

## **Administrative Bulletin 16-14**

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

Effective February 1, 2017

#### **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 in the Case Mix and Charge Data Fee Schedule remain unchanged; however, the criteria for fee waivers and definitions have been revised.

Changes in this Administrative Bulletin include:

- Definitions have been simplified, reflecting our experience with Applicants for Data, and are reconciled with definitions in the All-Payer Claims Data Fee Schedule (Administrative Bulletin 16-13).
- Criteria for fee waivers have been reconciled with the All-Payer Claims Data Fee Schedule (Administrative Bulletin 16-13).
- Data extracts will consist of one year of Data.
- Researchers are required to demonstrate that the funding source for their research does not cover the cost of the Data to be eligible for a full or partial fee waiver.
- Resellers have been clearly defined and may only qualify for a partial fee waiver if they are non-profits and can demonstrate their project, report or product is in beta stage and not generating any income.

This Administrative Bulletin shall supersede Administrative Bulletin 15-07 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 5.08(1): 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 CHIA Data.

**Fee Waivers**

In accordance with 957 CMR 5.08(2), Applicants may qualify for a full or partial fee waiver. Payers, Providers, and Provider Organizations that are required to file Data or information with the Center pursuant to M.G.L. c. 12C and are current with all such filing and reporting requirements will be granted, upon request, a full fee waiver. Researchers, as defined in 957 CMR 5.00 who can demonstrate that the funding source for the research (i.e., grant or institutional funding) does not cover the cost of the Data may apply for a full or partial fee waiver, which may be granted in the Center's sole discretion. Resellers, who are non-profit organizations, and can demonstrate with financial statements, that their product, report or project is in beta stage and not generating any income, may apply for a partial fee waiver, which may be granted in the Center's sole discretion. Applicants under contract with State government agencies conducting studies directly tied to evaluation or improvement of current State government initiatives will be granted, upon request from the State agency, a full fee waiver.

The Center may, in the Center's sole discretion, consider fee waivers or alternative payment arrangements, such as licensing arrangements.

An Applicant requesting Case Mix and Charge Data must remit the non-refundable 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.

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

**Application Fees:**

|  |       |
|--|-------|
| Application Fee<br>(De-identified Data)  | \$100 |
| Application Fee<br>(Restricted Use Data) | \$300 |

**Support/Production Fees:**

Depending on available resources, the Center may be able to provide technical support to the Applicant for the Applicant's use of the Data. Applicants receiving such assistance, if available, will be charged a Support/Production Fee. Please contact [casemix.data@state.ma.us](mailto:casemix.data@state.ma.us) for more information.

|                    |                |
|--------------------|----------------|
| Support/Production | \$140 per hour |
|--------------------|----------------|

**Case Mix and Charge Data Fees:**

| <b>Requests for De-identified Data</b>        |             |         |           |
|---|-------------|---------|-----------|
| Data File (per each year of Data requested)   | Researchers | Others  | Resellers |
| Hospital Inpatient Data                       | \$1,050     | \$2,100 | \$7,000   |
| Outpatient Observation Data                   | \$420       | \$840   | \$1,680   |
| Hospital Outpatient Emergency Department Data | \$1,050     | \$2,100 | \$7,000   |

| <b>Requests for Restricted Use Data</b>       |             |         |           |
|---|-------------|---------|-----------|
| Data File (per each year of Data requested)   | Researchers | Others  | Resellers |
| Hospital Inpatient Data                       | \$1,050     | \$2,100 | \$7,000   |
| Outpatient Observation Data                   | \$420       | \$840   | \$1,680   |
| Hospital Outpatient Emergency Department Data | \$1,050     | \$2,100 | \$7,000   |

**Definitions**

Capitalized terms have the same meaning as in 957 CMR 5.00. The following terms shall have the following meanings:

“**Others**” shall mean Applicants who are not Resellers or Researchers.

“**Resellers**” shall mean Applicants intending to use the Data in any product, report, or project which will be provided in any format for a fee to a third party.