

**California Health and Human Services Agency  
Committee for the Protection of Human Subjects  
Participant's Bill of Rights for Non-Medical Research**

You have been asked to participate in a research study, or to consent for someone else to participate. This is a summary of your rights. Before you decide whether to participate, the researcher must:

- Tell you, without any misleading information, what the study is about and why it is being done.
- Tell you what the researcher will do during the study and what you will be asked to do.
- Tell you about any risks or discomforts you might experience because of your participation.
- Tell you about any benefits you might receive from participating.
- Tell you about any other choices that may be as good as or better than participating in the study, and the risks and benefits of those choices.
- Give you a chance to ask questions about the study and the procedures in it, before and during the study.
- Tell you that even if you agree now, you can still decide anytime later not to participate. Any choice you make now or later will not affect any services you receive.
- Tell you that you may refuse to answer any question.
- Tell you that deciding whether to participate is completely up to you, without any pressure for you to say "Yes" or sign anything.
- Give you a copy of the consent form after you sign it and a copy of this Bill of Rights.
- Tell you how to obtain results of the study when they are available if you want to know.

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