Limited Purchase Checks (LPCs)

Accounts Payable Production
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Overview

• What is the LPC Program?
• Filling out LPC Agreements and Checks
• What is the Positive Pay system?
• What to submit to Accounts Payable
• Violations and Processing Fees
What is the LPC program?

It is a procurement method that can only be used for payments to human research subjects and blood donors.
LPC Characteristics

- Very convenient
- Highly negotiable so they must be kept in a secure location
- Restricted to payments less than $1,000
- Must be entered into Positive Pay
- Additional information can be found in the LPC User’s Guide
The LPC Agreement

• Acknowledges that you have read the contents of the LPC User Guide and are aware of your responsibility in handling the checks

• Is how you order your checks
The LPC Agreement

• Complete a new Agreement each time you order checks with a Positive Pay register of your previously issued checks
  – Submit via campus mail, fax, or email
  – Please allow for approximately two business days
  – The checks must be picked up by a person with a valid ID, an original agreement, and a register of your previously issued checks.

• Note: Your first agreement/order will not require this register.
Filling out the Agreement

• Section 1: Department Information
  – List address as it would appear on the check

• Section 2: LPC Custodian
  – The person in the department who has control over the check stock

• Section 3: Authorized Signatory
  – The person who is the PI, ORG Head, Account Executive, or Authorized Alternate on the default chartfield and whose name appears on the signature card
  – Default Chartfield must be an activity number.

• Section 4: AP Use
  – List amount of checks requested to be used within a six month period
Filling out the Check

- **Section 1: Check**
  - Payee contact information & SSN / U ID #
  - Department/Custodian contact information
  - Purpose/explanation
  - “Approved by” the person who signed the check
  - Vendor and 1099 code are for AP use

- **Section 2: Check Stub**
  - Payee contact information & SSN / U ID #
  - Department/Custodian contact information
  - Purpose/explanation
  - “Approved by” the person who signed the check
  - Vendor and 1099 code are for AP use

- **Section 3: Charge Information**
  - List the chartfield(s) you wish to have charged
    - If you are paying for both the study/blood draw and mileage, separate the amounts into two separate chartfields
  - Foreign vendor/individual section
    - Should always be marked “NO” as these checks cannot be used to pay foreign individuals (individuals without a SSN) for services

- Make 2 copies for records
Authorized Signatories

- The original signature of the account executive, PI, department head, or other authorized representative.
- "Approved by" box of Section 2.
- Authorized as indicated on signature card to sign off on activity or project number listed in Section 3
- Been to a LPC training
What is Positive Pay?

- It is an online check register.
- Allows you to **maintain** checks, **void** previously entered checks, or **display** what you have entered.
- Must be entered into before 6:00 PM the day a check is written.
How do I access Positive Pay?

- Log-in to Campus Information Systems (CIS)
- Locate LPC Positive Pay under Financial & Business Services
Today's Date: 03/14/2012

Limited Purchase Checks

| Custodian: 00XXXXXX | Check Range: 400000 to 400000 |

- maintain checks
- void checks
- display checks

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Maintain

• Enter checks that have not been previously issued
  – Check dates default to the current date but may be changed to 6 months previous and up to a year in the future
  – Positive Pay dates need to match check dates
• Update, undo, or clear all information on a check that has not been reported to the bank
  – Information is reported to the bank on the same day after business hours
• Spoil checks
  – The bank has not received the file or the check is otherwise unusable
Void

- For checks that have been reported/issued to the bank
- Checks older than six months cannot be voided in Positive Pay and are considered “stale”
  - Stale checks are no longer valid and need to go through the “stop payment” process.
    - Please provide a reason as to why the check has become stale.
Stop Payments

1. Contact Accounts Payable to see if the check has been cashed.

2. If it hasn’t been cashed, void it in Positive Pay, fill out a “Stop Payment Request”

3. You may proceed with re-issuing the check once you’ve been notified by Accounts Payable that the original check has been stopped.
Display

• List checks that have been reported to the bank
• Can be used as your register when you request more checks
# Summary of Canceling an LPC

## Canceling a Check

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| Reason    | Clerical Error  
Printer ate it  
Spilled coffee | Payee returned check  
Realized that there is no need for payment after it has been bank issued | Lost                                              |
| Location of Check | Have check in hand | Have check in hand                                | Do not have check                               |
| Action in Submission to Accounts Payable | Mark "VOID" across check | Mark "VOID" across check                         | Fill out a "Stop Payment" form from AP website  
Once a Stop Payment has been done, you may issue a new check. |
| Action in Positive Pay | In maintain section select "Spoil". | In void section select the correct check # to Void | Make the comment "Stopped".                     |

A check which has been prepared and released to the vendor is a "Bank Issue". A check which has been written, but not released to the vendor is not a "Bank Issue".
What to submit to Accounts Payable:

Please send in this order:

- A copy of the entire check – check, check stub, and charge information
- Supporting documentation
  - Patient Reimbursement Form
  - Mileage Reimbursement Form
    - Odometer reading
    - MapQuest
  - Any original receipts or explanation of any other reimbursements
- A current and complete IRS Form W-9
Patient Reimbursement Request

- Must include: Patient name, Date, and Compensation Amount
Mileage Log

- Must include: Date, Origin, Destination, and Support
  - Odometer Reading
  - Mapquest or Alternate map print-out
- Purpose calculation rate
  - 2012 - $0.555
  - 2013 - $0.565
IRS Form W-9

- Submit the first time (valid for 2 years from the signature date) or upon change of information
- Must include: Full Name, Address, SSN, Signature, Date
- Are required unless:
  - IRB Category 3 study
  - LPC is for non-withholding payment (i.e. mileage), in which a copy of the driver’s license or other name verification is needed.
Violations & Processing Fees

- A $12.00 processing fee will be charged to the default chartfield on the agreement for the following common violations:
  - INNR: check is cashed without appearing in positive pay
  - REG $ DIFFER: information on the check is different from what is on positive pay
  - Accounts Payable does not receive documentation or information received is inaccurate (W9s, patient form, mileage log)

- Refer to the User’s Guide for the complete list of violations
Loss of Privileges

- Persistent improper use of the Limited Purchase Check will result in loss of privileges
  - 3 violations within a 90 day period
- Checks that are written for an amount greater than $1,000.00 will result in immediate loss of privileges
- Once privileges have been revoked, they cannot be reinstated
Returning your check stock

- Return with a note/memo explaining the reason:
  - No longer working at the University
  - Transferring custody over to another custodian
  - No longer need LPCs
  - Privileges have been revoked
Deadlines

• Emails to be sent regarding:
  – Fiscal year-end
    • June/July
    • No violations, but informative if you want LPCs recorded in old year or new year
  – Calendar year-end
    • December
    • Charges issued for violations
Summary

• These checks are your responsibility.
  – Keep them secure
  – Accurately record information
  – Submit LPC documentation to AP in a timely manner

• Refer to the LPC User’s Guide
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