



Dear ACS NSQIP Pediatric Participants,

In January of 2017, the ACS launched the Children's Surgery Verification (CSV) Program. As part of this program, a new participation agreement and pricing structure have been developed. Beginning May 1, 2017, all hospitals participating in ACS NSQIP Pediatric will begin the migration to the new agreement and annual fee structure. Under this structure, a single participation agreement will cover sites who participate in CSV, NSQIP Pediatric, or both. For sites not seeking verification, the verification language would not apply. For sites who are pursuing verification, a CSV and NSQIP Pediatric bundled annual fee will be inclusive of the triennial verification cycle, the initial site visit, and, when applicable, training and access to the data registry. Once executed, the new participation agreement will take precedence over all previous agreements.

The new annual participation fee of \$27,500 for ACS NSQIP Pediatric only will include the current services:

- Database Access
- Ongoing SCR Training and Certification
- Clinical and Technical Support
- Online benchmark reports
- Semiannual Risk-Adjusted (SAR) Reports.

The new participation fee will be applied on your next annual invoice; your current participation cycle will not change.

Program Fees

<u>Fee Type</u>	<u>Fee Amount</u>
Level I and Level II CSV Bundled Cost (Verification and ACS NSQIP Pediatric Registry)	Annual Fee of \$33,500
ACS NSQIP Pediatric Registry only	Annual Fee of \$27,500
Level III CSV Bundled Cost (Verification and ACS NSQIP Pediatric Registry)	Annual Fee of \$17,500
Level III Verification only	Annual Fee of \$15,000



Example 1: A hospital's current participation period is June 1, 2016-May 31, 2017. The new Participation Agreement will be executed for renewal. As invoices are sent 60 days in advance, the payment of \$27,500 will be due upon receipt to continue participation in ACS NSQIP Pediatric, without disruption. The hospital will continue to be billed annually.

Example 2: A hospital's current NSQIP participation period is August 1, 2016 - July 31, 2017. This site applies for verification and executes the new participation agreement on April 30, 2017. The site will be billed the annual bundled cost of \$33,500 minus the prorated amount remaining from previously paid ACS NSQIP participation fees. In this case, the hospital will receive a three month credit. The hospital will be invoiced \$33,500 after the execution of agreement, and will continue to be billed annually thereafter.

Example 3: A hospital's current participation period is January 1, 2016 -December 31, 2017. The hospital will continue participation in the ACS NSQIP Pediatric registry. The hospital will receive the new Participation Agreement at renewal and will be invoiced the new annual fee of \$27,500.

Example 4: A hospital's current participation period is July 1, 2015-June 30, 2018 (three year contract). The hospital will continue participation in the ACS NSQIP Pediatric registry. The hospital will receive the new Participation Agreement for execution at the time of their annual invoice. This site will be invoiced the new annual fee of \$27,500 and continue to be billed annually.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the new fee structure, please contact us at childrenssurgery@facs.org.

Kindest regards,

The Children's Surgery Team