

Ministry of Social Affairs and Health  
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**Decree of the Ministry of Social Affairs and Health on the Fees Charged for Opinions of the Regional Ethics Committees and the National Committee on Medical Research Ethics**

Issued in Helsinki on 30 September 2010

**Section 1**

**Fees charged for the opinions of the regional ethics committees and the National Committee on Medical Research Ethics**

The regional ethics committees and the National Committee on Medical Research Ethics charge the following fees for their written opinions delivered on a research plan:

- 1) clinical drug trial EUR 2,000;
- 2) other medical research than clinical drug trial EUR 2,000;
- 3) change to the research plan EUR 800.

The fee is charged by the ethics committee that considers the research plan in virtue of section 17 (1) of the Medical Research Act.

No fee shall be charged for opinions delivered on researcher-driven research carried out without outside funding or by funding from a non-profit corporation. An account of the funding shall be attached to the research plan.

If the research plan has been brought before the ethics committee for reconsideration in accordance with section 3 (4) of the Medical Research Act, no fee shall be charged for the new opinion.

**Section 2**

**Miscellaneous services**

Decision on the charges for the retrieval of information referred to in section 34(2) of the Act on the Openness of Government Activities (621/1999) and for the copies or printouts of documents referred to in section 34 (3) of the same Act is made by the relevant hospital district and in respect of the National Committee on Medical Research Ethics by the National Supervisory Authority for Welfare and Health taking into account what is provided in section 34 of the Act on the Openness of Government Activities.

### **Section 3**

#### **Entry into force**

This decree enters into force on 1 October 2010 and is in force until 31 December 2011.

This Decree repeals sections 1 and 2 a in the Decree of the Ministry of Social Affairs and Health on the fees charged for the opinions of the ethics committees of the hospital districts and of the Sub-Committee on Medical Research Ethics under the National Advisory Board on Health Care Ethics No. 1136/2008 of 30 December 2008.