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Health and Human Services

Information Security Controls

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1. Purpose

The security and privacy controls contained in this document are the safeguards or countermeasures that, when implemented and enforced, will satisfy the information security compliance requirements defined in the Health and Human Services (HHS) Information Security Policy and applicable federal laws, executive orders, directives, policies, regulations, and standards.

2. Scope

All HHS employees, contractors, third-party users, external service providers, and all HHS physical, software, and information assets (whether standalone or attached to the HHS local and wide area networks), that access, create, disclose, receive, transmit, maintain, or store HHS information, as well as all services that support or otherwise handle those physical, software, and information assets, are required to comply with the security and privacy controls contained within this document. The security controls outlined in this document are required upon release of this document, and compliance should be documented in the information systems next annual risk assessment.

3. Audience

This document is intended to serve a diverse audience of information systems, information owners, information custodians, and Chief Information Security Office staff. While all users of HHS information systems assets should be aware of security controls as adopted by the HHS Chief Information Security Office, primary users of this document are the information custodians of IT operations, system and database administrators, application developers, support, maintenance personnel, and information security officers.

4. Controls

The Information Security Controls are maintained by the Chief Information Security Office. Vendors must communicate with HHS contract management to be provided with Appendix B-C of the HHS Information Security Controls. Per state and federal requirements, HHS is currently mapping the existing IS controls to NIST SP 800-53 Rev 5.1 and SP 800-53B latest versions.

The controls are made up of the following:

- Framework for Understanding the Information Security Controls
- Appendix A: Security Baselines and Overlays
- Appendix B-C: HHS Information Security Controls
- Appendix D: HIPAA Security Rules to IS-Controls Mapping
- Appendix E: Security Control Risk Score Formula
- Appendix F: References and Resources