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## Memorandum

Date: February 4, 2015

From: Information Systems Security Officer (ISSO)  
Center for Surveillance, Epidemiology, and Laboratory Services

Subject: BioSense Authority to Operate

To: Director  
Division of Health Informatics and Surveillance

All federal IT information and systems must satisfy Federal Information Security Management Act of 2002 (FISMA). The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has implemented a Certification and Accreditation (C&A) program in concert with FISMA requirements, as well as an ongoing change management and risk assessment process to ascertain and mitigate security risks including those that may result from IT system changes. Along with this ongoing security evaluation and testing, C&A documentation and security test results for CDC systems are reviewed by system owners and, if necessary, updated, no less than annually.

CDC's Office of the Chief Information Security Officer (OCISO) oversees the formal security authorization process, ensuring throughout the system life-cycle that FISMA-mandated security controls are tested for accuracy, adequacy, and adherence to federal and CDC security policies and procedures.

The BioSense application has completed another Certification and Accreditation and has been granted an Authority to Operate (ATO) on January 15, 2015 by the CDC. The current BioSense application C&A was completed in January 2015.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Stephanie S. Shaw".

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