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Subject: Continuation of Protocol #2015-13 The National Hospital Care Survey

The NCHS Ethics Review Board reviewed the request for the continuation of Protocol #2015-13 The National Hospital Care Survey at the September 25, 2019 convened ERB meeting using the review process, based on 45 CFR 46. Protocol #2015-13 is approved through 09/16/2020.

ERB approval of protocol #2015-13 will expire on 09/16/2020.

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 09/16/2020.

**There is no grace period beyond one year from the last approval date. In order to avoid lapses in approval of your protocol and the possible suspension of subject enrollment, please submit your continuation request at least six (6) weeks before the protocol's expiration date of 09/16/2020. It is your responsibility to submit your protocol for continuing review.**

**Alternatively, at least six weeks before the protocol's expiration date, you may submit a closure request and a new request for protocol approval. If the project is then determined to be excluded or exempt from the revised Common Rule, or if the protocol is eligible for expedited review under the revised Common Rule, then annual continuation requests will no longer be required.**

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 call me or Kyle Wise, if you have any questions.

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