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What is SDI Provisional Approval?

The MDH Data Use Policy has been revised to include provisional approval as a possible outcome of SDI Team review. Provisional approval means the written notification by the SDI Team that indicates the submitted data-related agreement presents a low or medium risk to MDH data and information security based upon internal review of current data handling safeguards and security controls. Provisional approval shall include a determination memo with risk remediation recommendations from the SDI Team that must be completed within one year.

What are the benefits of Provisional Approval?

While all MDH units should strive for SDI approval for their data-related agreements, the SDI Team understands that not all security concerns can be addressed within the timeframe needed for a contract or service. Provisional approval gives the MDH unit and vendor time to address and remediate the concerns of the SDI Team while not hindering important services that pose a low or medium risk to the Department's data.

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Can I request Provisional Approval?

No, provisional approval is not requested. After review, the SDI Team may determine the proposed data-related agreement does not meet the appropriate safeguards and security controls in accordance with State and MDH policies. However, since implementation of the agreement would pose a low or medium security risk to MDH data, the SDI Team may grant provisional approval with recommendations to address the security risks.

When do I submit the responses to the risk remediation recommendations?

Generally, the responses must be provided within the one-year time frame. In certain circumstances, however, the SDI team may require responses sooner.

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