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Jeremy Holman PhD  
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**RE: "Evaluating the Impact of 1115 Medicaid Waivers on Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program and Its Clients and Providers"**

Dear Dr. Holman:

Thank you for submitting the descriptive materials from the above referenced project. These materials have been reviewed (as per our organizational process) and been determined to be **exempt** from human subjects review requirements. The basis of this exemption is CFR 46.101 (b) (2), which covers focus group and survey activities without identifiers or sensitive questions that could result in harm; no participants in the study will be less than 18 years of age.

Consistent with our Federal wide assurance (FWA #00000218), our organizational process provides for an independent review by a designated IRB member who is not associated with the project. To make this determination, I have personally reviewed the project plan and final tools (versions submitted 5/18/13).

Please call me at 617 482-9485 with any further questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Andrew Fullem", written in a cursive style.

Andrew Fullem  
JSI IRB Vice Chair and Research Protections Specialist

Cc: J O'Brien, IRB file