



# ASPR Public Access Policy

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## 1. Purpose

This policy provides direction for the preservation of and access to peer-reviewed scholarly publications at the Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response (ASPR).

## 2. Background

Widespread access to peer-reviewed scholarly publications generated with ASPR support advances science and improves communication of public health-related information to the public. This policy supports ASPR's response to the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy's August 25, 2022, Memorandum on Increasing Access to the Results of Federally Funded Scientific Research. The memorandum requires that all peer-reviewed scholarly publications authored or co-authored by individuals or institutions resulting from federally funded research are made freely available and publicly accessible by default in agency-designated repositories without any embargo or delay after publication.

In addition, ASPR implements the public access policy in a manner consistent with applicable provisions of federal copyright law, 17 U.S.C. §§ 1-13, and existing federal laws, regulations, or HHS policies governing the protection of classified information, Controlled Unclassified Information, Sensitive Security Information, or other sensitive or protected information.

## 3. Scope

This policy applies to any Manuscript accepted for publication in a journal, on or after December 31, 2025, that is the result of ASPR-funded intramural and extramural work. More specifically, the requirements of this policy must be adhered to for:

- All peer-reviewed scholarly publications funded by ASPR, regardless of the funding mechanism used (e.g., grant, cooperative agreement, contract).
- All peer-reviewed scholarly publications authored or co-authored by ASPR employees as part of their official duties and by non-employees working under agreements with ASPR, but consistent with their underlying agreement with ASPR.

## 4. Policy

The ASPR Public Access Policy requires:

- Submission of an electronic version of the Author Accepted Manuscript to PubMed Central upon its acceptance for publication for the purpose of making it publicly available without embargo upon the Official Date of Publication.
- An acknowledgment in the Author Accepted Manuscript and Final Published Article that satisfies the requirements in the HHS Grants Policy Statement (GPS) regarding communicating and acknowledging federal funding ([GPS 3.4.12](#)), as well as analogous requirements for acknowledging federal funding as incorporated into the terms of Other Transaction agreements and applicable contracts; and
- When an Author Accepted Manuscript is submitted to ASPR, the author(s) must agree to a standard license that mirrors that of the Government Use License at [2 CFR 200.315](#), or its successor regulation, explicitly granting ASPR the right to make the Author

Accepted Manuscript publicly available through PubMed Central without embargo upon the Official Date of Publication.

## 5. Responsibilities

Regarding submission to PubMed Central, compliance with the Policy may be achieved through:

- ASPR-Funded Extramural work
  - Submission of the electronic version of the Author Accepted Manuscript to PubMed Central by the manuscript author through the [National Institutes of Health Manuscript Submission \(NIHMS\)](#) system upon its acceptance for publication, for public availability without embargo upon the official date of publication, or
  - Submission of the Author Accepted Manuscript to PubMed Central from a journal with a formal agreement with the National Library of Medicine (NLM), upon the Official Date of Publication, for public availability without embargo.

## 6. Effective Date and Implementation

December 31, 2025

## 7. Approved

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## Appendix A: Revision History

Table 1: Record of Changes

Revision Number	Effective Date	Author/ Originator	Description of Change	Justification for Changes
00	12/31/2025		New	N/A

**Appendix B: Glossary**

<b>Term</b>	<b>Definition</b>
Author Accepted Manuscript	The author's final version that has been accepted for journal publication and includes all revisions resulting from the peer review process, including all associated tables, graphics, and supplemental material.

**Appendix C: Acronym List**

ASPR	Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
GPS	Grant Policy Statement
HHS	Department of Health and Human Services
NIHMS	National Institutes of Health Manuscript Submission
NLM	National Library of Medicine