



Human Research Protection Program / Institutional Review Board  
Standard Operating Procedure  
Pre-2018 Common Rule

**For Studies Initially Approved on  
or Before January 20, 2019**

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When an investigator transfers research to MaineHealth that was previously approved by another IRB, the investigator must either submit a reliance request for MaineHealth to rely upon the current IRB of record, or submit the research for de novo review under MaineHealth procedures covered by these SOPs. No research activity may take place under MaineHealth auspices without the appropriate reliance, or IRB review and approval.

For research transfers where stopping research interventions or procedures might harm subjects, the investigator can request permission from the IRB to continue research interventions under the oversight of the prior organization's IRB until final MaineHealth IRB approval is obtained.