



**IRB Health Sciences and Behavioral Sciences
Guidance Document**

**Important Information about IRB Health and IRB BehavSci
Restructuring**

IRB Health and IRB BehavSci continue to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of their review procedures. As part of that process, the IRBs will be restructured in a new format on **August 1st, 2009**. The IRBs will be known collectively as **IRB Health Sciences and Behavioral Sciences (IRB-HSBS)** with the two separate IRBs distinguished as either Maize or Blue. Two IRB meetings will continue to be held each month, but the distinction between IRB Health and IRB BehavSci based on school/college/unit affiliation will be eliminated. Instead, at each meeting, the membership will be balanced for expertise to cover all major research categories from the Central, North and Athletic campuses. Researchers with projects requiring full board review will now have two opportunities for review each month. Expedited and exempt reviews will continue with their current workflow. As part of this re-balancing, clinical Dentistry and other FDA-regulated research will be shifted to IRBMED for review and oversight. Both IRB meetings will be chaired by Richard Redman, PhD, currently one of the IRB Health co-chairs. To enhance communication between the IRBs, several “core members” will be appointed as members of each IRB and will attend both meetings.

On **July 13**, as part of the restructuring, eResearch will initiate a change to allow only the selection of IRB-HSBS instead of the separate choices of IRB Health or IRB BehavSci. There are no modifications to the IRB address, phone number or email address. Please contact our office if you have any questions about this exciting undertaking.