

## Dominion Dental USA, Inc. and Subsidiaries

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### I. POLICY

This policy applies to Dominion Dental USA, Inc. and its directly and indirectly owned subsidiaries, affiliates, and employees, collectively referred to as "Dominion."

This policy addresses the maintenance, use, retention, and destruction of business records and information. Business records include, but are not limited to, all types of paper, microfilm, CD, optical disk, magnetic tapes, diskettes, emails, scanned documents, electronic files, and other documents.

It also addresses the responsibilities of the Records Management Unit and other units and departments throughout Dominion to ensure proper retention of records.

### II. DEFINITIONS

#### **Business Records**

Recorded information, regardless of the medium (including paper and electronic records of any kind), made or received by Dominion that is used in company operations. Business records must be retained for specified periods of time to satisfy legal, operational, contractual, fiscal, or historical requirements.

#### **Records Management**

Records management is the planned and systematic control of all hard copy or electronic corporate business records from their creation through final disposition (either destruction or retention). Dominion works with the Records Management Unit at Capital BlueCross and utilizes their Records Retention Center for storage.

#### **Records Retention Schedule**

A records retention schedule is a standard list of titles that defines the length of time for which a business record is maintained by an organization. It also determines if and when a hard copy business record will transfer to the Records Retention Center for inactive storage. Each

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department is responsible for ensuring proper retention of its area’s business records based on its master Records Retention Schedule, which must, at a minimum, meet the requirements of the General Retention Periods set forth in this policy.

### **Vital Record**

A vital record is an item or information that is needed by an organization to establish, conduct, or continue business. It is also an item that if lost, the information could not be obtained from another source inside or outside the company, and you would be unable to conduct business without it.

### **III. POLICY**

The purposes of the Records Management Program are as follows:

- Function as a key element in Dominion’s preventive legal strategy
- Comply with federal and state retention requirements, as applicable
- Balance the cost and benefits of continued information retention versus the risk and liability of disposal
- Provide evidence of systematic disposition of information in the normal course of business
- Provide fast, efficient retrieval of business records
- Provide identification, protection, and storage of vital records
- Recommend the most effective medium (e.g., paper, microfilm image, digital) for storage of information

### **RETENTION SCHEDULES**

Record Retention Schedules are sometimes required by federal or state statutes or regulations that mandate retention periods.

### **Proposing a Retention Period**

Hard copy documents are reviewed in the specific department that owns or generates them and, after their value has been determined, the Compliance department, in conjunction with Legal, will categorize them into functional groups. Because of specific requirements governing retention of Medicare business records, it is important that Medicare nosiness records be clearly marked and identified as Medicare records.

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The groups are named and a description and purpose of the group is recorded. Using information received from the department as well as applicable laws and regulations, Compliance/Legal researches and proposes a retention period for each group.

The retention period indicates the amount of time the hard copy business record should be maintained in the department and/or in the Records Retention Center. Retention periods assigned to a business record are applied consistently without regard to the format used (i.e., paper copy and electronic media).

The Records Retention Schedule identifies the type of storage media to be used to retain all business records, notes, and any special instructions (e.g., who is responsible for disposing of the business records).

The retention schedule also identifies vital records and associated off-site storage requirements.

### **Approving a Retention Period**

The proposed Records Retention Schedule is reviewed by the department involved and representatives from the Legal, Regulatory, and Compliance department.

Legal is ultimately responsible for determining the minimum legal retention periods required for each business record type.

### **Retention Revisions**

The Records Retention Center will accept for storage only those business records that are shown on the department's master Records Retention Schedule. Therefore, Records Management must be notified whenever a department creates a new business record, deletes an existing record, or wants to revise the existing retention period assigned to its records. This notification allows the formal approval process to take place and assures Dominion's compliance with all legal requirements.

**Note:** An exception to these procedures is when a subpoena has been issued or litigation or a government investigation is pending, imminent, contemplated or threatened that could require retention of business records for a period of time that is longer than the time listed in any Records Retention Schedule. Under such circumstances, all records must be preserved and safeguarded as instructed by Legal and/or the Compliance department.

### **GENERAL RETENTION PERIODS**

Each department is responsible for ensuring proper retention of its area's records based on its Records Retention Schedule.

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**Note:** The following information is meant as a general guideline and should not be used as an all-inclusive or permanent list.

### **PERMANENT RETENTION**

The following are some examples of records that are permanently retained:

Certain litigation files

Job descriptions

Enrollment (Medicare enrollment and disenrollment records are subject to their own specific requirements as set forth in the Ten Year Retention section below).

Cash receipt journals

Financial statements

General ledger

Income tax returns

Product filings

Credentialing files

Insurance department filings

Business Continuity

### **TEN YEAR RETENTION – QHPs and FFM**

As an issuer of Qualified Health Plans (“QHPs”) on the Federally-Facilitated Exchange market (“FFM”), and state-based exchanges, Dominion must maintain all relevant records for ten (10) years, including all documents and records (paper, electronic, and other media) and other evidence of accounting procedures and practices, including financial records related to Dominion’s QHP participation and records to demonstrate compliance with all FFM and exchange standards, as required pursuant to 45 CFR 156.705; 45 CFR 155.1210(b)(2), (3) and (5). The records must be sufficient to accommodate periodic auditing of the relevant financial records and enable HHS or its designee to inspect facilities, or otherwise evaluate Dominion’s compliance with Federal standards.

Examples of records related to QHPs and FFM that must be retained for ten years include, but are not limited to:

- Information concerning management and operation of Dominion’s financial and other record keeping systems
- Financial statements, including cash flow statements, and accounts receivable, and matters pertaining to the costs of operations

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- Any financial reports filed with other Federal programs or State authorities
- Data and records relating to Dominion’s eligibility verifications and determinations, enrollment transactions, appeals, and plan variation certifications
- Qualified health plan contracting (including benefit review) data and consumer outreach and Navigator grant oversight information

**TEN YEAR RETENTION – Medicare**

All Medicare records in electronic or paper form must be retained for ten years (through December 31st of the tenth year), or longer, if otherwise required by law. (42 CFR section 422.504(d) for Medicare Advantage; 42 CFR section 423.505(d) for Part D.)

Examples of Medicare product records that must be retained for ten years include, but are not limited to:

- All medical records
- All claims information
- Enrollment and disenrollment information
- Referrals
- All Member Service documentation associated with claims and all other services to Medicare members
- Appeals
- Grievances
- Sales transactions
- Marketing

**EIGHT TO TEN YEAR RETENTION**

The following are some examples of records that are retained for eight years or more. Non-Medicare product records that include, but are not limited to:

- All medical records (except employees)
- All claims information
- Credentialing files
- All Member Service documentation associated with claims
- Bank deposit slips
- Commissions

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Voucher files  
Group settlements  
Balancing reports  
Member materials  
Tax correspondence  
Invoices  
Group files

**SEVEN YEAR RETENTION**

The following are some examples of records that are retained for seven years:

Problem/Complaint/Inquiry logs  
Quarterly utilization reports  
Transmission files  
Transfer files  
Underwriting audits

**SIX YEAR RETENTION**

The following are some examples of records that are retained for six years:

General files  
Group files  
Files of terminated employees

**FIVE YEAR RETENTION**

The following are some examples of records that are retained for five years:

Continuing student cert files  
Travel arrangements  
Tracking report  
RFPs  
Project information

**Note:** Numerous records are also submitted to the Records Center that have retention periods other than those listed above. Please review the Records Retention Schedule for a complete listing of approved titles.

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## **EMAIL RETENTION**

Emails, including back-up copies, are also records that are permanently retained. They may be subject to subpoenas, government requests and discovery, and production in litigation. Email that is classified as a business record should be printed or scanned as a pdf copy and maintained in department files according to the Record Retention Schedule.

## **LITIGATION HOLDS**

Dominion expects all employees to fully comply with any published records retention or destruction policies and schedules, provided that all employees should note the following general exception to any stated destruction schedule: If an employee believes, or is informed by Dominion, that Dominion records are relevant to litigation, or potential litigation (i.e., a dispute that could result in litigation), then the records must be preserved until Legal determines that the records are no longer needed. This exception supersedes any established destruction schedule for those records. If an employee has reason to believe that the exception may apply, or the employee has any question regarding the possible applicability of that exception, the employee should contact the Legal Department.

## **DISPOSAL OF RECORDS**

The retention schedule specifies the time and method of business records disposal. Each department or business unit is responsible for disposal of business records if the records are in the department or business unit when due for disposal. If business records are on any non-mixed paper media (CD, diskettes, microfilm), the Compliance department will contact Records Management to arrange for destruction.

If the business records are in the Records Retention Center, Records Management is responsible for disposal after receiving departmental, legal, and compliance approval.

## **POINT OF CONTACT ASSIGNMENTS**

Each department head designates a “point of contact” who is familiar with department files and documents. The Compliance department is responsible for contacting the Records Management Unit as needed and for maintaining a copy of records (POC Box Report, Retention Schedule, Media Report, etc.).

## **IV. RELATED INFORMATION/QUESTIONS**

Record Retention Schedule (located at: <I:\Regulatory\General Operations\Record Retention>)

Refer all questions concerning records storage facilities and requests for standard records boxes or other supplies to the Compliance department.

Refer all questions concerning procedural/policy issues to the Compliance Department.

Refer all questions concerning Medicare product records to the Compliance Department.