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To Whom It May Concern:

It is the policy of the SUNY Upstate Medical University Institutional Review Board (IRB) to delay IRB review until Foundation/Agency peer review and notification of priority score, which indicates the study is likely to be funded, has been completed. This policy, consistent with the May 1, 2000 NIH policy, is intended to reduce the workload burdens on IRB's.

Once a study is given a fundable score, we will accept an IRB application for review. All research studies approved by the SUNY Upstate Medical University IRB (FWA # 00005967), including the consent document(s) will comply with Upstate Medical University and Federal requirements.

Please feel free to call our office (315- 464-4317) if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

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