or fully supported by industry sponsors, including chart review studies. The last increase in IRB fees when relying on a commercial IRB occurred in 2017.

The number and complexity of human research protocols at MUSC have increased since that time, particularly as it relates to the reliance review process.

To align with other academic medical centers and universities, effective April 1, 2025, the IRB will increase the IRB review fees for the processing of protocols where MUSC relies on a commercial IRB.

- Central IRB initial review fee (MUSC relying on a commercial IRB) will increase from \$1000 to \$2000.

All investigators involved in research projects relying on a commercial IRB should include the IRB review fee in their budget.

Please note that we are committed to providing the highest quality research services at the lowest possible rates to support our investigators. Please let us know how we can better serve you. Thank you for using the MUSC IRB.

Sincerely,

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