

Phoebe Putney Health System, Inc.

POLICY TITLE: INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW BOARD (IRB) PAYMENT TO SUBJECTS

ENTITY: PPMH

Approved by: IRB CHAIR

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Contact Information: IRB COORDINATOR

Scope: The IRB Payment to Subjects policy applies to all research involving human subjects, including behavioral, biomedical, and social sciences.

Purpose: To establish guidelines for payments to human research subjects under Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital (PPMH) Institutional Review Board (IRB) auspices.

Definitions: N/A

Policy:

1. Payment to research subjects may be an incentive for participation or a way to reimburse a subject for travel or other expenses incurred due to participation. However, payment for participation is not considered a research benefit. Regardless of the form of remuneration, investigators must take care to avoid coercion of subjects. Payments should reflect the degree of risk, inconvenience, or discomfort associated with participation. The amount of compensation must be proportional to the risks and inconveniences posed by participation in the study.
2. The IRB will review payments to subjects to determine that:
 - a. The amount of payment and the proposed method and timing of disbursement is neither coercive nor presents undue influence;
 - b. Credit for payment accrues as the study progresses and is not contingent upon the subject completing the entire study;
 - c. Any amount paid as a bonus for completion is reasonable and not so large as to unduly influence participants to stay in the study when they would otherwise have withdrawn; and
 - d. All information concerning payment, including the amount and schedule of payments, is set forth in the consent document.
3. Payments to research subjects and schedule of all payments must be disclosed in the informed consent document and documented in the IRB application.

Procedure:

This section has been intentionally left blank. Please refer to related policies for applicable procedures.

REVISION HISTORY

Revision Number	Description of Changes	Approvals	Date
N/A	Initial release of Policy for PPHS Policy Management System (Compliance 360 Program). This policy replaces all previous versions.	IRB Committee	11-16-2016
N/A	Reviewed with No Changes	IRB Committee	09-25-2019