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CMS Overview

Overview

This Training Guide will cover the following:

- How to Add Main Information
- How to Add Collaborating Organizations
- How to Add a Data User(s)
- How to Select Re-Use Data Files
- How to Add New Data Files
- How to Add Data File Extraction Information
- How to Add Delivery Method Information
- How to Complete the Data File Attributes
- How to Upload Documentation
- How to Review DUA

1.1 **EPPE Access Prerequisites**

Before continuing this training, please complete the following:

- Obtain Identity Management (IDM) Credentials, Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA), and EPPE Access: https://www.cms.gov/files/document/eppeidm.pdf
- Access CMS Portal: https://portal.cms.gov/

Icons Used Throughout the EPPE System 1.2



A red asterisk denotes that a field is required to be entered.



The question mark icon, when selected, will display field specific help.

2 Create a New LDS DUA

Login to the EPPE system.

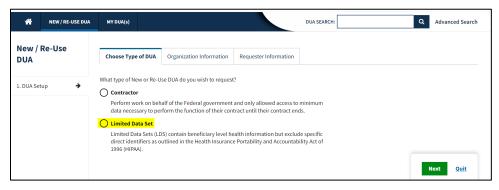
Figure 1: EPPE Welcome Screen



1. Click **NEW/RE-USE DUA** from the menu to begin a new DUA.

The DUA Set Up screen for New/Re-Use DUA is displayed.

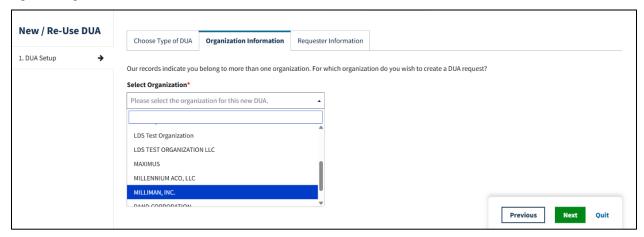
Figure 2: DUA Set Up selection



- 2. Select the Limited Data Set radio button.
- 3. Click Next.

Your organization is pre-populated. A dropdown will appear for you to select your organization if you are a Requester for multiple organizations.

Figure 3: Organization Selection



- 4. Select your **Organization** from the drop-down menu.
- 5. Click Next.

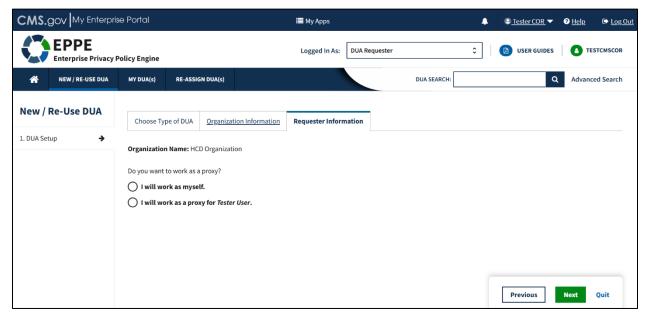
Requester Information tab is displayed with the Requester Information pre-populated.

Figure 4: Requester Information



Note: If the user has a proxy, select the appropriate option for the Requester Information.

Figure 5: Requester Information for Proxy



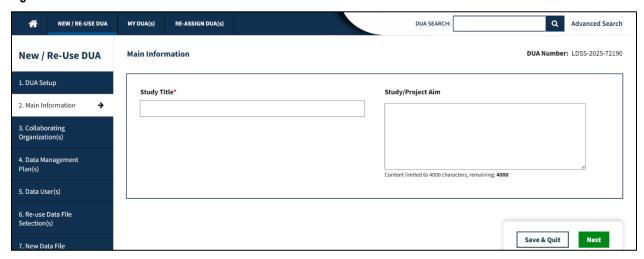
6. Click Next.

The Main Information screen is displayed.

2.1 Main Information

Add the Main Information required for submitting a DUA.

Figure 6: Main Information



- 1. The **Study Title** field is required.
- 2. The Study/Project Aim field is optional.
- 3. Click Next.

2.2 Select Collaborating Organization

Select the Collaborating Organization that the DUA belongs to.

Figure 7: Select Collaborating Organization



1. Click the ADD button.

Figure 8: Add Collaborating Organization



- 2. Select the respective organization from the drop-down menu.
- 3. Click Add.

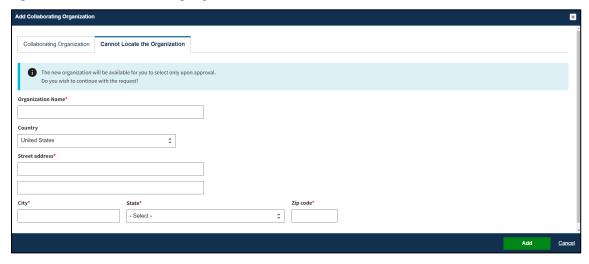
Note: If you cannot find the Organization, click the Cannot Locate the Organization hyperlink.

Figure 9: Add Collaborating Organization: Cannot Locate Organization



4. Click the Cannot locate the Organization? link to add an organization not listed.

Figure 10: Add New Collaborating Organization



- 5. Enter the Organization Name.
- 6. Select the **Country**
- 7. Enter the Street Address.
- 8. Enter the City, State, and Zip Code.
- 9. Click Add.

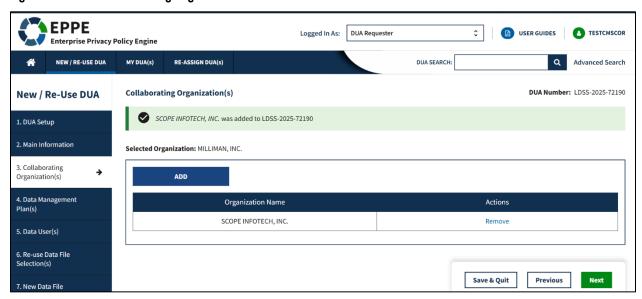
Figure 11: Add New Collaborating Organization: Organization Dialogue



Note:

- The Requesting Organization must be a location within the U.S. (LDS data files cannot be shipped outside of the U.S.).
- The EPPE Admin needs to process the New Collaborating Organization request. Once approved the New Collaborating Organization displays it in the dropdown list.

Figure 12: Added Collaborating Organization



The Collaborating Organization is added to the table.

10. Click Next

2.3 Data Management Plan(s)

A Data Management Plan can be added to LDS DUAs.

Figure 13: Data Management Plan(s)



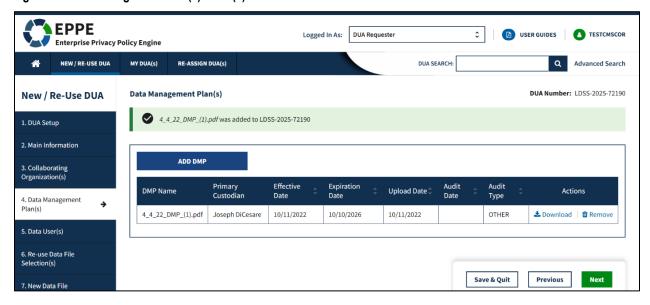
1. Click ADD DMP.

Figure 14: Add Data Management Plan



- 2. Select the Organization.
- 3. Select the DMP.
- 4. Click Add.

Figure 15: Data Management Plan(s): DMP(s) Table



5. Click **Next** on the Data Management Plan Page when finished.

Note: A DMP for the LDS Self-Service Workflow is optional. If no DMP is available for selection, EPPE Users must request that a DMP be added to the respective organization so it can be selected (visit https://resdac.org/request-form/dmp-saq for instructions regarding the use and approval of organizational DMP[s].)

2.4 Data User(s)

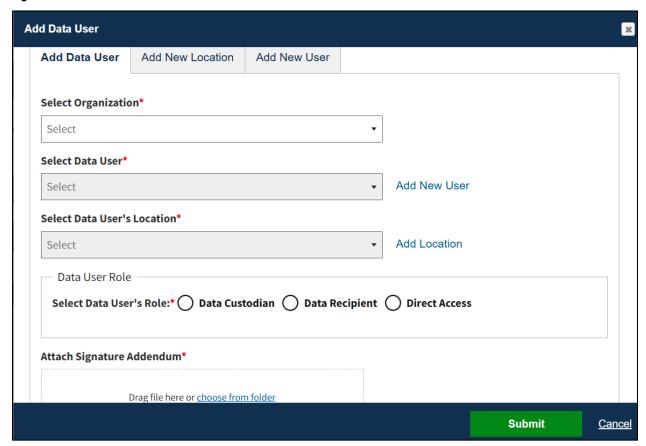
The Data User(s) Page is displayed.

Figure 16: Data User(s)



1. Select the ADD DATA USER button.

Figure 17: Add Data User



- 2. Select the **Organization** from the drop-down list.
- 3. Select a **Data User** from the dropdown list.
- 4. Select the **Data User's Location** from the drop-down list.
- 5. Select the **Data User's Role** from the drop-down list.
- 6. Click Choose From Folder to attach a Signature Addendum for the Data User.
- 7. Click Submit.

Figure 18: Add Data User: Data User(s)Table



8. Click **Next** on the **Data User(s)** Page when finished.

Note:

- You must select at least one Data User that is a Data Custodian.
- Use the **Edit** action to update Data User(s) information.
- Use the Remove action to remove Data User(s) from the table.

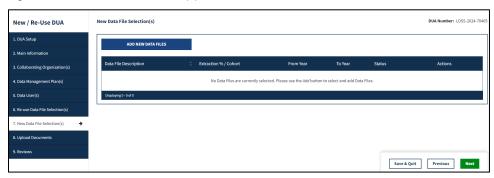
2.5 Re-Use Data File Selection(s)

Refer to the New LDS DUA Request with Re-Use Data Files training module for more information on adding Re-Use Data Files to a New DUA.

2.6 New Data File Selection(s)

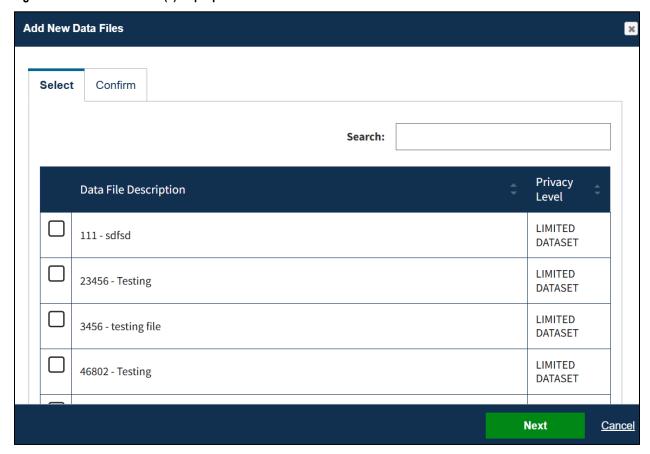
The New Data File Selection(s) screen is displayed.

Figure 19: New Data File Selection(s)



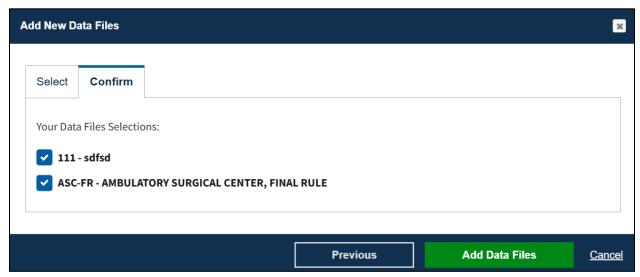
1. Click ADD New Data Files button.

Figure 20: Add New Data File(s) Pop-Up



- 2. Select the data file(s) to add.
- 3. Click Next.

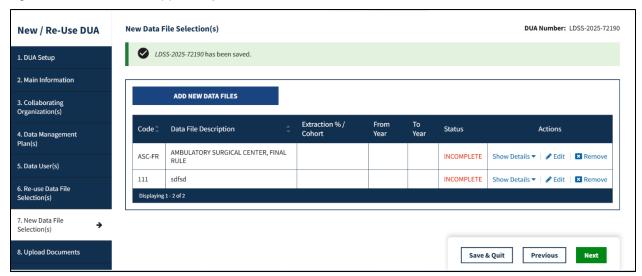
Figure 21: Confirm Add New Data File(s)



4. Click Add Data Files button to add the data files to the Data File table.

The selected data files are displayed in the table below. The file(s) status displayed is "INCOMPLETE."

Figure 22: Add New Data File(s): Incomplete



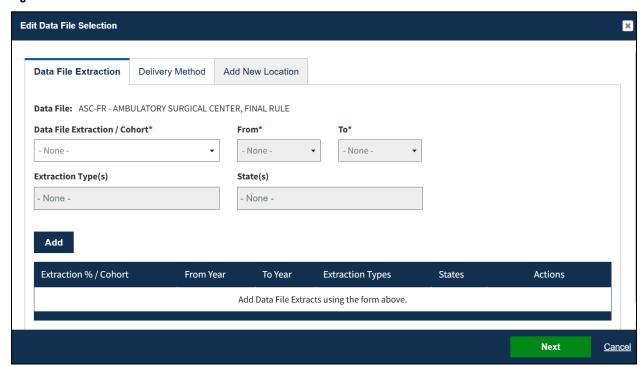
5. Click the **Edit** action next to each incomplete item to complete required file attributes.

Note: Click the **Remove** action for each file you need to remove from the table. It will only remove the file from this table and place it back in the list of new data files to be selected.

2.7 Add Data File Information

The Data file information pop-up is displayed with the Data file extraction tab in focus.

Figure 23: Data File Information: Data File Extraction



- 1. Select the Data File Extraction/Cohort.
- 2. Select the From and To year.
- 3. Choose any Extraction Type(s).
- 4. Choose State(s) if applicable.
- 5. Click Add.

Notes:

- Some future file years in the year range may not be available yet.
- You may only order files and years available on the LDS Worksheet.

The data file extraction attributes display in the table.

Figure 24: New Data File(s): Extraction Attributes Selected

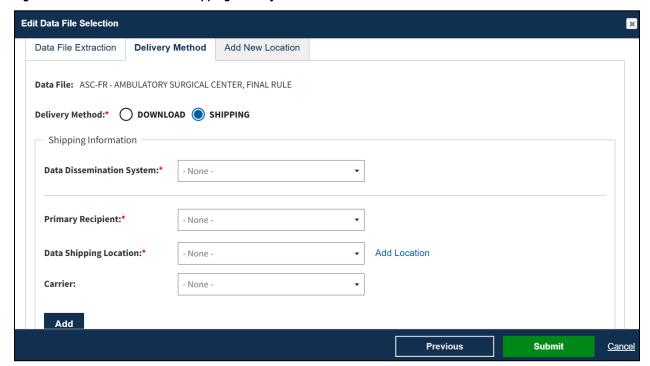


6. Click Next.

2.8 Data File Information: Delivery Method

The Delivery Method tab on the Data File Information pop-up is displayed with the Delivery Method options. Select a Delivery Method and Data Dissemination System.

Figure 25: Data File Information: Shipping Delivery Method

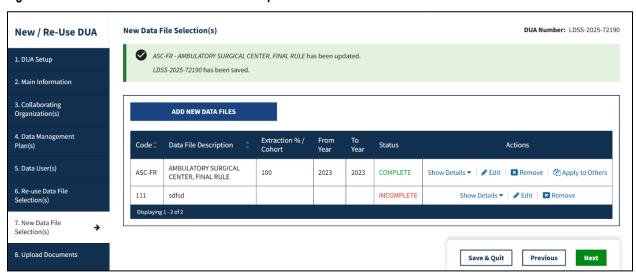


- 1. Select the **Delivery Method**.
- 2. Select the Data Dissemination System.
- 3. Complete the other fields, as necessary.
- 4. Click the **Add** to populate the table.
- 5. Click Submit.

2.9 Completing Data File Attributes

The first file's status is now marked "COMPLETE."

Figure 26: Data File Attributes for First File is Complete

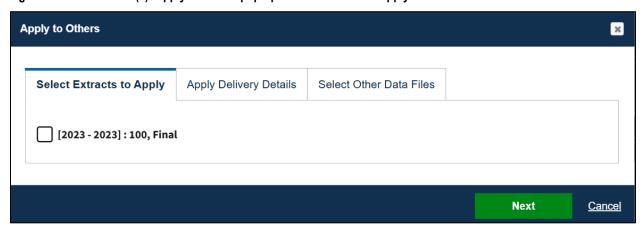


1. Click the **Edit** action to enter attributes for each file or click the **Apply to Others** action to apply the same attributes to all or some of the remaining files.

Notes:

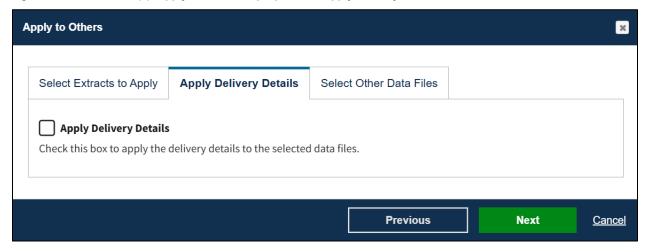
- The **Apply to Others** action will only display if the DUA has multiple files. It displays once data file attributes for at least one data file selection has been completed.
- When using the **Apply to Others** feature on new data files, all Extraction attributes (Extraction %/Cohort, From/To years, and States, as applicable) and Data Dissemination System/Delivery Method will be applied to the selected files.

Figure 27: New Data File(s): Apply to Others pop-up: Select Extracts to Apply



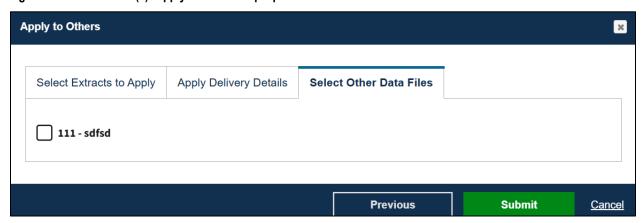
- 2. Select the check box to select the Extracts to Apply.
- 3. Click the Next button.

Figure 28: New Data File(s): Apply to Others Pop-Up: Select Apply Delivery Details



- 4. Select the checkbox to Apply Delivery Details.
- Click Next.

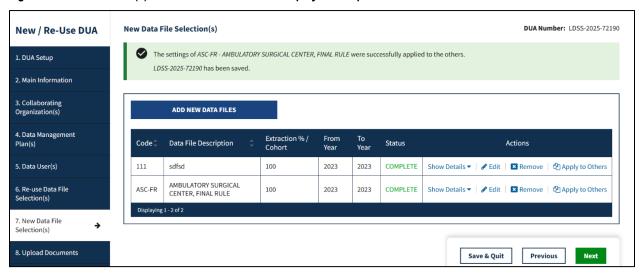
Figure 29: New Data File(s): Apply to Others Pop-Up: Select Other Data Files



- 6. Select the check box to select the Data Files.
- 7. Click the **Submit** button.

The New Data File(s) Selection screen displays. The status for all New data files status is COMPLETE.

Figure 30: New Data File(s): Status for All New Files Displays "Complete"



8. Click **Next** when all Data Files display the **COMPLETE** status.

Note: Use **Remove** action to remove a data file from the table, if applicable.

2.10 Upload Documents

The following are the predefined LDS document types.

Table 1: Predefined LDS Document Types

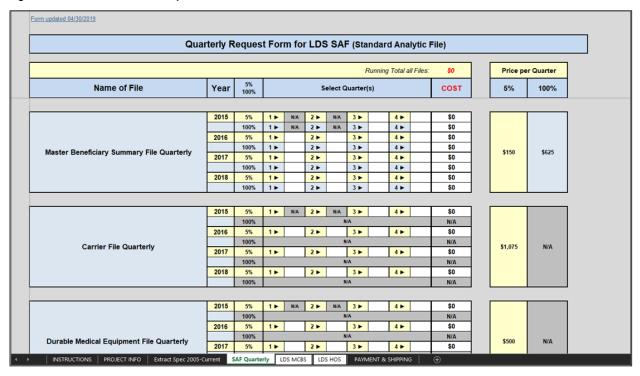
Document	Rule(s)
Attachment A Research Protocol	Required for all New DUAs.
LDS Worksheet	The LDS Worksheet is required when New data files are being
	requested.
Signature Addendum	Required when adding Data Users to an LDS DUA.

The Standard Analytic File (SAF) Quarterly tab of the LDS Worksheet is shown in Figure 31.

Notes:

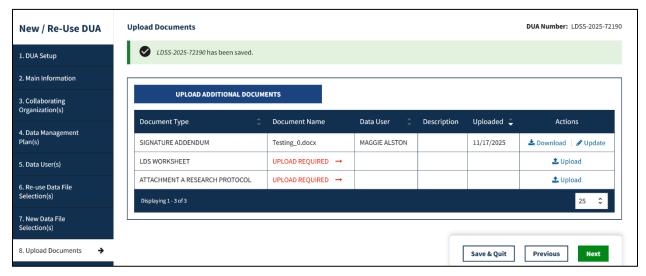
- Some future file years in the year range may not be available yet.
- You may only order files and years available on the LDS Worksheet.

Figure 31: LDS Worksheet Example



The Upload Documents screen is displayed and includes predefined document types.

Figure 32: Upload Documents Screen



1. Click Upload link to upload the required documents.

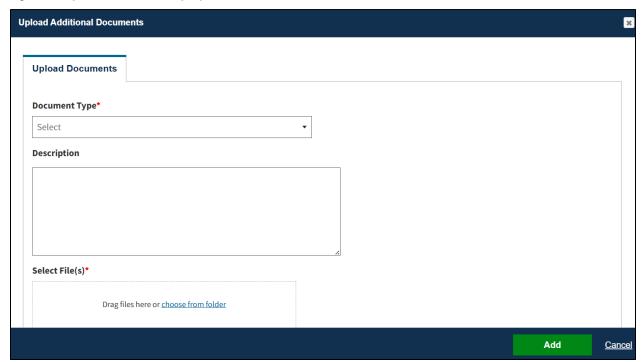
Note: If **Next** is clicked without uploading any or all of the required documents, a Validation Error message is displayed.

Figure 33: Required Documents



Click the UPLOAD ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS button to upload any additional documents.

Figure 34: Upload Documents Pop-Up

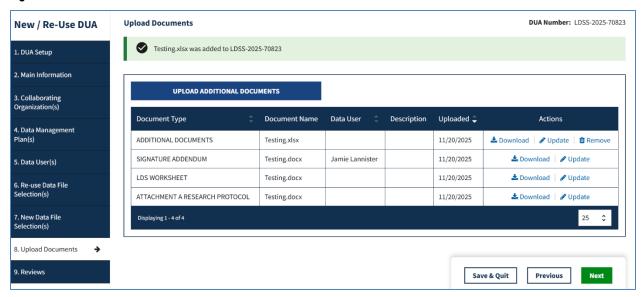


- 3. Select **Document Type** from the dropdown menu.
- 4. Enter a **Description** (optional).
- 5. Click the **choose from folder** link to choose your file.
- 6. Click the Add button once the file has been selected.

Notes:

- Max file size is 100 megabytes.
- Not all file types can be uploaded. The EPPE will display a message when attempting to upload non-allowable file types.
- For easy recognition, please name files appropriately based on their contents
- Uploaded files can be deleted from this page prior to DUA submission.
- An upload date and time stamp will be displayed on the DUA Review screen for all uploaded files.

Figure 35: Review the DUA



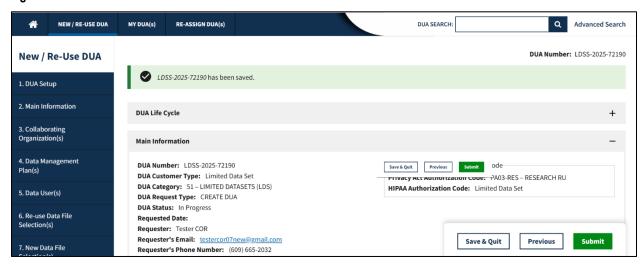
Click the Next button when the Documents are added.

2.11 Review and Submit New/Re-Use LDS DUA

The following information is available for review in the DUA:

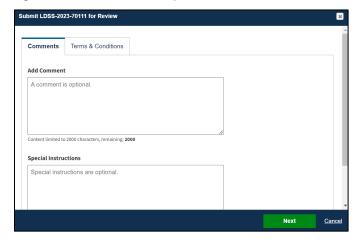
- DUA Life Cycle (click the plus icon [+] for details)
- Main Information
- Contacts and Proxies
- Collaborating Organization(s)
- Data Management Plans
- Data User(s)
- Data File Descriptions for New and Re-use Data files (Click the plus icon [+] for details)
- Documents

Figure 36: Review the DUA



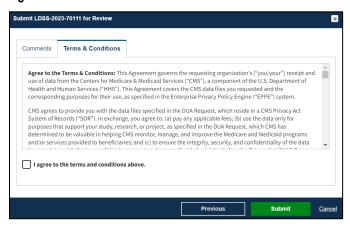
1. Click Submit.

Figure 37: Add Comments or Special Instructions



- 1. Add a Comment if applicable.
- 2. Add Special Instructions if applicable.
- 3. Click Next.

Figure 38: Terms and Conditions



- 4. Select the I agree to the terms and conditions checkbox.
- Click Submit.

Submission confirmation message is displayed on the DUA view screen, "DUA request <DUA number> has been submitted for review. You will receive a follow-up email notification. To view the DUA, navigate to "MY DUA(s)."

Figure 39: DUA Submission Confirmation



Notes:

- Once the DUA is submitted, it will be routed to the CMS LDS DUA Management Team (DMT) for certification.
- Once the DUA is certified by the LDS DMT, it will be routed to the Payment Coordinator for payment confirmation.
- Once payment is confirmed, the DUA will be approved and data extraction can begin.

CMS Acronyms and Glossary

3 Acronyms and Glossary

The following are acronyms used within the EPPE system.

Table 2: Acronyms

Acronym	Definition
CMS	Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
COR	CMS Contact (COR)
DMT	DUA Management Team
DUA	Data Use Agreement
EPPE	Enterprise Privacy Policy Engine
EUA	Enterprise User Administration
IDM	Identity Management
LDS	Limited Data Set
MFA	Multi-Factor Authentication
PDF	Portable Document Format

The following terms are defined for EPPE users in the Glossary.

Table 3: Glossary

Term	Definition
Attachment A Research Protocol	Required for all New LDS DUAs.
Data Custodian	Data Custodian will have actual possession of the CMS Data Files and who will be responsible for the observance of all conditions of use, including the establishment and maintenance of security arrangements to prevent unauthorized use.
Data Recipient	Data Recipients will have actual possession of the CMS Data Files
Direct Access	Direct Access Users have been granted electronic access to CMS Data Files via CMS' Data Dissemination Systems
LDS Worksheet	The LDS Worksheet is required when New data files are being requested.
Signature Addendum	Required when adding Data Users to an LDS DUA.

4 EPPE Help Desk Information

EPPE Help Desk Contact Information

Hours of Operation: Monday - Friday 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM ET

844-EPPE-DUA (844-377-3382)

eppe@cms.hhs.gov

Note: For information on policies, forms, and other LDS DUA related information, please refer to the <u>Limited Data Set (LDS)</u> page.