

## Attachment O - ERB Approval Notice for NHCS



### DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

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Subject: New Protocol #2021-01 National Hospital Care Survey

The NCHS Ethics Review Board reviewed the request for approval of New Protocol #2021-01 National Hospital Care Survey at the Jan 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021 convened ERB meeting. The NCHS Human Subjects Contact determined that the new protocol #2021-01 National Hospital Care Survey is a public health surveillance activity under the 2018 requirements of the Common Rule (45 CFR 46.102(l)(2)).

Protocol #2021-01 is approved.

This protocol is classified as surveillance under the Revised Common Rule, and as such an annual continuation review is not required and there is no expiration date. However, the Board requires that any proposed changes to the NHCS informed consent procedures and data collection activities must be reviewed and approved prior to implementation.

Any problems of a serious nature should be brought to the attention of the ERB, and any additional proposed changes should be submitted for IRB approval before they are implemented.

Please contact me or Kyle Wise, if you have any questions.

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