

Administrative Bulletin 17-05

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

Effective January 1, 2018

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 definition of Reseller is refined and fees for Summarized Data Reports are included.

This Administrative Bulletin shall supersede Administrative Bulletin 16-14 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. This Administrative Bulletin reports the fees associated with the creation of Summarized Data Reports, as set forth in 957 CMR 5.07. 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.

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 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 its sole discretion, consider partial 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 (De-identified Data)	\$100
Application Fee (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 for more information.

Support/Production	\$140 per hour
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Case Mix and Charge Data Fees:

Requests for De-identified Data			
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

Requests for Restricted Use Data			
Data File (per each year of Data requested)	Researchers	Others	Resellers
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Summarized Data Report Fees:

The creation of a Summarized Data Report will be charged at \$140.00 per hour in connection with the support/production of the Summarized Data Report. The fee must be received prior to the creation of the Report. There are no Application Fees required for Summarized Data Reports.

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 using the Data, or any derivation from the Data, in any project, including but not limited to, any tool, product, report, or in the provision of any service which will be provided in any format to a third party.