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I. STATEMENT OF PRACTICE

The University of Michigan maintains a federalwide assurance (FWA00004969) with the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) in which it pledges to comply with federal regulations for all federally supported research and also to follow the ethical principles of the Belmont Report (National Commission for the Protection of Human Subjects of Biomedical and Behavioral Research). This commitment allows the IRB flexibility in its application of federal regulations to studies that are not federally funded or FDA regulated. While continuing to apply the highest ethical standards for the protection of human subjects, this initiative will decrease the administrative burden on investigators and IRBMED Staff.

Flexibility initiatives at the University of Michigan include, but are not necessarily limited to, the following:

- Exemption 2A
- Exemption 7
- Two-Year Approvals