

**CERTIFICATE OF DISPOSITION (COD)
FOR DATA ACQUIRED FROM THE CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES (CMS)**

DUA Requester

Must match the individual specified in the DUA.

Requesting Organization

Must match the organization specified in the DUA.

Study Title

Must match the study title specified in the DUA.

DUA #

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

The DUA Requester or Data Custodian must complete this certificate if they wish to:

- Close the entire DUA and all associated files; or
- Close certain files on the DUA but leave the DUA and the remainder of its files open; or
- Document destruction of physical media

By completing this certificate, the DUA Requester or Data Custodian certifies that the Requesting Organization has destroyed/discontinued use of CMS data specified on this form at all locations. This includes any original files, copies, derivatives or subsets, and any back-ups. The Requesting Organization may not retain any copies, derivatives or manipulated files unless approved by CMS for use on another open CMS DUA. The Requesting Organization may retain data that is de-identified under the HIPAA Privacy Rule as described at 45 CFR 164.514(b) and adheres to CMS policy for cell size suppression.

Please ensure the Requesting Organization has completed one of the following approved methods to dispose of CMS data:

- Clearing - sanitize data or media using organizationally approved and validated technologies, methods, or tools. Clearing shall render data unrecoverable in the service or medium in which it is stored; either by cryptographic means (e.g., sanitizing the encryption key for a cloud storage service) or the equivalent, such as overwriting, resetting, or other measures to prevent data recovery.
- Purging - degauss with an organizationally approved degausser rated at a minimum for the media. Other methods of purging include overwrite, block erase, and cryptographic means using techniques that apply service-specific methods to bypass the abstraction inherent in typical read and write capabilities of services or devices (e.g., cloud storage or physical devices).
- Destroy - shred, disintegrate, melt, pulverize, or incinerate by burning the device in a licensed, or organizationally approved and validated incinerator.

SECTION 1 - DATA DISPOSITION

- ☐ I am closing the entire DUA and all associated files. I am only closing certain files on the DUA but leaving the DUA open.
- ☐ I am destroying the physical media but leaving the DUA and all files open.
- ☐ Other – Must be preapproved by CMS. Provide preapproved language below.

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SECTION 2 – DISPOSITION STATEMENT

Please specify the letter associated with the disposition statement in the table column titled “Disposition” for each file listed. Include the associated data file EPPE code in the table column titled “File(s)”. To close a DUA, each file must be listed.

- A. The file has been destroyed, including copies, derivatives, subsets, and manipulated files.
- B. The file or copies, derivatives, subsets, and/or manipulated files have been approved by CMS for use on another open CMS DUA through reuse. Include the reuse DUA number for each file.
- C. The file was accessed directly through CMS systems and the access has been removed for all users. (I did not receive a physical copy of the data.)
- D. Data files have been securely uploaded into our approved environment and the physical media received has been destroyed. The DUA and all data files remain open.

**If you need additional space, please use the table on page 3.*

Disposition	File(s)	Year(s)

SECTION 3 – DISPOSITION CONFIRMATION

As a Requester or Data Custodian, I confirm on behalf of the Requesting Organization that the files and/or physical media indicated on this form have been disposed of in accordance with the terms and conditions found on the DUA.

Printed Name

Signature

Email

Date

Phone #

Disposition table continued from page 2. Use only if more room is needed.

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