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RE: NEIRB# 13-407 "Medicaid Emergency Psychiatric (Services) Demonstration (MEPD) Evaluation"

Dear Dr. Blyler:

This is to inform you that New England Institutional Review Board (NEIRB) has reviewed the claim of exemption for the above-captioned project. NEIRB has determined that this research activity, as conducted at the above location, is exempt from NEIRB review, under the following category:

- Research and demonstration projects that are conducted by or subject to the approval of Federal Department or Agency heads, and which are designed to study or evaluate public benefits or services or otherwise examine:
 - (i) Public benefit or service programs; (ii) procedures for obtaining benefits or services under those programs; (iii) possible changes in or alternatives to those programs or procedures; or (iv) possible changes in methods or levels of payment for benefits or services under those programs.

Amendments and or changes to the research must be submitted to NEIRB for review, as changes may affect the exempt status.

Please call me if you have any questions about the terms of this determination.

Erin Brower, MS, CIP
Director

Copy: NEIRB Chair