When is IRB protocol approval enough?  
When do you also need G/IRB approval?

IRB = Institutional Review Board  
GIRB = Grant IRB

Most grants and contracts conduct animal and/or human research as part of the stated research. Check the goldenrod page 1 to see what the PI checked if you are unsure. Any action involving this grant or contract from now on will require that you attach proof that the IRB and/or IACUC is current.

IRB protocol approval  
http://www.virginia.edu/vpr/irb/hsr/index.html

The researcher is responsible for receiving and maintaining current protocol approval from the IRB prior to conducting any research on humans. This is a fairly lengthy process. The protocol(s) is not yet connected to any particular grant or sponsor. The researcher may have multiple protocols for the different types of research she is conducting.

If the funding is being processed as a CONTRACT rather than a grant, ie. for subawards to UVA and most Industry Contracts (Grants), then IRB protocol approval is ALL you need.

GIRB approval  
http://www.virginia.edu/vpr/irb/hsr/submit_grant.html

When a researcher (PI) as a PRIME AWARDEE, files a grant proposal, she checks on page 1 of the goldenrod whether there will be any human or animal research. If yes, she should write “pending” on the goldenrod.

As soon as the PI receives notification from the (non-industry) sponsor that the grant will be awarded, she then completes the grant submission process – which requires submitting the grant proposal to the IRB. The IRB then reviews the research / science in the grant and link it to the PI’s applicable protocols.

So, for example, a PI may have one grant (GIRB) that is linked to three protocols.

TO RECAP: If PI/UVA is a prime awardee of a non-industry grant award, you need a current G/IRB approval. If the PI/UVA is a subawardee or is receiving funding from industry/corporate sponsor, then you only need current IRB protocol approval.

IRB Database Search  
http://www.irb.virginia.edu/

To determine the status of IRB protocol approvals and GIRB approvals, you can search the IRB database by clicking on the link above; click ‘protocol search’; select the name of the researcher and click ‘go’.

This will bring up a summary of all protocol and grant approvals the researcher has. A print of this will NOT suffice for approval documentation – we (Office of Grants & Contracts and OSP) need to see the actual one page approval form that gives the approval date.