**Single IRB or sIRB –** [**IRB@uidaho.edu**](mailto:IRB@uidaho.edu)

NIH sIRB Implemented January 25, 2018 –

* Grants with application due or solicitations published on or after1/25/18

Common Rule sIRB, will supersede NIH requirements –

* Effective date – 1/21/19
* Compliance date 1/20/20

What is sIRB?

Streamlining of IRB approval by allowing only one IRB of record for multi-site work. At time of submission, additional paperwork will need to be filled out certifying the sIRB plan that will be followed if funding is granted.

When does it apply?

* Federally funded
* IRB - non-exempt
* Multiple, domestic sites
* NIH sIRB only: NIH funded and conducting the same IRB work

When doesn’t it apply?

* Foreign sites
* Exempt work
* NIH sIRB only: Work funded prior to January 25, 2018, or annual funding allocation of that work, and sites performing different scopes of work

Things to be aware of:

* NIH: SF424 Forms - Version E Question 3.2 – “Is this a multi-site study that will use the same protocol to conduct non-exempt humans subjects research at more than one domestic site?”
* Contact [IRB@uidaho.edu](mailto:IRB@uidaho.edu) or 208-885-6340 with help determining if exempt or non-exempt work, and to determine which IRB should be the sIRB.
* The IRB office can work with the other sites to ensure they are willing to rely on the sIRB chosen. This should be done prior to submitting the sIRB plan, to ensure all sites are amenable to the plan. The sIRB institution AND the prime awarded institution must have copies of all reliance agreements.
* Changing plans AFTER funding has been received has proven to be exceedingly difficult; hopefully this will become easier over time.

sIRB Plan:

* Selection of the sIRB – defines which IRB was chosen and why
* Exceptions to the plan – this is only included if there are sites that won’t be included, e.g. foreign, tribal, Veteran Affairs (VA), and requested exceptions.
* Description of the sIRB Compliance and Qualifications
* Certification of reliance – this is certification that all sites have agreed upon relying on the sIRB chosen, documentation from relying institutions not required at time of application.
* Communication Plan – this is how all sites will communicate with sIRB and each other.