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**Administrative Bulletin 13-09**

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

Effective December 27, 2013

**Hospital Case Mix and Charge Data Fee Schedule**

The Center for Health Information and Analysis (“Center”), pursuant to 957 CMR 5.08(1), is issuing this Administrative Bulletin to report the fees established for Hospital Case Mix and Charge Data (“Case Mix and Charge Data”) and 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 are effective 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:

“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; and (5) researchers who can demonstrate that the imposition of fees would constitute an undue financial hardship. The established fees for Case Mix and Charge Data and related applications 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**

<b>Requests for Level 1 (De-identified) Data Elements</b>			
	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

<b>Requests for Level 2 and Above Data Elements</b>			
	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