Independent Tribal Institutional Review Boards (IRBs)

An increasing number of Tribes are forming their own IRBs (below) under 45 CFR 46. Research projects at IHS direct care facilities serving a Tribal Nation that has its own IRB must have the approval of both the Tribal IRB and the IHS IRB. Projects at facilities managed by Tribal Nations with their own IRB and Federal Wide Assurance (FWA) require approval of only the Tribal IRB. Protocols approved by Tribal Research Review Committees that do not meet the formal requirements of 45 CFR 46 for an IRB should also be forward to the IHS IRB for approval. A formal letter of approval from the Tribal Research Committee or IRB is required for consideration by an IHS IRB. This generally takes the place of the Council Resolution or approval letter from an authorized Tribal Health Official that would ordinarily be required.

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