

**January 19, 2018**

**IRB Announcement – Implementation of Revised Common Rule Delayed**

To the Jefferson research community:

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services announced on January 17, 2018 that the implementation date of the revised Common Rule (45 CFR 46), the main set of human subjects regulations in this country, which was initially set for January 19, 2018, has been delayed until July 19, 2018. The stated rationale was to give all regulated entities, including Jefferson, additional time to prepare to implement these revisions.

The revised Common Rule applies to federally funded research only. As such, Jefferson may elect to implement certain elements of the revised Common Rule as they apply to non-federally funded research. Jefferson may also elect to implement certain elements of the revised Common Rule that do not conflict with the pre-2018 Common Rule. We have been preparing for anticipated changes to the regulatory structure and will announce any changes we intend to implement.

**Implication for Jefferson Community**

There is no change to our policies based upon this announcement. Research conducted at Jefferson will continue to operate under existing IRB policies posted on our website.

Please contact the Office of Human Research with any questions about this.