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PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR	: Matthew D McHugh
TITLE	: Health services research on legislated nurse-to-patient ratios in Queensland, Australia
SPONSORING AGENCY	: Queensland Department of Health
PROTOCOL #	: 824954
REVIEW BOARD	: IRB #8

Dear Dr. McHugh:

The above-referenced research proposal was reviewed by the Institutional Review Board (IRB) on 4/26/2016. It has been determined that the proposal meets eligibility criteria for IRB review exemption authorized by 45 CFR 46.101, category 2,4.

This does not necessarily constitute authorization to initiate the conduct of a human subject research study. You are responsible for assuring other relevant committee approvals.

Consistent with the federal regulations, ongoing oversight of this proposal is not required. No continuing reviews will be required for this proposal. The proposal can proceed as approved by the IRB. This decision will not affect any funding of your proposal.

Please Note: The IRB must be kept apprised of any and all changes in the research that may have an impact on the IRB review mechanism needed for a specific proposal. You are required to notify the IRB if any changes are proposed in the study that might alter its IRB exempt status or HIPAA compliance status. New procedures that may have an impact on the risk-to-benefit ratio cannot be initiated until Committee approval has been given.

If your study is funded by an external agency, please retain this letter as documentation of the IRB's determination regarding your proposal.

Please Note: You are responsible for assuring and maintaining other relevant committee approvals.

If you have any questions about the information in this letter, please contact the IRB administrative staff. Contact information is available at our website: <http://www.upenn.edu/IRB/directory>.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

IRB Administrator