While the following is currently in effect, a recent request to **delay changes until 2019** has been made by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). See the following link for the little information that is available: https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/eoDetails?rrid=127614

POSSIBLE UPDATES: *IRB Federal Regulations – Effective January 19, 2018*
Changes to the US federal regulations governing human subjects research will take effect January 19, 2018. The amended rules are the first changes to human subjects research regulations since 1991. While many changes will reduce the burden on researchers and institutional compliance areas, some of the new requirements come with additional responsibilities. Please see the following URL for the updates and changes: https://www.hhs.gov/ohrp/regulations-and-policy/regulations/finalized-revisions-common-rule/index.html

It is certainly a busy time for UNCO IRB in preparing for these Common Rule changes. Below is a summary of what has occurred and what we look forward to during the next few months in order to implement the changes by January 19, 2018:

- IRB Board Members have been trained in all the areas that will be changed.

In the New Year, if the change date stays in effect the following will occur:

- IRB Board Members will set up informational sessions with their respective departments, schools and/or colleges.
- The IRB Co-Chairs will offer informational sessions through the Graduate Student Association, Center for Teaching and Learning, and an open meeting to the campus, "Ask the IRB".
- The IRB Co-chairs will work with any remaining units to ensure they receive information about the changes in a timely manner.
- Researchers who conduct research that involves biospecimens will be contacted individually by the IRB Co-Chairs with pertinent information.
- Omnibus course researchers will receive additional information by email so they may update their courses accordingly.

Please watch for:

- The addition of a website on the IRB changes
- UNC IRB procedures updates
- Informed consent form template and composition updates
- Additional self-training materials

Questions and suggestions should be directed to Sherry May, IRB Administrator, Dr. Maria Lahman, IRB Co-Chair, or Dr. Megan Babkes Stellino, IRB Co-Chair