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SUBJECT: Facilities & Administrative (F&A) Cost Rates for Sponsored Programs—
FYs 2018 - 2021

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The U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (US DHHS) recently approved a request for extension of the current facilities and administrative cost rates for recovery of the indirect costs of federally sponsored programs at the University of Massachusetts Boston. Since the submission of our last proposal, federal regulations were revised in the form of “OMB Uniform Guidance” (December 2014). This guidance contained a new provision that allows institutions to request a one-time extension.

The approved rates, which are continuing the rates from our prior agreement, are summarized below:

Project Type	FY18 – FY 2021
Research—On Campus	52.5%
Instruction—On Campus	46.0%
Other Sponsored Programs	36.4%
Off-Campus, All Activities	26.0%

In addition, the rate agreement with the US DHHS approves UMass Boston’s newly calculated worker’s compensation rate of 0.26%. This rate has been updated in the financial system and will be effective for the September 2017 monthly reports.

The Office of Research and Sponsored Programs will administer the application of the new F&A rates for awards. The complete rate agreement and other guidance documents can be located at the ORSP PI Toolkit page located here: http://www.umb.edu/orsp/pi_toolkit. For any questions related to the application of these rates on sponsored projects, please contact Matthew Meyer, Director of ORSP at orsp@umb.edu.