Reliance Agreements: USU is the Protocol Review Site

Note: this flowchart picks up from the end of “Identifying the Correct Agreement for Non-USU Researchers” and assumes you have determined that a Reliance Agreement is needed.

Is the protocol exempt?

- Yes
  - You must check with the other IRB. Not all IRBs will execute Reliance Agreements for exempt projects.
- No
  - The other IRB will rely for exempt projects

The other IRB will not rely for exempt projects

The PI here at USU must initiate (but not necessarily finalize) a Reliance Agreement in SMART IRB before submitting the protocol or amendment that includes a Non-USU Researcher

Will they use the SMART IRB Online Reliance System?

- Yes
  - The other IRB is signed on to SMART IRB?
    - Yes
      - Complete the Reliance Agreement Template available within your protocol in Kuali Protocols. Provide a Reliance Agreement that has been signed by the other institution before submitting your protocol or amendment.
    - No
      - Do they want to use the SMART IRB Letter of Agreement, or would they prefer to forgo SMART IRB?
        - Yes
          - Forgo SMART IRB
        - No
          - Provide the other institution’s Letter of Agreement where your protocol requests a Reliance Agreement before submitting your protocol or amendment

The Non-USU Investigator will need to seek their own exemption at their own institution. List that person on the protocol with a scope of work provided (in the Reliance Agreement upload field) that indicates that they will seek their own exemption.