



Memorandum

Date November 10, 2010

From Associate Director for Science, CDC

Subject Authorization to Extend and Amend the 308(d) Assurance of Confidentiality for the "National Program of Cancer Registries Cancer Surveillance System" (NPCR CSS)

To Ursula Bauer, PhD, MPH
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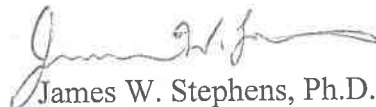
This memo is to provide formal approval of the NCCDPHP request to extend and amend the authorization to assure confidentiality under Section 308(d) of the Public Health Service Act for the project "National Program of Cancer Registries Cancer Surveillance System."

The NPCR CSS has had 308(d) Assurance of Confidentiality protection since 2000. Every five years we recommend that the program apply for a formal extension of the 308(d) authority for ongoing projects. That action should be taken for this project 3-6 months prior to November 30, 2015.

The 308(d) Assurance for NPCR CSS has now been amended because the Division of Cancer Prevention and Control will be awarding America Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funding to up to 15 Central Cancer Registries for data enhancements that will facilitate comparison effectiveness research (CER). The amendment to the Assurance was needed because CER is a new use of the data in the NPCR CSS and, in addition, restricted access datasets will be made available to external researchers for the first time through the NCHS Research Data Centers (RDCs) in 2011. In 2013, a separate restricted access dataset that includes also CER data will be available through the RDCs.

Please use 42 USC 242(k), and 42 USC 242(m) as the legal references for information collection and protection.

If you have any questions, please contact Cheryl Coble, Confidentiality Lead, at (404) 639-4791.


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