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1	There was no PAR number required for CCSG applications.	There is a PAR for the P30 CCSG and the face page of the application must indicate the PAR number.
2	References to PHS forms and NIH policies were outdated.	Updated references have been inserted in the Guidelines and PAR 11-005.
3	New (Type 1) applicants were requested to contact OCC at least 12 months prior to application. Suggested pre-application dates for re-competing centers were provided in a guidelines table.	Language specific to new centers has been deleted. Suggested pre application consultation dates for centers are provided in a guidelines table.
4	Resubmission applications were not accepted; all applications were 'new'.	Resubmission (A1) applications are now allowed within the NIH defined timeframe of 37 months.
5	Page limits for CCSG components were established locally by the OCC Program.	New page limits have been established for components in applications received January 25, 2011 and later, in accordance with NIH requirements.
6	Appendices could be submitted only after receipt of application and only with approval of the SRO.	Appendices must be included with the application and cannot be more than 50 pages in length. Late materials (i.e., materials sent after application receipt) for the review, if any, must follow NIH policy regarding content and deadline (see FOA for Cancer Center Support Grants at: http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-11-005.html)
7	At least 6 weeks prior to the receipt date, applicants were required to request a letter of permission (i.e., approval letter) to apply for a grant request of more than \$500,000.	At least 30 days prior to the receipt date, applicants must request a letter of permission from program staff to apply for a grant of more than \$1,000,000.
8	The Scientific Review Officer (SRO) contacted the applicant in advance of the receipt date to request preliminary information on programs, shared resources, and other components of the application.	After an approval letter has been issued, program staff will contact the applicant requesting information on programs, shared resources, and other components to be presented in the application.
9	Following receipt of the application, applicants received and responded to an administrative review letter, a checklist letter and a request for protocol copies, where appropriate, from the SRO.	Applicants will no longer receive and respond to an administrative review letter. Applicants will continue to receive and respond to a checklist letter and a request for protocol copies, where appropriate, from the SRO prior to the site visit.

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10	Applicants submitted poster copies, updated summaries and other materials to the SRO prior to the site visit.	Prior to the site visit, applicants will no longer submit posters, updated summaries and other materials to the SRO. Information not provided in the original application may be provided to site visitors on the day of presentations.
11	The SRO could accept for review only those parts of the application prepared in accordance with the Guidelines.	The SRO may no longer selectively accept parts of the application. The application may be deferred or returned to the applicant without review if it does not meet Guidelines requirements.
12	Centers scoring in the outstanding range could receive a 6 th year of funding if certain criteria were met.	The 6 th year of funding has been eliminated, pending clarification of NIH policies.
13	The 5 review criteria mandated by NIH were not included in the P30 CCSG review.	The PAR and 2010 Guidelines incorporate the 5 review criteria mandated by NIH: Significance, Investigator, Innovation, Approach, and Environment. As part of the evaluation and written critique on the overall impact of the Center, reviewers will discuss and describe the extent to which the overall application meets the 5 criteria, but they will not be applied to individual components in the application.
14	NIH criterion scoring was not included in the P30 CCSG review.	Prior to the site visit, assigned reviewers will submit to the Scientific Review Officer (SRO) their criterion scores for the overall application on the 5 NIH mandated criteria. These scores will be included in the Draft Site Visit Report and Summary Statement under the heading <u>Overall Impact</u> , but will not be discussed as part of the review process.