

California Department of Aging (CDA) Standard Agreement for No. AD-2223-17 (for Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC))

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ARTICLE XVI. INFORMATION INTEGRITY, AND SECURITY

A. Information Assets

The Contractor, and its Subcontractors/Vendors, shall have in place operational policies, procedures, and practices to protect State information assets, including those assets used to store or access Personal Health Information (PHI), Personal Information (PI) and any information protected under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), (i.e., public, confidential, sensitive and/or personal identifying information) herein referred to as Personal, Sensitive and Confidential Information (PSCI) as specified in the State Administrative Manual, 5300 to 5365.3; Cal. Gov. Code § 11019.9, DGS Management Memo 06-12; and DOF Budget Letter06-34.

Information assets may be in hard copy or electronic format and may include but is not limited to:

1. Reports
2. Notes
3. Forms
4. Computers, laptops, cellphones, printers, scanners
5. Networks (LAN, WAN, WIFI) servers, switches, routers
6. Storage media, hard drives, flash drives, cloud storage
7. Data, applications, databases

B. Encryption of Computing Devices

The Contractor, and its Subcontractors/Vendors, are required to use 128-Bit encryption for PSCI data collected under this Agreement, including data stored on all computing devices (including, but not limited to, workstations, servers, laptops, personal digital assistants, notebook computers and backup media) and/or portable electronic storage media (including, but not limited to, discs, thumb/flash drives, portable hard drives, and backup media).

C. Disclosure

1. The Contractor, and its Subcontractors/Vendors, shall ensure that all PSCI is protected from inappropriate or unauthorized access or disclosure in accordance with applicable laws, regulations and State policies.
2. The Contractor, and its Subcontractors/Vendors, shall protect from unauthorized disclosure, PSCI such as names and other identifying information concerning persons receiving services pursuant to this Agreement, except for statistical information not identifying any participant.

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3. “Personal Identifying information” shall include, but not be limited to: name; identifying number; social security number; state driver’s license or state identification number; financial account numbers; and symbol or other identifying characteristic assigned to the consumer, such as finger or voice print or a photograph.
4. The Contractor, and its Subcontractors/Vendors, shall not use PSCI above for any purpose other than carrying out the Contractor’s obligations under this Agreement. The Contractor and its Subcontractors are authorized to disclose and access identifying information for this purpose as required by OAA.
5. The Contractor and its Subcontractors/Vendors, shall not, except as otherwise specifically authorized or required by this Agreement or court order, disclose any identifying information obtained under the terms of this Agreement to anyone other than CDA without prior written authorization from CDA. The Contractor may be authorized, in writing, by a participant to disclose identifying information specific to the authorizing participant.
6. The Contractor, and its Subcontractors/Vendors, may allow a participant to authorize the release of information to specific entities, but shall not request or encourage any participant to give a blanket authorization or sign a blank release, nor shall the Contractor accept such blanket authorization from any participant.

D. Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)

The Contractor agrees to comply with the privacy and security requirements of HIPAA and ensure that Subcontractors/Vendors comply with the privacy and security requirements of HIPAA.

E. Information Integrity and Security Statement

The Contractor shall sign and return an Information Integrity and Security Statement (CDA 1024) form with this Agreement. This is to ensure that the Contractor is aware of, and agrees to comply with, their obligations to protect CDA information assets, including PSCI, from unauthorized access and disclosure.

F. Security Incident Reporting

A security incident occurs when CDA information assets are or reasonably believed to have been accessed, modified, destroyed, or disclosed without proper authorization, or are lost or stolen. The Contractor, and its Subcontractors/Vendors, must comply with CDA’s security incident reporting procedure located at https://www.aging.ca.gov/Information_Security/Security_Incident_Reporting_Procedures/.

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G. Security Breach Notifications

Notice must be given by the Contractor, and/or its Subcontractors/Vendors to anyone whose PSCI could have been breached in accordance with HIPAA, the Information Practices Act of 1977, and State policy.

H. Software Maintenance

The Contractor, and its Subcontractors/Vendors, shall apply security patches and upgrades in a timely manner and keep virus software up-to-date on all systems on which State data may be stored or accessed.

I. Electronic Backups

The Contractor, and its Subcontractors/Vendors, shall ensure that all electronic information is protected by performing regular backups of files and databases and ensure the availability of information assets for continued business. The Contractor, and its Subcontractors/Vendors, shall ensure that all data, files and backup files are encrypted.

J. Provisions of this Article

The provisions contained in this Article shall be included in all contracts of both the Contractor and its Subcontractors/Vendors.