## Baby-Friendly USA, Inc. Annual Fee Schedule

## January 1, 2025 - December 31, 2025

PHASE	HOSPITALS	FREE STANDING BIRTH CENTERS & HOSPITALS WITH FEWER THAN 500 BIRTHS PER YEAR
Discovery	\$350	\$350
Development	\$4,800	\$3,800
Dissemination	\$4,800	\$3,800
Designation*	\$4,800	\$3,800

- 1. The **4-D Pathway (Discovery-Designation)** fees assume a facility will take no more than one year to complete the tasks within each phase.
  - a. Discovery fee is a one-time registration fee to enter the BFUSA portal and activate administrative assistance. A facility may stay in this phase with no additional charge after they have paid the initial registration fee.
  - b. Facilities entering Discovery will be assigned a Clinical Review Specialist to follow them on their journey to and after Designation.
  - c. A facility may stay in the phase for more than one year and will pay a phase fee for each additional year at the rate posted for that year.
  - d. A facility also may request to move to the next phase prior to the phase end date and a new phase fee will be incurred at the rate posted for that year.
- 2. Assessment occurs in the Designation:\* When a facility requests to move forward to Designation, the invoice will include both the fee for the Designation fee and the fee for two assessors (\$950 per) at the rate for that year.
  - a. A facility may stay in Designation for more than one year and will incur annual phase fees.
  - b. <u>A facility will not be invoiced twice for the full amount of two assessors</u>, those funds will be held in a deferred account until the assessment year.
  - c. If the facility stays more than one year, they may have an additional fee for the variance of assessor fees.
  - d. Travel fees will be invoiced after the assessment is complete.
- 3. If a facility has been assigned dates and requests a change which pushes their assessment over the year they would have been assessed, BFUSA may charge the facility another year in the phase.
- 4. If a facility does not pass its assessment, additional assessor fees and travel expenses will apply for re-visit.
- 5. Post-Designation fees: There is an annual fee for facilities once they are designated.
- 6. No refunds will be issued for any fees paid.
- 7. Fee schedule dates are subject to change.

**IMPORTANT**: To ensure that facilities are ready to move to the next phase in a timely fashion, it is the responsibility of the facility to ensure that Baby-Friendly, USA is provided with all invoicing requirements upon entrance into the D1: Discovery Phase, or at any time thereafter that requirements change.