

Interoffice Memo

Date: 7/15/03
To: All Rodent Users
From: Reginald W. Miller
RE: Quarantine Fee Changes for Rodent Users

We have evaluated the cost to the institution for rodent quarantine. Currently, all costs for quarantine are recovered by CCMS from center revenues. This means that the cost of rodent quarantine is borne by all animal users. In addition, those rodent users who are not using quarantine are subsidizing this use for others. A more equitable approach would be to access the costs of quarantine directly to individual users. To develop a cost structure we first looked at the costs for quarantine at an outside contract facility, Charles River. The range of cost for an isolator at Charles River (without serology) is from \$1,200 to \$1,800 per shipment. Serology testing is charged separately. We then performed a cost analysis of our internal costs (technician time, sentinels, supplies, serology testing, laboratory processing) which are approximately \$600.00 (\$598.00) per isolator. Therefore, effective July 1, 2003 we will begin recovering the direct costs for rodent quarantine from users. The rate will be \$550.00 per shipment. This fee will include everything except the cost of shipping. Due to the variant origins of shipments and thus the large variability in shipping fees, these costs cannot be included in the basic quarantine fee. This will continue to be the responsibility of the individual investigators.

The attempt here is to recover reasonable costs while continuing to stimulate growth in research. We would be happy to share the extensive analysis underlying these charges to any interested investigators upon request. Please do not hesitate to contact me directly if you have specific questions.

Sincerely,

Reginald W. Miller, DVM