Enrolling People with Diminished Consent Capacity in Research Studies*

For studies with adults that include a treatment component: A Legally-Authorized Representative (LAR) can consent on the person's behalf if IRB submission includes this option.

For studies with minors that include a treatment component: The parent/s should provide permission. If parent is not involved in the care of the child, an LAR can provide.

For studies that do not involve treatment: Only subjects (or the parent(s) of minor subjects) can provide consent for themselves, unless an adult's LAR has a durable Power of Attorney for research; cannot just be next of kin.

* Under pre-2018 Common Rule, and based on Georgia State Law