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Dear Colleagues,

As many of you know, we instituted a CPHS fee in 1995 for non federal agreements to help offset the rising costs of human subject regulations that the Office for the Committee for the Protection of Human Subjects (CPHS) must follow. Dartmouth like other institutions, determined we could not support the research involving human subjects without recovering some of the costs through a direct charge. We have not adjusted that fee since the initial amount was set, but the federal requirements have continued to increase. The institution has provided additional resources, but we are continually faced with additional requirements specific to research involving human subjects.

After much review we are announcing the following changes:

- After July 1, the CPHS fee for full committee protocols will apply to new protocols funded by **federal** and **non-federal sources**. This change will impact all new and competing proposals, not existing federal awards. The fee will be charged in the first year of a new or competing agreement, but not within the non-competing years.
- After July 1 the CPHS full committee fee will increase from \$1000 to \$1,500. The \$500 fee for expedited will remain the same. All proposals submitted beginning June 1, 2003 should include the increased fee.

Some may question the increase fee and how we compare to other institutions. We have surveyed our sister institutions, and the \$1500 fee is in low medium range for full IRB committee review.

NIH is reviewing the cost to institutions for the increased regulatory burden and modeling how best for institutions to recover these added costs. One model is to allow direct charging of some of the costs through a fee structure similar to Dartmouth's and some of the costs through indirect cost recovery. Currently our CPHS office is not part of the indirect cost recovery and therefore is primarily supported with institutional funds and a small percentage from the CPHS fee. Dartmouth will continue to monitor NIH's progress for cost recovery.

Please contact me with any questions concerning the changes.

Sincerely,

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