

CO1. IRB APPROVAL LETTER



24 April 2019

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RE: Expedited research ethics review findings for: *School Nutrition and Meal Cost Study-II (SNMCS-II)*

Dear Ms. Fox,

Protocols for the protection of human subjects in the above study were assessed through an expedited research ethics review by HML Institutional Review Board on 14 – 21 December 2018, and again on 27 February 2019 and 24 April 2019.

This study's human subjects' protection protocols, as stated in the materials submitted, received **IRB approval** for one year in accordance with the requirements of the US Code of Federal Regulations for the Protection of Human Subjects ([45 CFR 46](#) & [45 CFR 46.109\(e\)](#)). To be in compliance with Federal Regulations, please notify this IRB of any changes in this study's design, risks, consent, or other human protection protocols.

HML IRB is authorized by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Human Research Protections (IRB #1211, IORG #850), and has DHHS Federal-Wide Assurance approval (FWA #1102).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Anderson", written in a cursive style.

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