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**RE: Determination: No IRB Review Required**  
***CARES (Cardiac Arrest Registry to Enhance Survival)***

Dear Dr. McNally,

Thank you for requesting a determination from our office about the above-referenced project. Based on our review of the materials you provided, we have determined that it does not require IRB review because it does not meet the definition of “research” or the definition of “clinical investigation” as set forth in Emory policies and procedures and federal rules. Specifically, this program is a public health surveillance registry and quality improvement program, in collaboration with the CDC, that began in metro Atlanta in 2004 and has expanded nationwide. The primary goal of CARES is to provide EMS agencies, hospitals and 911 communication centers with confidential standardized reports, allowing for benchmarking and local quality improvement activities to improve care and ultimately survival from out-of-hospital cardiac arrest (OHCA). While the data is made available to others for research projects, the recipient should consult with its own IRB regarding its proposed research.

Thank you for consulting the IRB.

Sincerely,

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