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Continuation of Protocol #2008-03 National Survey of Residential Care Facilities

To: Manisha Sengupta, Ph.D.

The NCHS Research ERB reviewed the request for approval of Continuation of Protocol #2008-03 National Survey of Residential Care Facilities on 12/18/2008. Continuation of Protocol #2008-03 is approved for the maximum allowable period of one year.

IRB approval of protocol #2008-03 will expire on 01/16/2010.

If it is necessary to continue the study beyond the expiration date, a request for continuation approval should be submitted about <u>6 weeks</u> prior to 01/16/2010.

There is no grace period beyond one year from the last approval date. In order to avoid lapses in approval of your research and the possible suspension of subject enrollment, please submit your continuation request at least six (6) weeks before the protocol's expiration date of 01/16/2010. It is your responsibility to submit your research protocol for continuing review.

Any problems of a serious nature should be brought to the immediate attention of the Research ERB, and any proposed changes should be submitted for Research ERB approval <u>before</u> they are implemented.

Please submit "clean" copies of the revised protocol or consents and any other revised forms to this office for the official protocol file.

Please call or e-mail me or Dewey LaRochelle if you have any questions.

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