

# Comparative effectiveness research fee (CERF)

## Fee periods and payment schedule

Originally scheduled to end in 2019 (with final payments due in 2020), the Further Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2020 extended CERF for ten years through 2029. For CERF payments, the ERISA plan year is key. If your ERISA plan year and renewal date are different, use the ERISA plan year to calculate your fee per covered life and payment due date.

### Fee due July 31, 2018

PLAN YEAR START DATE	FEE PER AVERAGE COVERED LIFE
Feb. 1, 2016–Oct. 1, 2016	\$2.26
Nov. 1, 2016–Jan. 1, 2017	\$2.39

### Fee due July 31, 2019

PLAN YEAR START DATE	FEE PER AVERAGE COVERED LIFE
Feb. 1, 2017–Oct. 1, 2017	\$2.39
Nov. 1, 2017–Jan. 1, 2018	\$2.45

### Fee due July 31, 2020

PLAN YEAR START DATE	FEE PER AVERAGE COVERED LIFE
Feb. 1, 2018–Oct. 1, 2018	\$2.45
Nov. 1, 2018–Jan. 1, 2019	\$2.54

### Fee due July 31, 2021

PLAN YEAR START DATE	FEE PER AVERAGE COVERED LIFE
Feb. 1, 2019–Oct. 1, 2019	\$2.54
Nov. 1, 2019–Jan. 1, 2020	\$2.66



### Fee due July 31, 2022

PLAN YEAR START DATE	FEE PER AVERAGE COVERED LIFE
Feb. 1, 2020–Oct. 1, 2020	\$2.66
Nov. 1, 2020–Jan. 1, 2021	\$2.79

### Fee due July 31, 2023

PLAN YEAR START DATE	FEE PER AVERAGE COVERED LIFE
Feb. 1, 2021–Oct. 1, 2021	\$2.79
Nov. 1, 2021–Jan. 1, 2022	\$3.00

### Fee due July 31, 2024

PLAN YEAR START DATE	FEE PER AVERAGE COVERED LIFE
Feb. 1, 2022–Oct. 1, 2022	\$3.00
Nov. 1, 2022–Jan. 1, 2023	TBD (Amount increases by rate of medical inflation.)

### Fee due July 31, 2025

PLAN YEAR START DATE	FEE PER AVERAGE COVERED LIFE
Feb. 1, 2023–Oct. 1, 2023	TBD
Nov. 1, 2023–Jan. 1, 2024	TBD

### Fee due July 31, 2026

PLAN YEAR START DATE	FEE PER AVERAGE COVERED LIFE
Feb. 1, 2024–Oct. 1, 2024	TBD
Nov. 1, 2024–Jan. 1, 2025	TBD

### Fee due July 31, 2027

PLAN YEAR START DATE	FEE PER AVERAGE COVERED LIFE
Feb. 1, 2025–Oct. 1, 2025	TBD
Nov. 1, 2025–Jan. 1, 2026	TBD

### Fee due July 31, 2028

PLAN YEAR START DATE	FEE PER AVERAGE COVERED LIFE
Feb. 1, 2026–Oct. 1, 2026	TBD
Nov. 1, 2026–Jan. 1, 2027	TBD

### Fee due July 31, 2029

PLAN YEAR START DATE	FEE PER AVERAGE COVERED LIFE
Feb. 1, 2027–Oct. 1, 2027	TBD
Nov. 1, 2027–Future renewals	Fee set to expire. No future payments required.

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