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

The NCHS Research Ethics Review Board reviewed the request for the continuation of Protocol #2015-13 The National Hospital Care Survey at the August 17, 2016 convened ERB meeting using the review process, based on 45 CFR 46. Protocol #2015-13 is approved through 09/16/17.

ERB approval of protocol #2015-13 will expire on 09/16/2017.

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 09/16/2017.

**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 09/16/2017. It is your responsibility to submit your research protocol for continuing review.**

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

Please call me or Andrea MacKay, M.S.P.H., if you have any questions.

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