

# Instructions for completing the Attachment A: Limited Data Set (LDS) Request Application

**This document:** All requesters of Limited Data Set (LDS) data must complete an Attachment A: LDS Request Application. It collects information about the Requester, the proposed use including detailed study aims, data required, and dissemination of findings plan. These instructions are for **new requests only**.

## General Instructions

1. This is a two-page document.
2. Answer every item in the document.
3. Do not alter the layout or content of the document.
4. Upload the document into EPPE.
5. The DUA is not finalized until approved by the CMS DMT.

## Specific Instructions

A

Enter the name of the **DUA Requester**. The Requester is the individual authorized to sign agreements on behalf of the requesting organization. This person is often referred to as the 'legal signatory'. This person accepts all terms and conditions in the DUA and attests that all information contained in the request is accurate. This individual will match the Requester in EPPE.

B

Enter the exact legal name of the **Requesting Organization**.

C


Enter the exact **Study Title**. This will match the Study Title in EPPE.

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Provide a comprehensive **Study Description** of the proposed study that includes:

- Brief background
- Clear objectives and aims
- Clear statement of the study purpose

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# E

**E1:** List non-CMS data files or CMS public use files that will be used with the data or linked to the data. Leave blank if there are none.

**E2:** In one to two sentences, describe how the file will be used in your study.

# F

In one to two paragraphs, provide a description of how you will make the findings available to the public. Describe in detail how and where the study findings will be made available to the public and include the names of the scientific journals, websites or conferences that will be targeted. Use strong, affirmative language such as “Results will be...” or “We will submit”.

# G

In addition to sharing your findings publicly, please provide details about any products or tools you plan to develop.

# H

Enter the name of your Data Management Plan (DMP). A DMP is required before receiving LDS data. To get an approved DMP, contact the Data Privacy Safeguard Program (DPSP) at [DPSP@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:DPSP@cms.hhs.gov). The DPSP team will guide you through the process. Once completed, please include your DMP SAQ in the “Data Management Plans” section of the DUA in EPPE.

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3. Data Management Safeguards  
Please provide the name of your DMP SAQ approved through the Data Privacy Safeguards Program (DPSP):  
  
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