

Chronic Conditions Warehouse (CCW) Virtual Research Data Center (VRDC) Cloud Migration Fee Changes

CCW VRDC Fee Changes Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Q: When does the new CCW VRDC Cloud Environment Cost Model pricing take effect?

A: The following prices begin March 27, 2022:

- **Project renewals:** The new annual project renewal date will be set to the first seat expiration date of the users on the Data Use Agreement (DUA) after migration to the CCW VRDC Cloud Environment
- **User seat renewals:** The CCW team will apply the new user seat fee at each user's next seat expiration date after migration to the CCW VRDC Cloud Environment
- **Additional space:** Additional storage space will be available for purchase at fees from the new CCW VRDC Cost Model after migration to the CCW VRDC Cloud Environment

Q: Who do these new cost prices affect?

A: The new prices will apply to all researcher and innovator projects (DUAs) within the CCW VRDC Cloud Environment.

Q: Why does CMS charge me project fees and what do they include?

A: The CCW VRDC project fee will now be an annual fee that covers the cost of maintaining the project, in the CCW VRDC.

The project fee covers the following:

- ResDAC support
- Data extract processing
- Allocated amount of space
- Allocated number of output reviews
- Allocated amount of Databricks usage credits

Q: What are seat fees and what do they include?

A: CMS charges researchers who access data in the secure CCW VRDC Cloud Environment a standard access fee per user or "seat." This fee covers CCW VRDC account creation, security, monitoring, seat licenses, and training. CMS has been, and will continue, charging the seat access fee on an annual basis; researchers and innovators must renew each seat every year in order for the user or "seat holder" to continue working on the study.

New Fees for Researchers

RESEARCHER FEES	New Option 1 "SAS ONLY"	New Option 2 "FULL VRDC"	Current Fees [^]
User Access Fee Per User/Per Year Includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CMS onboarding • Seat license • Operational support • Administrative fees 	\$20,000	\$22,000	\$25,000
Project Fee Per DUA/Per Year Includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ResDAC assistance • Privacy board review • DUA review system tracking (EPPE) • Data extract process and access setup • Space allocation — 2 TB storage at DUA level • Output review — 3 output reviews per DUA per week up to 1 GB* • <u>With Option 2 – Full VRDC</u>: Databricks — 2,000 credits at the DUA level (includes R and Python) 	\$15,000	\$18,000	\$15,000
RENEWAL FEES (per year) Renewal is required to continue seat access after the initial 12-month period. Quarterly renewals are permitted if a full year (12 months) of access is not needed.			
User access 'seat' renewal	\$13,000	\$15,000	\$25,000
Project renewal	\$10,000	\$13,000	n/a
Quarterly user access 'seat' renewal	\$3,250	\$3,750	\$6,250
Quarterly project renewal	\$2,500	\$3,250	n/a

*Multiple files may be downloaded in a single request. The total size of all the files cannot exceed 1 GB. The files cannot be zipped together.

[^]Current Fees are similar to Option 1 – SAS Only, but only supported 500 GB of storage per DUA

New Fees for Innovators

INNOVATOR FEES	New Option 1 "SAS ONLY"	New Option 2 "FULL VRDC"	Current Fees[^]
User Access Fee Per User/Per Year Includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CMS onboarding • Seat license • Operational support • Administrative fees 	\$20,000	\$22,000	\$35,000
Project Fee Per DUA/Per Year Includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ResDAC assistance • Privacy board review • DUA review system tracking (EPPE) • Data extract process and access setup • Space allocation — 5 TB storage at DUA level • Output review — 6 output reviews per DUA per week up to 2 GB* • <u>With Option 2 – Full VRDC</u>: Databricks — 4,000 credits at the DUA level (includes R and Python) 	\$25,000	\$35,000	\$25,000
RENEWAL FEES (per year) Renewal is required to continue seat access after the initial 12-month period. Quarterly renewals are permitted if a full year (12 months) of access is not needed.			
User access 'seat' renewal	\$13,000	\$15,000	\$35,000
Project renewal	\$20,000	\$25,000	n/a
Quarterly user access 'seat' renewal	\$3,250	\$3,750	\$8,750
Quarterly project renewal	\$5,000	\$6,250	n/a

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New Add-On Fees

ADD-ONS		
Item	Fee	Frequency
Quarterly data pulls for a DUA	\$5,000	One-time fee
Additional Databricks credits (2,000 credits at the DUA level)	\$1,500	Renewed annually
Additional space (1 TB blocks at the DUA level)	\$1,500	Renewed annually
Additional output reviews (3 reviews per week up to 1 GB at the DUA level)	\$5,000	Renewed annually
Stata	\$3,000	Renewed annually
Additional data extract for an existing DUA (e.g., data needed for changes in cohort or additional requested files)	\$2,000	As needed