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957 CMR 5:00: Health Care Claims, Case Mix and Charge Data Release Procedures

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Hospital Case Mix and Charge Data Fee Schedule

The Center for Health Information and Analysis (“Center”), pursuant to 957 CMR 5.08(1) and (2), is issuing this Administrative Bulletin to update its Hospital Case Mix and Charge Data (Case Mix and Charge Data) Fee Schedule. All fees and definitions in the Case Mix and Charge Data Fee Schedule remain unchanged, however, the criteria for fee waivers has been expanded. Payers, providers and provider organizations that are required to file data with the Center pursuant to M.G.L. c. 12C and are current with all such data filings and reporting requirements are now eligible for a fee waiver. This Administrative Bulletin shall supersede Administrative Bulletin 13-09 which established the previous Case Mix and Charge Data Fee Schedule.

This Administrative Bulletin reports the fees established for Case Mix and Charge Data together with related application and support fees in connection with Case Mix and Charge Data released pursuant to the Center’s regulation, 957 CMR 5.00: Health Care Claims, Case Mix and Charge Data Release Procedures. The established fees reflect the cost of systems analysis, program development, computer production, vendors’ fees, consulting services and other costs related to the production of the requested data.

An applicant requesting Case Mix and Charge Data must remit the application fee with the application and, if such application is approved, the applicant must remit the established fee prior to the release of the requested data. The established fees listed below retain the previous effective or start date of December 27, 2013. All fees stated are for one data extract. Additional extracts of data with the same specifications are discounted 50%. The Center will charge fees for the highest applicable category of use where an applicant’s data request and stated use involve one or more categories.

Definitions

As referenced below, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

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“Single Use” shall mean data requests for one-time uses such as those that cover one project or study. The “product” of a single use is a journal article, seminar, or other report on the project or study that may contain summaries of the data pertinent to the research or analysis.

“Limited Multiple Use” shall mean data requests for a project or study involving limited ancillary uses, such as: (1) development and sale of custom reports for specific clients where the data is part of a larger analytical service; (2) analyses by a provider, plan or other organization where use of the data functions as a site license; and (3) development and sale of analytical tools such as severity indices or weights where the data is a component used in deriving the tool but the tool does not access or disclose the data.

“Multiple Use” shall mean data requests for multiple primary uses, such as: (1) development and sale of reports principally composed of all or a portion of the data; (2) development and sale of a product facilitating the use of all or a portion of the data; and (3) integrating the data with data from other permitted sources with or without related query tools.

Fee Waivers

In accordance with 957 CMR 5.08(2), applicants may qualify for a full or partial fee waiver, which shall be granted at the Center’s discretion. Such applicants include: (1) student directed research; (2) payers who submit Case Mix and Charge Data to the Center that are requesting their own data; (3) government entities; (4) qualified researchers conducting studies directly tied to evaluation or improvement of current State government initiatives; (5) researchers who can demonstrate that the imposition of fees would constitute an undue financial hardship; and (6) payers, providers and provider organizations that are required to file data with the Center pursuant to M.G.L. c. 12C and are current with all such data filings and reporting requirements.

The established fees for Case Mix and Charge Data and related applications, effective December 27, 2013, are as follows:

Application Fees

Application Fee (Level 1 Data Elements Only)	\$100
Application Fee (All Other Applications)	\$300

Support/Production Fees

Support/Production	\$140 per hour
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Data Element Fees

Requests for Level 1 (De-identified) Data Elements

	Single Use	Limited Multiple Use	Multiple Use
Data File			
Inpatient Discharge	\$1,050	\$2,100	\$7,000
Outpatient Observation	\$420	\$840	\$1,680
Emergency Department	\$1,050	\$2,100	\$7,000

Requests for Level 2 and Above Data Elements			
	Single Use	Limited Multiple Use	Multiple Use
Data File			
Inpatient Discharge	\$1,050	\$2,100	\$7,000
Outpatient Discharge	\$420	\$840	\$1,680
Emergency Department	\$1,050	\$2,100	\$7,000