

Appendix J: Determination of IRB Exemption



Institutional Review Board Determination

Principal Investigator/Project Director: Chris Logan/Patty Connor

Project Title: Community Eligibility Option Evaluation

Sponsor Agency: USDA/FNS

Abt IRB #: 0609

Final Determination Status: Exempt under 45CFR46.101b(2):

Research involving the use of educational tests (cognitive, diagnostic, aptitude, achievement), survey procedures, interview procedures or observation of public behavior, unless:
(i) information obtained is recorded in such a manner that human subjects can be identified, directly or through identifiers linked to the subjects;
and (ii) any disclosure of the human subjects' responses outside the research could reasonably place the subjects at risk of criminal or civil liability or be damaging to the subjects' financial standing, employability, or reputation.

Please note the following requirements:

Abt Associates IRB #: This study has been assigned the following Abt Associates IRB# **0609**. Please refer to this number in your future correspondence with the Board.

Change in Study Status: This determination 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 (irb@abtassoc.com).

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