

# Protecting Research Participants Financially: Making SENSE of Patient-CENTric Research When Patients Lack CENTS

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- Explore challenges for participants in clinical trials when the patient is indigent or has high out-of-pocket expenses due to their commercial healthcare insurance policy. Explore effects from Medicare secondary payer, anti-kickback statutes, etc.
- Investigate the challenges of participating in sponsor-provided “Financial Hardship Programs” designed to help research participants with financial obligations
- Discuss opportunities to create a vehicle for the research entity to assist clinical trial participants through relationships with foundations. What are the benefits/risks of a program running side by side with existing charity care programs?

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