



Chickasaw Nation Department of Health Participation in Research

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I. Purpose:

The Chickasaw Nation has the inherent sovereign authority to govern itself and to provide for the health and general well-being of the Chickasaw people. In this respect, the Chickasaw Nation shall administer its system of health service delivery according to the highest standards of ethics and professional conduct to ensure the best possible service to the people receiving health services under such authority.

Furthermore, the Chickasaw Nation recognizes the value of medical, social, and physical science research to the Chickasaw Nation, the Chickasaw people, and society in general. Therefore, the Chickasaw Nation may from time to time participate in research projects that are of value to the interests of the Chickasaw Nation, the Chickasaw people, and the Native Americans and Alaska Natives it serves.

II. Policy:

The Chickasaw Nation Department of Health (CNDH) shall implement tribal guidelines pertaining to the review, approval, and participation in living human subject research conducted under the jurisdiction of the Chickasaw Nation and within the CNDH service area.

III. Procedure:

A. The merit of all proposed living human subject research projects involving the Chickasaw people and other American Indians served by the CNDH shall be reviewed to determine whether or not the Chickasaw Nation will participate or allow the conduct of such research within its territorial jurisdiction.

B. All proposed research projects must be reviewed and approved by the Chickasaw Nation's designated review body, the Chickasaw Nation Department of Health Institutional Review Board, regardless of review by any other external research review entity.

- C. The processes for the review, approval and conduct of research will be in conformance with Chickasaw Nation policy.
- D. The CNDH will not participate in any proposed research that includes the denial of medical treatment to patients.

IV. Reference(s):

- Chickasaw Nation Executive Policy Statement No. 01-02-01.
- JC– Patient Rights & Organizational Ethics, Patient & Family Education and Responsibilities, Leadership and Management of Information sections.
- Code of Federal Regulations TITLE 45 PUBLIC WELFARE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES PART 46 PROTECTION OF HUMAN SUBJECTS Revised January 19, 2017. Effective January, 2018.