



memorandum

To: Nova Scotia Health Research & Innovation Community
From: Dr. Jordan Warford, PhD, Senior Director, Research
Dr. Marie Laurence Tremblay, PhD, Manager, Research Ethics
Date: 2023/03/17
RE: **Research Ethics Board (REB) Fees**

To ensure cost coverage and proper resource allocation to meet its mandate, the Nova Scotia Health REB charges an up-front review fee for industry. This fee has remained the same for over a decade.

The decision has been made to increase our existing REB initial review fee of \$3500 per Industry Sponsored Fee for Service Contract to \$4000. A new REB annual maintenance of \$500/year and a protocol amendment fee of 250\$/amendment is also being implemented for active studies. This fee structure is based on review of national standards, the increase in research studies being reviewed by the REB, inflation, and digital infrastructure. These fees will be invoiced directly to the Sponsor by Nova Scotia Health Research Finance.

This decision is not retroactive and will only apply to all newly negotiated budgets effective April 1, 2023. Research, Innovation and Discovery Contracts Team (ResearchContracts@nshealth.ca) is aware of this change and will take this into consideration when assisting Research Teams with negotiating and finalizing clinical research budgets.

This information can be communicated, as necessary, to Industry Sponsors on the move forward.

Should there be any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact myself or Marie directly.

Thank you,

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