Infectious Diseases Resources BMC Invoice Submission Process

<u>Purpose</u>: The purpose of this page is to provide guidance to internal BMC users on how to initiate the invoice approval and payment process via Accounts Payable for invoices <u>without a Purchase Order (PO)</u>. These instructions are for Boston Medical Center invoices only. Do not use these instructions for foreign payments.

A. Timeline:

- a. The timeline for invoice approval and payment can vary, ranging anywhere from one week to several weeks
- b. Examples of instances that may cause delays include:
 - i. Adding vendors to the system
 - ii. Submitting the invoice incorrectly
 - iii. Systematic AI errors within the BMC infrastructure

B. Prior approval:

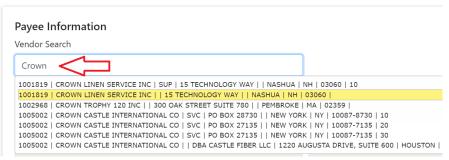
- a. Prior to submitting your invoice to BMC Accounts Payable for payment, you must obtain approval from the appropriate personnel (Chief/AD for departmental accounts or PI/Grant Manager for research accounts). As part of this approval, you must receive confirmation of the BMC Posting Project number the invoice will be charged to.
 - i. Examples of BMC Posting Project numbers include, BMC research grants (i.e. 1.10201100.43xxxxxxxxx) and Section Accounts (3.3191800x.319xxxxxxx)

C. Confirm Vendor:

- a. If you've successfully submitted an invoice to the vendor previously, this confirms the vendor is already in the BMC Accounts Payable system and, therefore, skip to **step D**.
- b. If you are using a new vendor, the vendor must be added to the BMC AP system before any invoice can be paid. Please double check the vendor information by following the following steps:
 - Click here: https://apdocs.bmc.bmcroot.bmc.org:9018/ and click on "Boston Medical Center Payment Request"



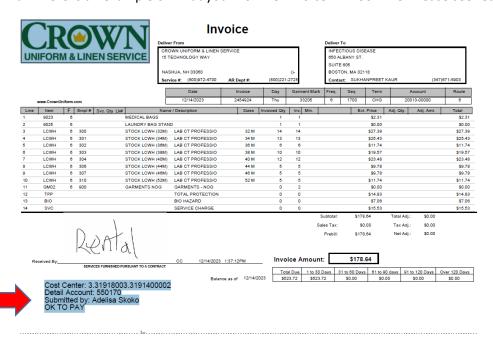
- ii. Login using your BMC username and password
- iii. Under "Payee Information" start typing the vendor name in the "Vendor Search" category.



- iv. If the vendor shows up in the list, proceed to **step D**.
- v. If the vendor does not show up in the list, the vendor will need to be added before processing the invoice. Please follow the **Add Vendor Instructions** here: https://www.bumc.bu.edu/id/files/2024/05/Infectious-Diseases-Resources-Add-Vendor.pdf.

D. Invoice Submissions:

- a. The BMC AP financial system (Infor) allows electronic PDF documents to be paid via a back-end approval flow.
- b. Prior to submitting the invoice, the end user must type the following information <u>on</u> the non-PO invoice (i.e. using the type text function via Adobe Acrobat):
 - i. Cost Center & Project Number (e.g. format: 1.10201100.43xxxxxxxxx)
 - ii. Detail accounts (detailed line item within the account)
 - 1. *See commonly used detail accounts below
 - iii. Must state "OK to PAY"
 - iv. Submitter's name
- c. **Please note** information written in the body of the e-mail will not be read by the Infor financial system
- d. Here is an example of what your non-PO invoice will look like. Please see red arrow.



- e. Email the non-PO invoice with noted account information to bmchs invoices@bmc.org
 - i. This is an automated email, you do not need to include any additional text in the body of the email
 - ii. The **Vendor Distribution Report** within Infor is available to follow-up on previously submitted invoices.
 - 1. For information on how to obtain access to Vendor Distribution visit the following link: https://hub.bmc.org/departments/bmchs-finance/accounts-payable
 - iii. If the invoice does not show up on the Vendor Distribution Report, follow-up with Accounts.Payable@bmc.org

Commonly used Detail Accounts:

Detail Account	Description
542030	Lab Supplies
570170	Office and Computer Supplies
570380	License Fees
570390	Fees
570980	Other Expenses
570370	Miscellaneous Expenses
570210	Mail and Shipping