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**DE-IDENTIFICATION OF HEALTH INFORMATION
CERTIFICATION**

DO NOT COMPLETE IF AUTHORIZATION WILL BE OBTAINED OR WAIVER OF AUTHORIZATION IS REQUESTED

IRB Code #	Study
PI Name	
Title of Study	

Research which involves the use of “de-identified” Protected Health Information (PHI)* is exempt from HIPAA requirements. Identifiers include:

- Name
- All geographic subdivisions smaller than a state (street address, city, county, precinct)
Note: zip code or equivalents must be removed, but can retain first 3 digits if the geographic unit to which the zip code applies if the zip code area contains more than 20,000 people
- For dates directly related to the individual, all elements of dates, except year. (date of birth, admission date, discharge date, date of death)
- All ages over 89 or dates indicating such an age
- Telephone number
- Fax number
- Email address
- Social Security Number
- Medical Record Number
- Health Plan Number
- Account Numbers
- Certificate or license numbers
- Vehicle identification/serial numbers including license plate numbers
- Device identification/serial numbers
- Universal Resource Locators (URL’s)
- Internet Protocol addresses (IP’s)
- Biometric Identifiers
- Full face photographs and comparable images
- Any other unique identifying number, characteristic or code

I certify the protected health information (*PHI) received or reviewed by research personnel for the research project referenced above does not include any of the 19 identifiers listed above.

Principal Investigator Signature	Date

* PHI: individually identifiable health information transmitted or maintained in any form (electronic means, on paper, or through oral communication) that relates to the past, present or future physical or mental health or conditions of an individual