

Abt Associates Inc.

Institutional Review Board Initial Determination

Principal Investigator/Project Director: Sarah Shoemaker

Project Title: EHC Governance

Sponsor Agency: AHRQ

Abt IRB #: 0396

Initial Determination Status: Study Exempt from IRB Review

Please note the following requirements:

Abt Associates IRB #: This study has been assigned the following Abt Associates IRB# **0396**. Please refer to this number in your future correspondence with the Board.

Change in Study Status: This exemption only applies to the protocol submitted to the IRB for review at this time. Should there be changes to the protocol in the future, the study should be resubmitted to determine whether further IRB review is required.

Questions or concerns regarding this determination should be directed to Abt Associates' IRB Administrator, Teresa Doksum (teresa_doksum@abtassoc.com).

Teresa Doksum
IRB Administrator

Date: December 8, 2009

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