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SUBJECT: Rehabilitation Medicine Department—Social Security Administration Data  
Analysis System (RMD-SSA DAS) Security Certification

A security certification review of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Clinical Center (CC) Rehabilitation Medicine Department—Social Security Administration Data Analysis System (RMD-SSA DAS) major application (MA) was conducted in accordance with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-130, *Management of Federal Information Resources, Appendix III, Security of Federal Automated Information Resources*, the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Special Publication (SP) 800-37, *Guide for the Security Certification and Accreditation of Federal Information Systems*, and the *HHS Certification and Accreditation Guidance*. I have carefully reviewed the certification statement of the RMD-SSA DAS Certifying Authority and the supporting evidence provided in the RMD-SSA DAS certification package.

After reviewing planned and implemented RMD-SSA DAS security controls and weighing residual risks against operational requirements, I hereby grant an authorization to operate (ATO) the RMD-SSA DAS in its existing environment. This ATO is issued for a period of three years from the date of this letter under the following conditions:



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1. The RMD-SSA DAS ISSO and RMD-SSA DAS system owners must address the security findings listed in Table 4.0 of the RMD-SSA DAS Security Assessment Report and document progress on those findings in an RMD-SSA DAS Plan of Actions and Milestones (POA&M).
2. Commencing three months after the date of this letter, the RMD-SSA DAS ISSO and RMD-SSA DAS system owners must provide an updated RMD-SSA DAS POA&M to the RMD-SSA DAS CA and RMD-SSA DAS AO quarterly.

At the end of the period of authorization, the RMD-SSA DAS ATO will be terminated unless the RMD-SSA DAS system is reauthorized to operate. During the period of authorization, the RMD-SSA DAS CA and RMD-SSA DAS AO will monitor the progress by the RMD-SSA DAS ISSO and RMD-SSA DAS system owners in addressing RMD-SSA DAS POA&M items. The RMD-SSA DAS CA, RMD-SSA DAS ISSO, and RMD-SSA DAS system owners should retain copies of this letter and the RMD-SSA DAS certification package as a permanent record.

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