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Date: March 27, 2024
To: Kyle Wise, NCHS ERB Administrator
From: Kathleen S. O'Connor, M.P.H., NCHS Human Subjects Contact
Re: Protocol determination verification status for the National Hospital Care Survey (ICR 0920-0212, NCHS Ethics Review Board Protocol #2021-01), Division of Health Care Statistics

This memo is to inform you that I have verified that the original protocol determination for the National Hospital Care Survey (NHCS) continues to be valid; it was classified as a public health surveillance activity under the 2018 requirements of the Common Rule (45 CFR 46.102(l)(2)). It is excluded from the Common Rule, as it does not meet the definition of research per 45 CFR 46.102(l). As a surveillance activity, the NCHS Practices and Procedures for the Protection of Human Subjects apply, and the current NCHS Ethics Review Board approval of Protocol #2021-01 is still valid. NCHS is a public health authority as defined by 45 CFR 46.102(k).

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