

NewsFlash!

Announcement: The National Institutes of Health (NIH) has posted a [notice](#) to remind recipients of NIH's prior approval policy for changes in the status of PIs and senior/key personnel, and to clarify the situations in which NIH's prior approval is required.

The [NIH Grants Policy Statement](#) (Section 8.1.2.6), outlines several scenarios in which prior approval is required, including the PD/PI's withdrawal from the project, an absence for a continuous period of 3 months or more, and the reduction in time devoted to the project by 25 percent or more from the level that was approved at the time of initial competing award. *These examples are not meant to be all inclusive nor an exhaustive list of changes in status that require NIH's prior approval.*

Prior approval from NIH is required anytime there is a change in status of the PD/PI or other senior/key personnel where that change will impact his/her ability to carry out the approved research at the location of, and on behalf of, the recipient institution. In particular, changes in status of the PI or other senior/key personnel requiring prior approval would include restrictions that the institution imposes on such individuals after the time of award, including but not limited to any restrictions on access to the institution or to the institution's resources, or changes in their (employment or leave) status at the institution. These changes may impact the ability of the PD/PI or other senior/key personnel to effectively contribute to the project as described in the application; therefore, NIH prior approval is necessary to ensure that the changes are acceptable.

Questions? If you have any questions, please contact your [DCG Officer](#) in the Department of Contracts and Grants.