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Subject: Ancillary Policy Change for CTSA Grant Year 8; May 1, 2015 – April 30, 2016

Dear investigators & study staff,

As you know, the Harvard Catalyst Clinical Research Center receives most of its funding from a grant from the National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences (NCATS). As with other grants, there have been changes in the level of funding of research services over the past several years. As such, we are writing to let you know of a change in our ancillary policy effective 10/1/15.

We have been able to provide ancillary support for lab tests of our investigators within this funding climate, but are unable to fund services to the same level going forward. We recognize the challenge that this will cause and are providing six months of advance notice of this funding change to allow you to find alternative sources of funding.

As of October 1, 2015, ancillary support for laboratory tests for senior investigators (Associate Professor and Professor) will no longer be provided. However, support for other services currently offered through the CRCs remain in place. This includes standard nursing and nutrition services, sample processing, and preferential pricing from LabCorp.

For junior faculty (Assistant professor and below or researchers without an HMS faculty rank), we will continue to provide ancillary support for laboratory tests at least through April 30, 2016 in the following ways:

- For any study submitted through the protocol review system on or after 5/1/15, we will fund up to a cap of \$2,500 per study for the year ending April 30, 2016. Renewal of this funding for subsequent years will be dependent on future years funding.
- For any current studies, ancillary support will continue under the current funding structure of up to \$50 per day or visit. Renewal of this funding for subsequent years will be dependent on future years funding.

Given the uncertainty of future funding for ancillary support, we urge all investigators to budget any lab costs into all new grant proposals. As always, please contact Hermine Osseni or Yemi Talabi-Oates for any questions or concerns and for assistance with this transition.

Best,
CCI Staff