
42 C.F.R. § 1008.31

OIG fees for the cost of advisory opinions.

- (a) *Responsibility for fees.* The requestor is responsible for paying a fee equal to the costs incurred by the Department in responding to the request for an advisory opinion.
- (b) *Payment Method.* Payment for a request for an advisory opinion must be made to the Treasury of the United States, as directed by OIG.
- (c) *Calculation of costs:* Prior to the issuance of the advisory opinion, the OIG will calculate the costs incurred by the Department in responding to the request. The calculation will include the costs of salaries and benefits payable to attorneys and others who have worked on the request in question, as well as administrative and supervisory support for such person. The OIG has the exclusive authority to determine the cost of responding to a request for an advisory opinion and such determination is not reviewable or waiveable.
- (d) *Agreement to pay all costs.* (1) By submitting the request for an advisory opinion, the requestor agrees, except as indicated in paragraph (d)(4) of this section, to pay all costs incurred by the OIG in responding to the request for an advisory opinion.

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