

CoDES Research Computing Services Support and Data Sharing Fees

Research Computing Services Support

The Center for Drug Evaluation and Safety (CoDES) Research Computing Services (CoDES-RCS) Support Fee financially supports the computing environment required for use of big data maintained in CoDES in collaboration with the Department of Pharmaceutical Outcomes and Policy (POP). The Support Fee is a multi-level funding mechanism in collaboration with UF Research Computing that provides appropriate levels of access to hardware, software, data storage infrastructure, data archiving and disaster recovery, user management and computational and administrative support and services resources. CoDES-RCS supports handling of sensitive data such as personal health information and social security numbers in compliance with state and federal policies.

The resources and services provided by CoDES-RCS represent direct costs expended in support of project personnel and the above-described fees. These services are not included in any institutional indirect or overhead costs recovered by the University. As an approved auxiliary core activity, in order to ensure compliance with federal and University regulations, the support fee is applied equally to all projects regardless of sources of funding. Because the auxiliary core is not permitted to generate revenue according to university regulations, project-specific costs are generally underestimated.

Data Access Fees

The Center for Drug Evaluation and Safety (CoDES) facilitates for its members access to a variety of data sources. Access fees are based on annual cost for data licenses or purchase of annual data refreshers and staff hours allocated for cohort discovery and preparation of final data extracts for the investigator. The calculation of access fees overestimates the number of CoDES members who access the data and therefore underbudgets data fees to ensure compliance with UF guidance that does not allow auxiliary cores to generate revenue.

Summary of RCS and data access costs for CoDES members

CoDES members who would like to benefit from CoDES-RCS and data infrastructure must commit to sharing IDC with CoDES if relevant infrastructure is utilized in a funded project.

Fee cycle: All fees are assessed biannually at the beginning of January and July; for RCS fees for funded projects, it is the responsibility of the PI to ensure that fees are paid for grants that are shorter than 6 months. Grants with no cost extensions that cross payment periods are not required to pay fees. Likewise, PIs can elect to retain data beyond the funded period to finalize publications without additional fees. Amendments to grants are assessed on a case-by-case basis.

CoDES fee schedule - Summary

RCS

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| Cost assessed per: | project |
| Annual cost per project: | \$5000 (\$2500 per 6-month pay period) |
| Funded projects: | charged to project budget |
| CoDES members without funding: | voucher from CoDES (through application process) |
| Trainees: | no fees – assumed to work under faculty-based project; fees for project PI apply |

MarketScan Commercial Claims and Medicare Supplement data

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| Annual access fee assessed per: | CoDES faculty member |
| Annual access fee per faculty: | \$2,500 (\$1250 per pay period) |
| Funded projects: | Per MarketScan license stipulations, CoDES data access fees cannot be paid out of funded projects (can be paid from IDC or other discretionary funds). For funded projects, MarketScan requires a license amendment paid from the grant budget (per current DUA \$30,000 not-for-profit funding agency/\$60,000 for-profit funding). |
| Unfunded projects: | annual access fee for the lead faculty is required |
| Trainees: | principal advisor or project lead faculty (if not the principal advisor) must pay annual access fee; license amendment for dissertations must be paid to IBM (\$2,000) |

MarketScan HRA data

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| Annual access fee assessed per: | CoDES faculty member |
| Annual access fee per faculty: | \$1000 (\$500 per pay period) |
| Funded projects: | Per MarketScan license, CoDES data access fees cannot be paid out of funded projects (can be paid from IDC or other discretionary funds). MarketScan does not charge additional fees for HRA on grants if claims data are used. |
| Unfunded projects: | annual access fee for the lead faculty is required |
| Trainees: | principal advisor or project lead faculty (if not the principal advisor) must pay annual access fee; access to HRA for dissertations is covered under the claims data license amendment to IBM (\$2,000) |

Medicaid/Medicare data

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| CoDES access fee assessed per: | CoDES faculty member |
| Annual access fee for faculty: | \$3,000 (Medicaid) / \$2,750 (Medicare) (\$1500/\$1375 per pay period) |
| Funded projects: | access fee includes use of anything that is linked to those claims data (e.g., birth records, NDI, MDS) Access fee is paid from one grant or split across several |

grants. For each funded project, faculty also need to file a reuse DUA to CMS for \$2,000 (paid to CMS).

Unfunded projects:

Annual access fee for lead faculty; dependent on study aim, faculty will be added to existing DUA or need to file reuse DUA for \$2,000.

Trainees:

principal advisor or project lead faculty (if not the principal advisor) must pay annual access fee; for dissertations, may need to file reuse DUA to CMS with fee waiver

Faculty-specific contribution to databases:

Faculty who pay for new data (e.g., a new year of Medicare data) from grants or personal funds can deduct these investments from future access fees. For MarketScan, faculty who contribute to a reduction in license fees by using MarketScan data in funded research resulting in a paid license amendment, can deduct the savings of the license fees from future access fees.

Computing / analytical support

The data access fee includes analyst time to support cohort discovery including consultations on data extraction specifications. Support services beyond cohort discovery and related data extraction are available upon request and charged by hour, depending on the level of expertise needed, at \$35-\$75 per hour.

Overview of project fees (per annum)

| | Fee to: | User with Funding* | User with no Funding* |
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| RCS | CoDES | \$5,000 per project | Voucher per project |
| Data Fees, by Source | | | |
| IBM MarketScan claims / HRA data | CoDES | \$2,500 / \$1000 annual access fee per faculty | |
| | IBM | \$30,000 (non-profit grantor)/\$60,000 (for-profit grantor) one-time payment per project | IBM fee not applicable |
| Medicaid data | CoDES | \$3000 annual access fee per faculty; if multiple grants use these data, fee is split across projects | |
| | CMS | \$2,000 reuse DUA fee to CMS per project | \$2,000 reuse DUA fee depending on project scope |
| Medicare data | CoDES | \$2,750 annual access fee per faculty; if multiple grants use these data, fee is split across projects | |
| | CMS | \$2,000 reuse DUA fee to CMS per project | \$2,000 reuse DUA fee depending on project scope |
| Optional Add-On Services | | | |
| Additional computing / analytical support | CoDES | \$35-\$75 per hour, based on level of expertise required | Not available |