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Notice of Changes to NIH Policy for Issuing Certificates of Confidentiality – Effective October 1, 2017

(See notice here - <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-17-109.html>)

Effective October 1, 2017, all research that was commenced or ongoing on or after December 13, 2016 and collects or uses identifiable, sensitive information will automatically be issued a Certificate of Confidentiality (CoC) for applicable NIH awards as part of the award terms and conditions

This policy applies to all biomedical, behavioral, clinical, or other research funded wholly or in part by the NIH.

NOTE: Studies that have a CoC must include specific language in the informed consent form (if applicable to the research study). The OUHSC IRBs will evaluate NIH-funded studies on a case-by-case basis and may request investigators revise their consent forms to add CoC language at the time of Continuing Review or Modification submissions (*see OUHSC Consent Template for language*).

Please visit the NIH CoC website for more information: <https://humansubjects.nih.gov/coc/index>
You can also visit their [FAQs](#) page for helpful information pertaining to CoCs.
Additional links and information are also posted under **Resources** on the [IRB website](#).