

Implementation Date for Single IRB Policy Pushed Back to September 2017

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Back in July, we covered a new NIH requirement for grantees to [Use a Single Institutional Review Board for Multisite Protocols Beginning With May 2017 Applications](#). Our guidance from that article hasn't changed; however, NIH moved the policy's effective date to **September 25, 2017**.

Investigators must take the policy into account for grant applications due on or after September 25, 2017. NIH does not require ongoing grants to convert to a single IRB, but any renewal applications submitted after the effective date must do so. For contracts, the policy applies to all solicitations issued on or after the effective date (rather than the response date).

For the original policy announcement, read the [June 21, 2016 Guide notice \(link is external\)](#).

In addition, NIH published a new set of questions and answers about the single IRB policy. Find them at [NIH Single IRB Policy FAQs for Extramural Community](#) (link is external pdf). If you need additional help or clarification, contact the NIH Office of Clinical Research and Bioethics Policy at SingleIRB@mail.nih.gov or [John C. Smith](#) in the IRB office.