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1 Policy Definitions

- **Confidential Data:** Defined by the Commonwealth Office of Technology (COT) Standards Data of which the Commonwealth has a legal obligation to not disclose. This data requires the highest levels of restrictions, because of the risk or impact that will result from disclosure, modifications, breach, or destruction of that data. Examples include, but are not limited to, data not releasable under the Kentucky State law (Kentucky Revised Statute 61.878); Protected Health Information, Federal Tax Information, and Social Security and Credit Card Numbers.
- **Contract Staff/Personnel:** Defined by CHFS as an employee hired through a state approved (i.e., System Design/Development Services {SDS} Vendor Agreement/Company) vendor who has a master agreement with the state.
- **Discovery:** Defined by CHFS as manually walking through the web application to understand the logic and operational flows in order to filter out information that may generate messages or email triggered by scanning.
- **Electronic Protected Health Information (ePHI):** Defined by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) Privacy Rule as individually identifiable health information, including demographic data, that relates to: the individual's past, present or future physical or mental health or condition, the provision of health care to the individual, or the past, present, or future payment for the provision of health care to the individual, and that identifies the individual or for which there is a reasonable basis to believe can be used to identify the individual. Identifiable protected health information items include many common identifiers (e.g., name, address, birth date, Social Security Number). The Privacy Rule excludes from protected health information employment records that a covered entity maintains in its capacity as an employer and education and certain other records subject to, or defined in, the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 20 U.S.C. §1232g.
- **Federal Tax Information (FTI):** Defined by Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Publication 1075 as federal tax returns and return information (and information derived from it) that is in the agency's possession or control which is covered by the confidentiality protections of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) and subject to the IRC 6103(p) (4) safeguarding requirements including IRS oversight. FTI is categorized as Sensitive but Unclassified information and may contain personally identifiable information (PII). FTI includes return or return information received directly from the IRS or obtained through an authorized secondary source, such as Social Security Administration (SSA), Federal Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE), Bureau of the Fiscal Service (BFS), or Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), or another entity acting on behalf of the IRS pursuant to an IRC 6103(p) (2) (B) Agreement. FTI includes any information created by the recipient that is derived from federal return or return information received from the IRS or obtained through a secondary source.
- **Manual Penetration Test:** Defined by CHFS as the process of examining specific flaw categories that currently require manual inspection to evaluate the security of the

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infrastructure by safely trying to exploit vulnerabilities. These vulnerabilities may exist in operating systems, services and application flaws, improper configurations, or risky end-user behavior.

- Personally Identifiable Information (PII):** Defined by Kentucky Revised Statute (KRS) Chapter 61.931-934 and in accordance with NIST 800-53 Revision 4 as information which can be used to distinguish or trace the identity of an individual; person’s first name or first initial and last name, personal mark, or unique biometric or genetic print or image, in combination with one or more of the following data elements: account number, credit card number or debit card number that in combination with any required security code, access code or password would permit access to an account; social security number, taxpayer ID number, driver's license number, state ID number, passport number or other ID number issued by the United States government, or individually identifiable health information, except for education records covered by The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA). In addition, HIPAA identifies an individual’s full name, date of birth, street or email address, biometric data, and other common identifiers as direct PII, not requiring a combined additional field of information.
- Security Review:** Defined by CHFS as a security assessment will end with a list of all vulnerabilities that are found through the web. Risk should be prioritized based on the ease of exploiting the vulnerability and the potential harm that could result if an attacker is successful. The results will be disseminated to the project team, who will then prioritize what needs to be fixed so that existing applications can be hardened. Those applications being built can be remedied and safely placed into production.
- Sensitive Data:** Defined by COT standards as data that is not legally protected, but should not be considered public information and only be disclosed under limited circumstances. Only authorized users should be granted access to sensitive data. Examples include: all information identifiable to an individual including staff, employees, and contractors but not limited to dates of birth, driver’s license numbers, employee ID numbers, license plate numbers, and compensation information. The Commonwealth’s proprietary information including but not limited to intellectual property, financial data and more.
- State Staff/Personnel:** Defined by CHFS as an employee hired directly through the state within the CHFS with final approval and appointment by the Kentucky Personnel Cabinet.
- Vendor Staff/Personnel:** Defined by CHFS as an employee contracted through an approved Master Business Associate Agreement, or other formal agreement, to provide temporary work for CHFS.
- Vulnerability Assessment:** Defined by NIST SP 800-30 as systematic examination of an information system or product to determine the adequacy of security measures, identify security deficiencies, provide data from which to predict the effectiveness of proposed security measures, and confirm the adequacy of such measures after implementation.
- Vulnerability Scan:** Defined by CHFS as an execution of automated security scanning software that attempts to discover, define, identify, and classify the lapse in

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security in a web application or network system. This automated vulnerability scan is considered intrusive.

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2 Policy Overview

2.1 Purpose

The Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS) Office of Application Technology Services (OATS) must establish a comprehensive level of security controls through a Single sign-on technology policy. This document establishes the agency's Single Sign-on policy, for greater security and to enable users to use same credentials across applications.

2.2 Scope

The scope of this policy applies to all CHFS systems, including systems that are managed by vendors under the contract with CHFS agency. External vendors or other defined groups/organizations providing information security or technology services may work with the CHFS agency(s) to request exceptions to this policy.

2.3 Management Commitment

OATS Division Directors, the CHFS Chief Technical Officer (CTO), Chief Information Security Officer (CISO), and IT Executive Management have reviewed and approved this policy. Senior Management supports the objective put into place by this policy. Violations of not abiding by this policy may result in disciplinary action, which may include suspension, restriction of access, or more severe penalties up to and including termination of employment. CHFS shall report illegal activities or theft of CHFS property (physical or intellectual) to the appropriate authorities.

2.4 Coordination among Organizational Entities

OATS coordinates with organizations and/or agencies with the cabinet, which access applications, systems, and facilities. All organizational entities that interact with CHFS are subject to follow requirements outlined within this policy.

2.5 Compliance

As the official guidance domain for this policy, CHFS agencies abide by the security and privacy requirements established in applicable state laws and regulations as well as federal guidelines outlined in the NIST. Additionally, applicable agencies follow security and privacy frameworks outlined within the CMS, the IRS, and the SSA.

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3 Roles and Responsibilities

3.1 Chief Information Security Officer (CISO)

An individual responsible for providing guidance and direction in assessment, planning, and implementation of all security standards, practices, and commitments required. This individual is responsible for adherence to this policy.

3.2 Chief Privacy Officer (CPO)

An individual responsible for overseeing activities related to the development, implementation, maintenance of, and adherence to the Cabinet's and Commonwealth's information privacy and confidentiality policies and procedures in compliance with federal and state laws. This individual will conduct HIPAA risk assessments through coordination with the Information Security Agency Representative, the CISO, or CHFS OATS Information Security (IS) Team, and other CHFS agencies, and will ensure compliance with HIPAA notification and reporting requirements in the event of an identified breach. This position is responsible for adherence to this policy.

3.3 Chief/ Deputy Chief Technology Officer (CTO)

This individual makes decisions related to a company's technology. This includes the integration and deployment of new technology, systems management and the overseeing of technical operations personnel. The CTO also works with outside vendors to ensure they meet customer service expectations. This individual is responsible for adherence to this document.

3.4 Security/Privacy Lead

Individual(s) designated by the division leadership to coordinate privacy and/or security issues and incidents with all appropriate staff/personnel. This individual(s) is responsible for providing privacy and security guidance and direction for the protection of Payment Card Industry (PCI), PII, ePHI, FTI, and other financially sensitive information to all CHFS staff/personnel. This role along with the CHFS OATS IS Team is responsible for adherence to this policy.

3.5 CHFS Contract, State, and Vendor Staff/Personnel

All CHFS contract, state, and vendor staff/personnel must adhere to this policy. All staff/personnel must comply with referenced documents, found in section 8 Policy References below that pertain to the agency's applications, application servers, appliances, operating systems, web servers, network components, and database (server or components) that reside on CHFS/OATS information system(s).

3.6 System Data Owner and System Data Administrators

Management/lead who works with the application's development team, to document components that are not included in the base server build and ensures that functionality and backups are conducted in accordance with business needs. This individual(s) is also responsible for working with personnel within the enterprise, agency, application, technical and business areas, for providing full recovery of all application functionality, as well as meeting federal and state regulations for disaster recovery situations.

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4 Policy Requirements

4.1 General

All agency applications, including vendor hosted and managed applications, must comply with this CHFS IT policy, to ensure strong protection and robust means of authenticating a user and granting access to agency's systems. All agency's systems must utilize KOG, Cabinet's SSO solution, for authenticating and granting access. The CHFS-OATS has implemented KOG, the agency's SSO solution, to simplify user access and to protect cabinet applications. It is critical for all systems utilize KOG for authenticating all users to help enforce secure access.

5 Policy Maintenance Responsibility

The OATS IS Team is responsible for the maintenance of this policy.

6 Policy Exceptions

Until the KOG governance board is in place, any exceptions to this policy must follow the guidance established in [CHFS OATS Policy: 070.203- Security Exceptions and Exemptions to CHFS OATS Policies and Security Control Policy.](#)

All exception requests to this policy must include a strong justification, compensating controls and security practices implemented such as identity proofing, multi-factor authentication, password complexity, minimum password requirements, password reuse restrictions, compliance validation, etc.

7 Policy Review Cycle

This policy is reviewed at least once annually and revised on an as needed basis.

8 Policy References

- [CHFS 070.203 – Security Exception and Exemptions](#)
- [Kentucky Online Gateway \(KOG\)](#)