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Subject: Continuation of Protocol #2016-04 National Hospital Ambulatory Medical Care Survey (NHAMCS)

The NCHS Ethics Review Board reviewed the request for the continuation of Protocol #2016-04 National Hospital Ambulatory Medical Care Survey (NHAMCS) using the review process based on 45 CFR 46 at the November 20, 2019 convened ERB meeting. Protocol #2016-04 is approved for the maximum allowable period of one year.

ERB approval of protocol #2016-04 will expire on **01/21/2021**.

If it is necessary to continue the study beyond the expiration date, a request for continuation approval should be submitted about 6 weeks prior to 01/21/2021.

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 01/21/2021. It is your responsibility to submit your protocol for continuing review.

Any problems of a serious nature should be brought to the attention of the ERB, and any additional proposed changes should be submitted for ERB approval before they are implemented.

Please contact me or Kyle Wise if you have any questions.

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