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## **NIH Approves First Human Embryonic Stem Cell Lines Under New NIH Guidelines**

**Columbus, Ohio** – The [National Institutes of Health](#), a component of the [U.S. Department of Health and Human Services](#), approved the first human embryonic stem cell lines under the new NIH Guidelines for Human Stem Cell Research. According to the NIH's [press release](#), the NIH has approved 13 lines and an additional 92 lines are awaiting the NIH's review.

The NIH Guidelines were released on July 7, 2009 to implement President Barack Obama's executive order issued earlier in the year that removed the limitations on the use of federal funds for human stem cell research. The limitations had been established through an executive order issued by President George W. Bush in 2001.

For more information on President Obama's executive order and its impact on stem cell research, please see SZD's article "[Campaign '08 and the Obama Administration's Rejuvenation of Stem Cell Research](#)" as published in Life Sciences, A Publication of the American Health Lawyers Association.

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