**Reliance Agreement Determination**

*A Reliance agreement may be used if a study is conducted at multiple sites or the participating institution does not have its own IRB or prisoner rep composition.*

***Note: Reliance agreements apply only to Expedited and Full Board studies and are made at the discretion of both the relying and reviewing IRBs.***

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| **Per OHRA policy, a Reliance Agreement may be appropriate if :**   * **the Reviewing Institution has a current** [**FWA**](http://ohrp.cit.nih.gov/search/fwasearch.aspx?styp=bsc)*(http://ohrp.cit.nih.gov/search/fwasearch.aspx?styp=bsc)* * **AND at least one (1) of the following is true:** | |
| Yes  No | The reviewing institution is a participating member of [Harvard Catalyst](http://catalyst.harvard.edu/services/irbcede/)  (http://catalyst.harvard.edu/services/irbcede/) |
| Yes  No | The Reviewing Institution is an [AAHRPP](http://www.aahrpp.org/learn/find-an-accredited-organization) accredited organization  (http://www.aahrpp.org/learn/find-an-accredited-organization) |
| Yes  No | HLMA’s investigator is a collaborator on Human Research primarily conducted at another organization and the investigator’s role does not include interaction or intervention with participants |
| Yes  No | Harvard is engaged in the Human Research solely because it is receiving federal funds. (The HLMA investigator does not interact or intervene with participants, gather or possess identifiable information about participants, nor obtain the consent of participants). |
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| **International Studies**  Per OHRA policy, HLMA IRBs do not rely on, or review for international sites. Concurrent review by a local IRB/EC is required. An Individual Investigator Agreements (IIA) May be appropriate to cover the activities of individual investigators. | |
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| **VA Studies**  Per VA policy, there is no option for a reliance agreement with any VA IRB. | |