Differing Professional Opinions Template

Date:

From: Initiator(s)

To: RAC

Subject: < Subject of dispute / resolution >

**Differing Professional Opinions Description**

< a summary statement of the position with which the Initiator(s) disagree(s) >

**Issues in Dispute**

< description of Initiator’s views and how they differ from a proposed decision or action, including efforts made to resolve the dispute prior to submission of Initiation Memo >

**Impact**

< an assessment of the consequences if the Initiator’s position is not adopted, ex: negative impact on program, or deviation from current MDSAP practice >

**Summary**

< a concluding statement of action(s) requested by Initiator >

**List of candidates to the ad hoc review panel**

< list with at least three candidates with appropriate technical expertise >

*< Signature(s) of Initiator(s) >*

**References**

< include copies of, or links to, relevant documents such as draft procedures, policies, standards, guidance documents , email comments etc.>

**RAC initial decision about the DPO**

< describe if the DPO is going to be continued with proper justification. List the ad hoc review panel that will analyze the DPO, including the nomination of the DOP chair. >

**Recommendation of the Ad Hoc DPO Review Panel**

< written recommendation to the RAC Chairperson regarding the appropriate course of action to be taken. If the panel is unable to reach consensus, the report should reflect the differing opinions of the panel >

**RAC final decision**

< written RAC decision and rationale for that decision >