

# Disposition Checklist

## Purpose

The purpose of this document is to identify the required activities and approvals to retire an information system in compliance with CMS and federal laws and mandates. Tailor this checklist to fit the needs/situation of your program. Not all steps are applicable to every situation – please indicate on the form if a step was not applicable.

## Disposition Planning Support

The CMS Technical Review Board (TRB) has provided an in-depth guide to help you plan the disposition of your technical elements at [TRB Disposition Guidance](#). You can also request a meeting with the TRB for individualized help with your disposition requirements and process. Contact them at [cms-trb@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:cms-trb@cms.hhs.gov).

## Checklist

1. Develop a System Disposition Plan which identifies the disposition activities, timeline, and key points of contact. The System Disposition Plan should address the timing of specific activities identified within this checklist.
2. Review and closeout any Plan of Action & Milestones (POA&Ms) associated with the system.
3. Coordinate with the Office of Strategic Operations and Regulatory Affairs (OSORA) to support records storage and transfer to the National Archives. For more information contact [Records\\_Retention@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Records_Retention@cms.hhs.gov).
4. Coordinate the removal of all references to the information system on external and internal CMS web pages. Consider identifying the expected date when service will be either turned off or transitioned to another information system.
5. Submit a ticket to the CMS enterprise Help Desk to identify end of service date for information system.
6. Communicate end of support date to information system users. Programs should consider a multifaceted communications approach including adding an acknowledgement or banner within the information system user interface to identify the end of service date for the information system and a series of emails to end users to prepare and remind users of the impending disposition. Once you decommission your system, coordinate the system URL to redirect to a replacement system or information page.
7. Coordinate with interfacing information systems and services (e.g., EUA) to turnoff/decommission integrations. Time your turn-off of integrations and services to reduce end user impact and information security risks. If applicable, coordinate to turn-off automated job schedules for data or other batch processes.
8. Revoke access to users and administrators, as necessary.
9. Coordinate with hosting provider to deprovision, decommission and/or uninstall the information system supporting infrastructure.
10. Coordinate with the disaster recovery (DR) site to deprovision, decommission, or uninstall the infrastructure and terminate (or update) support agreements.

