IRB Policy to Exclude Certain Forms of Quality Assurance and Quality Improvement Research from Review

**Summary/Purpose:** Lists certain types of human subjects research that do not require Institutional Review Board (IRB) review or applications.

- All human subjects research requires an application to the IRB
- Quality assurance / quality improvement (QA/QI) could be considered research by the federal regulations
- The IRB has determined that certain forms of QA/QI activities do not require IRB review or applications:
  - Teaching, Faculty and Staff evaluations (However, research on such evaluations *would* require IRB review)
  - Performance evaluations
  - Institutional program review
  - Classroom assessment
  - Curriculum review
  - Strategic planning
  - Performance improvement research conducted exclusively by Athletics Department personnel (However, Athletics Department research that includes faculty as investigators *would* require IRB review)

Investigators unsure of whether their research must be reviewed by the IRB should inquire at the IRB office, 915-7482 or irb@olemiss.edu