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**Subject:** NOTICE: iStar changes to Amendments, Reportable Events and HIPAA!

iStar users,

**In the coming week there will be some significant changes to the forms in iStar.**

1. **For new studies**, we have significantly reduced the questions needed to complete the HIPAA determination sections (items 35 and 36).
2. **For Amendments**, we have reduced the questions on the Amendment Application, streamlined the options in question 1.2 (Type of Amendment), and changed the way study personnel changes are handled. For personnel ONLY, in the Amendment application, you will be actually altering the modified study and will not have to additionally modify the study. Unfortunately we are unable to make a similar change across all of the Amendment so you still need to modify the study after you have told us what changes you intend to make. We have also added text to help give the person filling out the amendment application a sense of where in the modified study they will have to make changes given the type of change specified.
3. **For Adverse Event/Reportable Event reporting** we have altered the questions and options to comply with the recent USC AAHRPP accreditation. Primarily, this change means that the reportable event also asks about "Unanticipated Problems" in addition to Adverse Events.

If you have any further questions, feel free to contact iStar Technical Support at 323-276-2238 or email [iStar@usc.edu](mailto:istar@usc.edu).

Thank you,

iStar Technical Team