

MSU INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW BOARD



# Changes to the Common Rule & IRB Review

IRBs review protocols in accordance with the Common Rule, the federal rule of ethics concerning human subjects research.

As you may have heard, the federal government adopted revisions to the Common Rule which need to be in practice by January 19, 2018.

## How will this affect your research project?

- If you already have approval - no worries, same rules apply
  - If you are thinking of submitting an application - rules ease up on the implementation date in some areas of research.
- If you are not thinking of pursuing research until mid-late January or beyond, you may want to consider waiting before applying for approval

## What happens in the IRB office?

- We will be revising consent templates
- We will be revising submission templates
- We will be preparing our reviewers for review to the revised rule

### What do you need to do now?

**Nothing, just sit back and wait for more updates. If you'd like more information, please contact Amy, Mylka, or Hila for details on the changes. We will be sending our research community monthly updates on what to expect moving ahead!**

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