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PROJECT TITLE: [811964-4] Tennessee Initiative for Perinatal Quality Care: A Collaborative Framework for Statewide Inter-institutional Quality Improvement Project Implementation

HISTORICAL REFERENCE No.: Vanderbilt University - TIPQC
SUBMISSION TYPE: New Project

ACTION: DETERMINATION OF EXEMPT STATUS
DECISION DATE: February 12, 2018

REVIEW CATEGORY: Exemption category #4 and #5

Thank you for your submission of New Project materials for this project. The Tennessee Department of Health (TDH) IRB 1 has determined this project is **EXEMPT** FROM IRB REVIEW according to federal regulations.

We will retain a copy of this correspondence within our records.

We strongly encourage **all** communications regarding this project to occur within the IRBNet system. However, if you have any questions and/or have difficulties using the IRBNet system, please contact the TDH IRB at TDH-IRB.Health@tn.gov or (615) 253-3403. Please always include your project title and the assigned IRBNet ID reference number (*i.e.* the IRBNet ID number that is on the same line as the "Project Title" above) in all correspondence with this office.

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