

Standard of Care Checklist

Advisors have a fiduciary responsibility to not only act in the best interest of clients, but also to deliver transparency into the investment decisions that are made on their behalf, among other requirements. With Envestnet, you can leverage the Envestnet platform to provide compliance assistance to monitor business and aid with fiduciary standards. Envestnet's Fiduciary Oversight Notes (FONs) help explain the compliance implications of decisions advisors make along the wealth management process. Advisors can use them to record the reasoning behind actions they take on behalf of clients. And, our Fiduciary Oversight Questionnaire can be completed and delivered to clients in a report—providing an added layer of transparency.

According to a 2013 study by the North American Securities Administrators Association (NASAA), many U.S. advisers are not adequately documenting the rationale behind investment choices that are made for their clients.

While it may seem like a daunting task, record-keeping can help you assure clients of your fiduciary responsibilities to them. As you think about how your practice in organized, Envestnet can give you the tools to help you evaluate your fiduciary process, empower you to enhance your standard of care with clients, and reduce the time and effort required to gather information according to regulatory demands.

THE BASICS: What You Need to Do

Step One:	Step Two:	Step Three:
Get Organized	Categorize Your Information	Make Your Information Accessible
The first thing you'll need to do is pull together some standard information regarding your practice—your organization and the partners that you work with including pricing services, portfolio accounting systems, etc.	Organize your information by using the following check lists to put them into categories like Required Documents, Standard/Common Information, Compliance Reports/ Information, Legal Information, and Policies & Procedures.	Keep organized files of the information you've collected in a secure, central location and continue to add new reports to files as needed. In addition to your own information, Envestnet delivers a library of standardized reports that cover many areas of client and practice level information essential to help meet fiduciary requirements.

Along with being your fiduciary responsibility, delivering transparency is essential to helping build strong client relationships. With Envestnet, you have a powerful partner to help you meet your compliance needs.

For more information, visit envestnet.com/fiduciarystandard or email us at fiduciarystandard@envestnet.com.

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Section 1: Required Documents

Che	ck List	Advisor Provided	Envestnet Assistance or Report Available
1)	Current standard client advisory contracts or agreements		V
2)	All sub-advisory agreements executed with other investment advisors		V
3)	Current fee schedule(s), if not otherwise stated in advisory contracts or in Form ADV Part 2.		Ľ
4)	Any power of attorney obtained from clients, if not otherwise stated in advisory contracts		
5)	The Form ADV Part 2 furnished to clients during the examination period and any disclosure document used in conjunction with or in lieu of Part II		Ľ
6)	Any client complaints, and information about the process used for monitoring correspondence and/or complaints including:		
	 The name of any third-party service provider used and the Advisor's oversight of the service provider 		
7)	Names of all fair-valued and any illiquid securities held by clients including:		
	 A description of any fair value process employed Any testing and results and all fair value reports prepared or reviewed by a valuation committee 		
8)	Supporting documents of controls of employee access to physical locations containing customer information including:		
	• Electronic key card entry, locks, security cameras and guards		
	 Locations to include buildings, computer facilities, and records storage facilities 		
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	Electronic key card entry, locks, security cameras and guards		
	 Locations to include buildings, computer facilities, and records storage facilities 		
10)	Documentation of electronic access controls, including:		
	 User authorization and authentication, firewall configuration, security advisories on vulnerabilities in software and hardware installation configurations, and implementing workarounds, security patches and upgrades 		
11)	A trade blotter (i.e., purchases and sales journal) that lists transactions in securities and other financial instruments for: current and former clients; proprietary and/or trading accounts and access persons including:		Ľ
	 All trade errors, cancellations, re-bills, and reallocations (Note: Envestnet can provide a trade blotter of transactions only) 		
	 Privately offered funds 		

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12) A list of all current advisory clients, indicating those that are WRAP clients including:		Ľ
• The Account number, name and current balance, with "as of" date		Ľ
Whether client is a related person, affiliated person, or a proprietary account		
 The type of account (e.g., individual, defined benefits retirement plan, registered fund, or unregistered fund) 		Ľ
The account custodian and location		V
 Whether or not the custodian sends periodic account statements directly to the client; whether or not the delivery is electronic, if so, a copy of the authorization; and the form of electronic delivery (e.g., email or website login) 		
Whether or not the Advisor has discretionary authority		Ľ
 Whether the Advisor, an officer, or an affiliate acts as trustee, co-trustee, or successor trustee or has full power of attorney for the account 		
 Whether the Advisor or related persons are deemed to have custody of, possession of or access to the client's assets, and if so, the location of the assets 		E
 The investment strategy (e.g., global equity, high-yield, aggressive growth, long- short, or statistical arbitrage) and the performance composite in which it is included 		
The Account portfolio manager (s)		Ľ
 Whether client has a directed brokerage arrangement, including commission recapture (provide the name of broker(s), details of the arrangement and any reports used to monitor payments of commissions) 		
 The value of each client's account that was used for purpose of calculating its advisory fee for the most recent billing period 		Ľ
 Whether the client pays a performance fee and the most recent account performance figures 		
 Whether or not advisory fees are paid directly from the client's custodial account 		Ľ
 For clients obtained during the examination period, provide account inception date and name(s) of consultant(s) related to obtaining the client, if any 		
13) Names of securities held in all client portfolios (aggregate position totals for all instruments) with "as of" date. The record should include:		Ľ
• The name, name of each client holding an interest, the amount owned by each client, the aggregate number of shares or principal and/or notional amount held and total market value of the position		ъ
14) The Advisor's ten most profitable and ten least profitable (including unrealized gain or loss) investment decisions based on total return of positions opened and closed for each investment strategy or mandate offered to clients including:		Г
 The purchase date, sale date, percentage of gain and/or loss, and dollar amount of the gain and/or loss 		Ľ
15) Any documents created in the evaluation of brokerage arrangements and best execution		
16) Soft dollar budget or similar document that describes the products and services the Advisor obtains using clients' brokerage commissions		
17) Commission-sharing arrangements including the name of the broker-dealer and total dollars allocated to each arrangement during the preceding 12 months		
18) Securities in which the Advisor or an affiliate was a market maker		

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19) Securities purchased for any client in which the Advisor or an affiliate underwrote or participated as underwriting manager, purchase group and/or syndicate or selling group and the underwriting date(s)		
20) All initial public offerings and secondary offerings in which clients, proprietary accounts or access persons participated including:		
 If not stated in policies and procedures or if the allocation did not follow standard policies and procedures, information regarding how allocation decisions were made 		
 The trade date, security, symbol, total number of shares, and participating accounts 		
 For initial public offerings, indicate whether shares traded at a premium when secondary market trading began 		
21) All pitch books, one-on-one presentations, pamphlets, brochures, and any other promotional and/or marketing materials furnished to existing and/or prospective clients for each investment strategy and/or mandate (Note: Envestnet can supply materials to the advisor for use)		12 I
22) All advertisements used to inform or solicit clients. If information on services and investments is available on the Internet, such as websites and blogs, make all versions available as either printouts or electronic archives.		
23) All performance return composites including:		V
 Description and investment objective, inception date, account minimum and whether or not it is used in marketing (Note: Envestnet report does not show investment objective) 		E
24) All accounts included in each composite with "as of" date		V
25) Internal calculations indicating beginning and ending asset values for each quarter, all capital additions and withdrawals (including the dates) and the quarterly performance return		U
26) All custodial statements, including a statement that indicates the beginning asset value for the performance period. (For example, the December 2008 statement for the verification of the calendar year 2009 performance returns.)		
27) All accounts not included in a performance composite		
28) All terminated performance composites		ľ
29) Advisor's balance sheet, trial balance, income statement, and cash flow statements as of the end of its most recent fiscal year and the most current year to date		
30) Advisor's cash receipts and disbursements journal		
31) Advisor's general ledger and chart of accounts		
32) Any loans from clients to the Advisor or sales of the Advisor's or any affiliate(s) stock to clients		

Section 2: Standard/Common Information

Che	ck List	Advisor Provided	Envestnet Assistance or Report Available
1)	Organization Chart: • Showing ownership percentages • Chart of affiliated entities		
2)	Names of any officers/directors who resigned during the examination period Reason for departure 		
3)	Names of employees who here disciplined or terminated during the examination period • Reason for the action		
4)	 Names and location of all service providers: Description of the services they perform Information on their due diligence process Explanation on how potential conflicts and information flow issues are addressed 		
5)	Names of pricing services, quotation services, and externally-acquired portfolio systems used in the valuation process • Paid in hard- or soft-dollars or a combination		Г
6)	 Names of advisory clients lost: Reason Termination date and asset value at termination (Note: Envestnet report does not show asset value at termination) 		е С
7)	Names of any financial planning, pension consulting or other typical advisory clients		
8)	Minutes of investment and/or portfolio management committee meetings, if such committees exists, and minutes are maintained		
9)	Names of publicly traded companies for which employees serve as officers and/or directors:		
10)	 Names of those employees Names of companies for which employees serve on creditors' committees: Names of those employees 		
11)	Names of all affiliated broker-dealers:Description of the affiliationDescription of the clearing arrangement		
12)	Description of any fee splitting or revenue sharing arrangements		
13)	Temporary username and password access to secure web sites during examination period		
14)	 All parties compensated for soliciting clients: Total cash or non-cash compensation paid A summary of the business relationship with that entity (e.g. consulting, prime brokerage, securities lending, etc.) 		
15)	All completed requests for proposals (RFPs)		
16)	Names of all third-party consultants that the Advisor provided responses to questionnaires		

Section 3: Compliance Reports/information

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1)	Compliance testing that include both positive and negative findings and information about corrective or remedial actions taken regarding these findings: • Information regarding compliance reviews • Information regarding quality control analysis • Information regarding surveillance • Information regarding forensic or transactional tests		
2)	 A current inventory of compliance risks that forms the basis for its policies and procedures: Changes made to the inventory Dates of the changes 		
3)	Any documents maintained that map the advisor's inventory of risks to its written policies and procedures.		
4)	 Written guidance that the advisor has provided to its employees regarding: The firm's compliance risk assessment process The firm's process for creating policies and procedures to mitigate and manage its compliance risks How potential conflicts and information flow issues are addressed 		
5)	Any internal audit review schedules and completed audits including: • The subject and date of the report		
6)	Information about the oversight process the Advisor uses for any remote offices and/or independent advisory contractors including: • Any policies and procedures with respect to such oversight		
7)	Documentation maintained regarding any reviews conducted of the Advisor's policies and procedures including: • Any annual and/or interim reports		
8)	A record of any non-compliance with the Advisor's Code of Ethics and of any actions taken as a result of such noncompliance.		
9)	Reports of securities transactions reported by access persons.		
10)	Documentation that the Advisor is complying with the Global Investment Performance Standards ("GIPS"), if applicable.		

Section 4: Legal information

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1)	Any pending and settled litigations or arbitration involving the Advisor or any "supervised person" including:		
	 Description of the allegations, the status, and a brief description of any "our of court" or informal settlements 		
	Note: "Supervised person" is a partner, officer, director, or employee of an investment advisor, or other person who provides investment advice on behalf of the investment advisor and is subject to the supervision and control of the investment advisor.		
2)	Name of any joint ventures or any other businesses in which the Advisor or any officer, director, portfolio manager or trader participates or has any interest (other than their employment with the Advisor) including:		
	Description of each relationship		
3)	All agreements, correspondence and the separate disclosure documents for third-party solicitors.		

Section 5: Policies and Procedures

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1)	All compliance policies and procedures that were in effect during the examination period		
2)	 Any written guidance used to comply with Regulation S-P, including: Addressing administrative, electronic and physical safeguards for the protection of customer records and information ("information security") 		
3)	The Advisor's business continuity plan (Note: Envestnet report would describe Envestnet's business continuity plan only.		Ľ
4)	Policies and procedures with respect to trade errors and information related to any errors (Note: Envestnet report would describe Envestnet's policies and procedures with respect to trade errors only.)		V
5)	The Advisor's and affiliates Code of Ethics and insider trading policies and procedures		
6)	If not incorporated in the Code of Ethics, any policies and procedures adopted to address exemptions for employees, including those for personal hardship, if applicable		
7)	If not incorporated in the Code of Ethics, any policies and procedures governing personal trading of contract employees and temporary employees, if applicable		
8)	If not stated in policies and procedures, any guides for monitoring personal trading of access persons		
9)	If not stated in policies and procedures, information about the process used to monitor and control the receipt, flow and use of non-public information, including any restricted, watch or grey lists		
10)	All policies and procedures consistent with currently applicable federal requirements of the Office of Foreign Assets Control ("OFAC") designed to identify:		
	• Suspect accounts or transactions and the currency and monetary instrument reporting provisions of the Internal Revenue Code ("IRC") and the Bank Secrecy Act ("BSA")		



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