CUNY HRPP Guidance: Expired Protocols

If the approval of a given study expires, and continuing review approval has not been issued by the IRB, the investigator is required to stop all subject contact, data collection and data analysis until the continuation is approved by the IRB.

If a study remains expired for three months without any action by the investigator, the HRPP office will close the study, and take appropriate and necessary steps to protect the rights and welfare of human subjects. Any continuation request after three months must be submitted in the form of a new study application.

Any continuing review applications submitted within the three-month window or any new protocols submitted after this time frame for continuation of a previously approved protocol must indicate whether any research related activities took place since the expiration date. If so, the researcher must clearly describe all such activities.