Dear IRB contacts,

AURA-IRB was updated yesterday evening, January 15, to implement changes resulting from the new 2018 Common Rule, which goes into effect on January 21, 2019. The following changes were included in this update:

1) New protocol smartform version:
   a. this version includes the revised exemption categories in view 2.1
   b. All new submissions should now be submitted using smartform version 3 or later to ensure 2018 Common Rule compliance. If you are using a template, please create a new template using the new version of the smart form.

2) Display on the main screen for each protocol has been modified to show whether a continuing review is required. All currently approved protocols will continue to require continuing review until further notice, so this option has been set to “yes” for existing approved studies.

3) Display on the main screen has been changed to more easily show when a study has been approved by the IRB with stipulation(s); this field can be updated by the IRB office throughout the life of the study as stipulations are imposed or removed.

4) Other changes were made to IRB functions (not visible to researchers) to allow compliance with the 2018 Common Rule.

If you have questions about these updates, please contact the IRB office. If you encounter technical issues with the update, please contact the AURA help desk at aura-help@uchicago.edu.

Thank you.

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