



**Memorandum**

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**From** Joseph Lewis, Authorizing Official

**Subject** Security Authorization Decision (Authorization to Operate) for the

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(\_\_\_\_\_) (\_\_\_\_\_)

**To** \_\_\_\_\_

Based on the results of the security assessment of the \_\_\_\_\_ and its constituent system-level components located throughout the CDC and the supporting evidence provided by the successful security risk assessment and the Plan of Action and Milestones (POA&M), I have determined that the risk to agency operations, agency assets, or individuals resulting from the operation of \_\_\_\_\_ is acceptable. Accordingly, I am issuing an authorization to operate to \_\_\_\_\_ in its existing operating environment until \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_ is authorized without any significant restrictions or limitations. This security authorization is my formal declaration that adequate security controls have been implemented in \_\_\_\_\_ and that a satisfactory level of security is present in the system.

Controls for this system must be reviewed annually in accordance with the requirements detailed in the Federal Information Security Modernization Act of 2014. Modifications to the system will be reviewed via a security impact analysis and, if identified as making major changes to the overall system that affects the security controls or general architecture, the system may be required to undergo a re-assessment and potential re-authorization to maintain a level of its assurance to operate and process data on CDC networks.

A copy of this letter with all supporting security authorization documentation should be retained in accordance with the CDC records retention schedules.

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Joseph Lewis  
Authorizing Official