Clinical Research Financial Considerations

Thank you for considering participating in clinical research at Yale. We have a strong tradition of carrying out research aimed at developing promising new treatments. Such advances in medicine depend on people like you who agree to participate in research studies.

The research study team will explain the benefits and risks of participating in the study you’re considering. They will review what the study involves, what is expected of you, and how you are protected. It’s also important for you to understand if you will have any financial responsibilities associated with participation in the research study.

**Will I have to pay for medical services I receive as part of the research study?**

You and/or your insurance provider may have to pay for medical services that you receive while participating in a research study. For example, you and/or your insurance provider will be billed for any medical services and tests that you receive while you are participating in a research study that are part of your regular medical care. Such services are considered “standard of care” and are services that you would receive even if you were not participating in the research study. You will be responsible for any deductibles or co-pays required by your insurance provider for such “standard of care” medical services.

However, some of the services or tests that you may receive as a research study participant may be performed solely for purposes of the research study. Such services or tests are not considered “standard of care” services, and you and your insurance provider will not be billed for such services or tests.

**How do I know if services will be billed to my insurance provider or to me?**

A member of the study team can explain which services or tests that you will receive during the research study will be billed to your insurance provider or to you, if any. In addition, you may request a list of the services and tests that will take place at each study visit. This list should specify which services and tests are “standard of care” and will be billed to your insurance provider or to you, if any, and which services and tests are performed solely for purposes of the research study and will not be billed to your insurance provider or you.

**What if I have questions about services billed to my insurance provider or me?**

Your study doctor, a member of the study team, or a member of the research billing team will be glad to answer your questions about whether services or tests performed during the course of a research study will be billed to your insurance provider or to you, or about any bills that you may receive during your participation in a research study. Please call the research billing team at 1-877-TRIALS0 (1-877-874-2560). You may also contact your insurance provider directly.