Subject Compensation

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1.0 Purpose

To aid in assuring knowledge and compliance of all persons involved in any aspect of human subject research by documenting the requirements for subject compensation.

2.0 Scope

The SOP applies to all human subject research falling under the purview of the Health Sciences Institutional Review Board.

3.0 Policy/Procedure

General Information
It is not uncommon for subjects to be compensated for reimbursement for time and/or expenses incurred as part of the research study. In such cases, the IRB must review the amount of payment to assure that no undue coercion or influence is being placed on the subject. The IRB must take
into account whether compensation given to subjects is reasonable, not coercive, and is reflective of the degree of risk, inconvenience, or discomfort associated with participation. Coercion or undue influence may occur if the entire payment was to be contingent upon completion of the study, or if the payment was unusually large so as to influence participants to stay in the study when they would have otherwise withdrawn. The IRB will determine on a case-by-case basis whether the amount of compensation is appropriate, and upon review may request changes in the amount or method of compensation.

Compensation for participation in a trial offered by a sponsor to include a coupon good for a discount on the purchase price of the product once it had been approved for marketing is prohibited.

Per the IRB policy on recruitment, specific monetary amounts provided as compensation for participation may not be stated in the recruitment materials but should be set forth in the consent document. A statement that reimbursement/compensation is provided will be allowed but the specific dollar amount of said compensation is not allowed.

Accounting Approval

The method of payment must be reviewed the general accounting office in addition to IRB approval. See the Business Policy & Procedures Manual regarding the policy on participant compensation: [http://www.missouri.edu/~muacct/BPPM%20Research%20Participant%20Compensation.htm](http://www.missouri.edu/~muacct/BPPM%20Research%20Participant%20Compensation.htm). Studies involving compensation must have this approval prior to final IRB approval being given.

The IRB office will notify the investigator for any study which has compensation as part of the protocol of the requirement for accounting approval. The investigator will be responsible for communicating with the accounting office to obtain the necessary approval. Accounting will forward the IRB their approval of the method of compensation. Once the approval from accounting is received, the IRB will move forward with final approval.