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Traditional clinical trial models can create financial burdens by neglecting participant needs, reducing diversity and skewing outcomes.

Rather than using stipends for basic expenses like housing and travel, they should address financial and logistical barriers including lost time and wages, allowing participants to fully engage without financial worries.

Identifying Obstacles

Financial Hurdles to Patient Retention & Diversity

Logistic and financial hurdles significantly impact participation in clinical trials, especially among diverse groups. This leads to health data that may not fully represent all populations. Over half¹ of participants point to costs as a major barrier to joining these studies. The IRS taxes stipends of over \$2000, further complicating participants' financial situations.

The tax burden and complexities of the tax code, combined with the potential impact on government assistance eligibility, create major obstacles for many people considering clinical trial participation. These challenges discourage a broad range of potential participants, limiting the effectiveness and inclusiveness of clinical research.

Eliminating Barriers

Comprehensive Support for Participation

Using Scout's patient-centric services to coordinate 100% of travel, transportation, and accommodation costs ensures out-of-pocket expenses don't deter potential participants.

Providing additional compensation via stipend payments for time and wage loss respects the commitment participants make towards advancing healthcare.

By addressing financial and logistical barriers head-on, Scout helps you meet participants where they are – regardless of income or benefits status.

Enhancing Outcomes

The Benefits of Full Participant Support

Using stipends to fully address the financial and logistical barriers of clinical trial participation ensures comprehensive support for every participant's needs.

More complete, diverse participation contributes to richer, more comprehensive health data, paving the way for medical breakthroughs that benefit everyone.

At Scout, we're committed to empowering the life sciences with people-first solutions. With white-glove attention to detail and a customizable, comprehensive range of services, Scout makes the complex easier.

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1. <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC9713084/>

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