

## **MediSpend for IMEs**

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

**Q: What is MediSpend?**

A: MediSpend is Baxter's new system of record for managing external funding opportunities for independent research and education activities.

**Q: What applications will MediSpend be used for, and when?**

A: Starting February 1, 2023, all Independent Medical Education (IME) applications will be submitted through the [MediSpend portal](#).

**Q: Who will be impacted?**

A: Medical Affairs, Strategy & Delivery, Medical Operations, Ethics & Compliance are the primary groups affected.

**Q: What are some of the changes for GBUs that we can anticipate?**

A: MediSpend is designed to alleviate many of the items in the manual process that were done in the past. These include paper applications, manual review and email communications. Baxter team members will direct their external contacts to apply for an award via the [MediSpend portal](#) on the [External Funding web page](#).

**Q: Will this be more work and time for our external contacts to apply for an award?**

A: No. The MediSpend system is simply a digital version of our previously used paper application. This digital version should take approximately same amount of time to complete as the paper application. In addition, the contact information for applicants is saved in the system for future applications, thereby streamlining the process.

**Q: What are the benefits of MediSpend?**

A: The benefits are as follows:

- ✓ Improved visibility into all external funding opportunities (global & local) via system and/or dashboard
- ✓ Controlled single resource for all external funding requests – to include visibility into the lifecycle of each funded activity
- ✓ Increased reporting capabilities – applications, status, funded activity, milestones, etc.

**Q: What if an application is submitted with less than 12 weeks until the event?**

A: We will accept all applications submitted, regardless of the timeline. However, we request 12 weeks notice to allow time to process the application and payment.