

# Memorandum

**Date** September 26, 2023

**To** Corewell Health Research Collaborators, Partners, Sponsors, and Funding Agencies

**From** Office of the IRB at Corewell Health in West Michigan

**Subject** Corewell Health is the New Name for the Spectrum Health IRB

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On August 31, 2023, the Federalwide Assurance (FWA) and IRB Registration (IORG) was updated with the DHHS Office for Human Research Protections to reflect our organization's new name: Corewell Health.

Our FWA and IORG numbers have not changed and are the following:

- FWA00000058
- IORG0000551

In Feb. 2022, Spectrum Health and Beaumont Health formed a new Michigan-based, not-for-profit integrated health system called Corewell Health.

The Office of the IRB at Corewell Health in West Michigan is working to phase in the new name to all relevant documents, policies, operating procedures, and resources for our research community. All existing IRB agreements reflecting "Spectrum Health" or "BHS System" will be valid during this transition, including study documentation, consent forms, recruitment materials, among other documents, can be used until instructed by the Office of the IRB.

As we work through this transition, the Office of the IRB will directly contact our research partners to discuss any required updates. Questions or requests relating to this transition can be submitted to Jessica Macha, IRB Director, Corewell Health in West Michigan, at [Jessica.Macha@corewellhealth.org](mailto:Jessica.Macha@corewellhealth.org).

## About Corewell Health™

People are at the heart of everything we do, and the inspiration for our legacy of outstanding outcomes, innovation, strong community partnerships, philanthropy, and transparency. Corewell Health is a not-for-profit health system that provides health care and coverage with an exceptional team of 60,000+ dedicated people—including more than 11,500 physicians and advanced practice providers and more than 15,000 nurses providing care and services in 22 hospitals, 300+ outpatient locations and several post-acute facilities—and Priority Health, a provider-sponsored health plan serving more than 1.2 million members. Through experience and collaboration, we are reimagining a better, more equitable model of health and wellness. For more information, visit [www.corewellhealth.org](http://www.corewellhealth.org).

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