The following table illustrates how the security policy topic categories of *Information Security Policies Made Easy* (ISO 27002) map to the specific high-level control requirements outlined in the Massachusetts state data protection law known as 201 CMR 17. [1]

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<td>6.2.2 Addressing security when dealing with customers (Sample Information Classification Policy)</td>
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<td><strong>2. Written Security Program Requirements</strong></td>
<td>6.1.2 Information security co-ordination (Sample Security Program Policy)</td>
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<td>Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, every comprehensive information security program shall include, but shall not be limited to:</td>
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<td>6.1.2 Information Security Coordination</td>
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<td>(a) Designating one or more employees to maintain the comprehensive information security program;</td>
<td>6.1- 2. Risk Assessments</td>
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<td><strong>(b) Ongoing Risk Assessment</strong></td>
<td>6.2.1 Identification of risks related to external parties</td>
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<td>Identifying and assessing reasonably foreseeable internal and external risks to the security, confidentiality, and/or integrity of any electronic, paper or other records containing personal information, and evaluating and improving, where necessary, the effectiveness of the current safeguards for limiting such risks, including but not limited to:</td>
<td>14.1.2 Business continuity and risk assessment</td>
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<td>1. ongoing employee (including temporary and contract employee) training;</td>
<td>15.1.1- 6. System Risk Assessments (Sample IT Risk Assessment Policy)</td>
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<td>2. employee compliance with policies and procedures; and</td>
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<td>3. means for detecting and preventing security system failures.</td>
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<td><strong>(c) Written Acceptable Use Security Policies</strong></td>
<td>5.1.1 Information Security Policy Document</td>
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<td>Developing security policies for employees relating to the storage, access and transportation of records containing personal information outside of business premises.</td>
<td>7.1.1 Acceptable Use of Assets (Acceptable Use of Assets Policy)</td>
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<td><strong>(d) Employee Sanctions</strong></td>
<td>8.2 DURING EMPLOYMENT</td>
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<td>Imposing disciplinary measures for violations of the comprehensive information security program rules.</td>
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| (f-1) Service Provide Risk Assessment  
  Taking reasonable steps to select and retain third-party service providers that are capable of maintaining appropriate security measures to protect such personal information consistent with these regulations and any applicable federal regulations; and | 6.2.1 Identification of risks related to external parties  
(Sample Third Party Security Policy) |
| (f-2) Service Provider Contract Requirements  
  Requiring such third-party service providers by contract to implement and maintain such appropriate security measures for personal information; | 6.2.3 Addressing security in third party agreements  
(Sample Third Party Security Policy) |
| (g) Physical Security Controls  
  Reasonable restrictions upon physical access to records containing personal information, and storage of such records and data in locked facilities, storage areas or containers. | 9 PHYSICAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SECURITY  
9.1 SECURE AREAS  
9.2 EQUIPMENT SECURITY  
(Sample Physical Security Policy) |
| (h) Security Program Monitoring  
  Regular monitoring to ensure that the comprehensive information security program is operating in a manner reasonably calculated to prevent unauthorized access to or unauthorized use of personal information; and upgrading information safeguards as necessary to limit risks. | 15.2.1 Compliance with security policies and standards.  
15.2.2 Technical compliance checking |
| (i) Annual Security Program Review  
  Reviewing the scope of the security measures at least annually or whenever there is a material change in business practices that may reasonably implicate the security or integrity of records containing personal information. | 6.1.8 Independent review of information security  
5.1.2 Review of the information security policy  
(Sample Security Program Policy) |
| (j) Incident Response Management  
  Documenting responsive actions taken in connection with any incident involving a breach of security, and mandatory post-incident review of events and actions taken, if any, to make changes in business practices relating to protection of personal information. | 13 INFORMATION SECURITY INCIDENT MANAGEMENT  
13.1.1 Reporting information security events  
13.1.2 Reporting security weaknesses  
(Sample Incident Response Policy) |

17.04: Computer System Security Requirements

1. Identification and Authentication  
Secure user authentication protocols including:

a. User ID Management  
control of user IDs and other identifiers;  
11.2.1 User registration  
11.2.2 Privilege management  
(Sample Account Management Policy)

b. Secure Password Selection  
a reasonably secure method of assigning and selecting passwords, or use of unique identifier technologies, such as biometrics or token devices;  
11.2.3 User password management  
(Sample Password Management Policy)

c. Password Protection  
control of data security passwords to ensure that such passwords are kept in a location and/or format that does not compromise the security of the data they protect;  
11.3.2 Unattended user equipment  
11.3.3 Clear desk and clear screen policy  
(Sample Acceptable Use of Assets Policy)

d. User Account Restrictions (expiration)  
restricting access to active users and active user  
11.2.4 Review of user access rights  
(Sample Account Management Policy)
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| **e. Max login attempts**  
blocking access to user identification after multiple unsuccessful attempts to gain access or the limitation placed on access for the particular system; | 11.3.2 Unattended user equipment  
11.5 Operating System Access Control  
(Sample Access Control Policy)                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| **2. Access Controls**  
Secure access control measures that:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 11 ACCESS CONTROL  
11.1.1 Access control policy  
11.2 User Access Management  
11.4 Network Access Control  
11.5 Operating System Access Control  
11.6 Application and Information Access Control  
(Sample Access Control Policy)                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| **a. Privilege Restriction - Need to Know**  
restrict access to records and files containing personal information to those who need such information to perform their job duties; and                                                                                                                                                  | 11.2.2 Privilege management  
(Sample Access Control Policy)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| **b. Unique UserID and Passwords**  
assign unique identifications plus passwords, which are not vendor supplied default passwords, to each person with computer access, that are reasonably designed to maintain the integrity of the security of the access controls; | 11.2.3 User password management  
11.3.1 Password use  
(Sample Password Management Policy)  
(Sample Account Management Policy)                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| **c. Change Vendor Default Passwords**  
not vendor supplied default passwords,                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 10.3.2 System acceptance  
(Sample Password Management Policy)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| **3. Transmission Protection of PII**  
Encryption of all transmitted records and files containing personal information that will travel across public networks, and encryption of all data containing personal information to be transmitted wirelessly. | 10.7.3 Information handling procedures  
10.8.1 Information exchange policies and procedures  
10.8.2 Exchange agreements  
10.8.3 Physical media in transit  
10.8.4 Electronic messaging  
(Information Exchange Policy)  
(Acceptable Use of Email Policy)                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| **4. Systems Monitoring**  
Reasonable monitoring of systems, for unauthorized use of or access to personal information.                                                                                                                                                                                         | 10.10 MONITORING  
10.10.1 Audit logging  
10.10.2 Monitoring system use  
10.10.3 Protection of log information  
10.10.4 Administrator and operator logs  
10.10.5 Fault logging  
(Sample Log and Audit Management Policy)                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| **5. Portable Device Encryption**  
Encryption of all personal information stored on laptops or other portable devices;                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 11.7.1 Mobile computing and communications  
11.7.2 Teleworking  
(Sample Mobile Security Management Policy)                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| **6. Network Security**  
For files containing personal information on a system that is connected to the Internet, there must be reasonably up-to-date firewall protection and operating system security patches, reasonably designed to maintain the integrity of the personal information. | 11.4 NETWORK ACCESS CONTROL  
10.6 NETWORK SECURITY MANAGEMENT  
10.6.1 Network controls  
10.6.2 Security of network services  
(Sample Network Security Management Policy)                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| **6.1 Firewalls**  
, there must be reasonably up-to-date firewall protection and                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 11.4.6 Network connection control  
11.4.7 Network routing control  
(Sample Firewall Policy)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| **6.2 Updated OS Patching**  
[...] operating system security patches, reasonably designed to maintain the integrity of the personal information.                                                                                                                                                                | 10.1.2 Change management  
12.6.1 Control of technical vulnerabilities                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
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<th>10.4 PROTECTION AGAINST MALICIOUS AND MOBILE CODE</th>
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<td>Reasonably up-to-date versions of system security agent software which must include malware protection and reasonably up-to-date patches and virus definitions.</td>
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<th>8. Employee Education and Training</th>
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