



CIRB Policy Statement on HRPP Accreditation

On April 26, 2009, the Consortium of Independent Review Boards (“CIRB”) implemented a Human Research Protection Program (“HRPP”) accreditation policy. This policy is consistent with CIRB’s mission to promote the integrity, high quality, and effectiveness of the independent review process for human subject research. By issuing this policy, CIRB is ensuring that all current and future members subscribe to the high standards set forth by a Recognized HRPP Accrediting Body.¹

The CIRB Board has adopted the following HRPP accreditation policy:

Current Members

- All current CIRB members should be accredited or seek accreditation from a Recognized HRPP Accrediting Body within 2 years of the implementation date of this policy.

New Members

In order to become a member of CIRB, an organization establishing and operating an IRB must meet one of the following requirements:

- Provide proof of existing accreditation from a Recognized HRPP Accrediting Body; or
- Commit to obtain accreditation from a Recognized HRPP Accrediting Body within 2 years of the date of admission to CIRB, and demonstrate material compliance with applicable laws by providing either:
 - Evidence of a satisfactory regulatory agency inspection conducted within the last 2 years, if applicable, or

¹A “Recognized HRPP Accrediting Body” is an accrediting body formally approved by CIRB. Currently, the Association for the Accreditation of Human Research Protection Programs, Inc. (“AAHRPP”) is the only HRPP accrediting body formally approved by CIRB as a Recognized HRPP Accrediting Body.

- A satisfactory report from an audit conducted within the last 2 years by a mutually acceptable auditor who is independent of the IRB organization. A vendor audit conducted by a sponsor, contract research organization, etc., will not satisfy this requirement.

Failure by a new member applicant to meet one of these requirements will result in the denial of that organization's application for CIRB membership. Additionally, failure by a current member to seek accreditation within the time allowed, or to remain accredited, may result in suspension or termination of that organization's membership.