POLICY ON WAIVER OF FACILITIES AND ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS FOR SPONSORED PROJECTS FUNDED BY GREENVILLE HEALTH SYSTEM (GHS)

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1.0 Purpose

This policy stipulates conditions under which Facilities and Administrative Costs may be waived for Clemson University sponsored projects funded by the Greenville Health System.

2.0 Applicability

This policy applies to all Clemson University faculty and staff.

3.0 Government Rules and Regulations

NA

4.0 Definitions

Facilities and Administrative Costs (F&A): A federally-negotiated rate assigned by a cognizant federal agency to cover all costs associated with the conduct of sponsored activity that is unallocable to a specific project. “Facilities” is defined as depreciation on buildings, equipment and capital improvement, interest on debt associated with certain buildings, equipment and capital improvements and operations and maintenance expenses. “Administration” is defined as general administration and general expenses. F&A is sometimes referred to as “indirect costs” and “overhead.”

5.0 Policy

Pursuant to the Clemson University Policy on the Waiver or Reduction in Facilities and Administrative (F&A) Rate signed on February 12, 2013, Clemson University will waive all F&A charges on grants and/or contracts with the Greenville Health System (GHS) when GHS is the originating sponsor of a research project. The purpose of this waiver is to facilitate and grow the collaborative research relationship between the Greenville Health System and Clemson University.
as well as Clemson University’s role as the primary research partner of the Greenville Health System.

This waiver does not apply when GHS is applying for funding from a third party external sponsor and Clemson University will fulfill the role of subrecipient. In these circumstances, Clemson University’s full, federally-negotiated F&A rate will apply, to the extent allowed by prime sponsor policy. The determination of whether the on-campus rate or off-campus rate applies will follow standard University policy, which uses the threshold of where 50 percent or more of the scope of work will be performed.

6.0 Responsibilities

**College Pre-Award Support Centers:** Ensure that there is no third-party prime funding involved in the GHS-funded project.

7.0 Sanctions for Non-Compliance

F&A charged in error will be refunded to GHS.

8.0 Approval Signatures

This policy has been approved by:

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Vice President for Research

July 1, 2018

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