

Reimbursement and Compensation of Research Participants

Informed Consent Sample Language

When research participants will be compensated for their participation in research or will be reimbursed for expenses that they incurred due to participation, the consent form should include the amount, schedule and terms of payment (including gift cards, checks, etc.). If taking part in the study involves more than one study session or visit, the consent form should describe how payments will be pro-rated if the participant withdraws prior to completing the study.

Method of Payment	Informed Consent Sample language
Compensation General information	<p>We will give you [<i>insert specifics i.e. amount given and how it will be paid</i>] to pay you for your time. [<i>If more than one study visit</i>] You will receive [<i>insert specifics</i>] at each visit.</p> <p><i>[if taking part in this study involves more than one session, describe how payments will be pro-rated if the participant withdraws prior to completing the study].</i> You will receive a total of \$[<i>amount</i>] for [<i>number</i>] study visits. If you choose to withdraw from the study before all visits are completed, compensation will be prorated to include only completed visits. For instance, if you completed 2 visits and decided to withdraw, you would be paid \$[<i>amount</i>].</p>
Reimbursement General information	<p>We will reimburse you up to \$[<i>amount</i>] per visit for reasonable travel and parking expenses. Receipts may be required for all reimbursements.</p>
Payment by Check	<p>A check will be mailed to you about [<i>insert number</i>] weeks after your participation in the study has ended. You will need to provide your Social Security Number for payment.</p>
Payment by Registered/reloadable U.S. Bank PayCard	<p>You will receive [<i>Add as relevant: compensation and reimbursement</i>] through a reloadable debit card, which will be provided to you. This “reloadable” card is not anonymous. We will register you with the vendor of the debit card, U.S. Bank, by providing your name, address, and phone number. You will receive one card, which will be “reloaded” after each completed study visit. This card can be used as a credit card, and you will be able to withdraw money from a bank either through a bank teller or an ATM machine. Please note that banks may charge a fee for using their ATM machine. If you lose the card, you can contact U.S. Bank and have the card replaced. Please read the information sheet that comes with the card for more information.</p>
Payment by anonymous U.S. Bank PayCard	<p>You will receive [<i>Add as relevant: compensation and reimbursement</i>] through a U.S. Bank debit card, which will be provided to you. This card is anonymous. You can use it to pay for purchases made in-store. It cannot be used to withdraw money from a bank either through a bank teller or an ATM machine.</p> <p>You can choose to register the card with Bank of America. Please read the information sheet that comes with the card for more information.</p>

<p>Payment by Gift Card via TruCentive</p>	<p>Compensation for this study will be provided in the form of an electronic Gift Card in the amount of \$[amount], via TruCentive.com. You may choose to receive this electronic gift card by email, SMS text message or both methods. Based on your preference, we will provide your email and/or SMS text number to TruCentive.com. You may also select that a physical card be sent. Some gift cards may use a 3rd party for activation and may require you to provide personal information.</p> <p>Additional instructions on how to receive compensation through TruCentive will be provided to you.</p>
<p>Payment by Venmo/PayPal, direct deposit, etc. via TruCentive</p>	<p>Compensation for this study will be provided via a third-party system, TruCentive.com. Information about you (including your bank account or credit card information, Venmo/PayPal account information, address) may need to be entered into TruCentive’s secure system. There are protections in place to safeguard your information and the research team and TruCentive will not have access to any of the information you provide for compensation purposes. Additional instructions on how to receive compensation through TruCentive will be provided to you.</p>
<p>If a series of payments will result in a total compensation greater than \$600.</p>	<p>Compensation payments totaling more than \$600 in a calendar year will be reported to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and may be taxable income. You will need to provide your U.S. Taxpayer I.D. number (e.g., Social Security Number) for payment.</p>