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AADOOCR Statement Calling on the NIH to Withdraw New Indirect Costs Guidance

Alexandria, VA – The American Association for Dental, Oral, and Craniofacial Research (AADOOCR) President Effie Ioannidou and Chief Executive Officer Christopher Fox issued the following statement regarding the new policy cutting Facilities and Administrative (F&A) or indirect costs to 15% on all new and existing NIH Awards.

On Friday, February 7, 2025, the NIH Office of the Director issued a supplemental guidance ([NOT-OD-25-068](#)) that drastically reduces the F&A cost rate to 15% for all new and existing grants. This 15% rate is far below what universities have previously negotiated with the NIH and would cripple the research enterprise in this country and endanger America's global leadership in innovation.

F&A costs of research are integral to successfully completing research grants and sustaining research excellence. Without F&A costs being sufficiently reimbursed, institutions cannot maintain essential operations and research will grind to a halt. Labs will even shut down and researchers will lose their jobs. There will be a direct impact on oral and systemic health of all Americans.

The AADOOCR calls on the NIH to immediately withdraw this Notice and return to the previously negotiated F&A rates.

About AADOOCR

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