**3.2. Single IRB Plan**

If you answer "YES" - Multi-site studies using the same protocol: Attach Plan describing how you will comply with the NIH policy on the use of single-IRB for multi-site research.

If this is a research project that involves more than one institution and that will be conducted in the United States, applicants are expected to use a single Institutional Review Board (sIRB) to conduct the ethical review required by HHS regulations for the Protections of Human Subjects Research, and include a single IRB plan as instructed below, unless review by a sIRB would be prohibited by a federal, tribal, or state law, regulation, or policy.

**Content:**

Describe how you will comply with the single IRB review requirement under the [Revised Common Rule at 45 CFR 46.114 (b) (cooperative research)](https://www.hhs.gov/ohrp/regulations-and-policy/regulations/45-cfr-46/revised-common-rule-regulatory-text/index.html#46.114). If available, provide the name of the IRB that you anticipate will serve as the sIRB of record.

Indicate that all identified participating sites will agree to rely on the proposed sIRB and that any sites added after award will rely on the sIRB.

Briefly describe how communication between sites and the sIRB will be handled.

Indicate that all participating sites will, prior to initiating the study, sign an authorization/reliance agreement that will clarify the roles and responsibilities of the sIRB and participating sites.

Indicate which institution or entity will maintain records of the authorization/reliance agreements and of the communication plan.