**Data Storage and Protection Plan**

The **preferred method** of data storage is on an institutional server with all the protections that provides. If you are choosing an alternate data storage method, please provide the rationale as to why you made that choice. Please be aware that Cloud Storage of data does NOT meet privacy rules and will not be approved for storing SEER-Medicaid data.

This section must include the following items:

* the **specific location** of the data and where/how the data will be stored
* details on how the data will be protected from unauthorized access.
* information on the storage/protection of the media you receive containing the original files.
* assurances that no attempt will be made to identify individual patients, hospitals or physicians
* assurances that publications and presentations of the data will not allow identification of patients, hospitals or physicians.