

The AI Policy-vs-Practice Checklist

Ten questions to ask before you trust an AI policy. Answer yes only if you can show evidence.

- ☐ **1. Owner.** Do you have a written AI policy and a named person who owns it?
- ☐ **2. Inventory.** Is there a list of every AI tool in use, including AI built into software you already license?
- ☐ **3. Impact.** Is each use sorted by its effect on people, not only by how sensitive the data is, with the higher tier chosen when unsure?
- ☐ **4. Human override.** When AI influences a decision about a resident, can a trained person override it, and has anyone done so in the last six months?
- ☐ **5. Vendors.** Must vendors tell you where they use AI to produce their work for you?
- ☐ **6. Your own test.** Have you tested performance on your own cases, rather than relying on the vendor's claims?
- ☐ **7. Assumptions.** Do you know which assumptions each approval rests on, and when each was last checked?
- ☐ **8. Incidents.** If something goes wrong, who is told, how fast, and who decides what is disclosed?
- ☐ **9. Redress.** Can a resident contest an AI-assisted decision and get a remedy?
- ☐ **10. Evidence.** Is there evidence (logs, samples, reviews) that practice matches the policy, and did someone independent of the people who built or run the system look at it?

How to read it. Count the answers you can back with evidence. There is no score. If any of questions 4, 8, or 10 is a no, start there.

Why these questions. In NASCIO's 2026 State CIO Survey, 98% of state CIOs reported enterprise AI policies, yet described the efforts as early, immature, or not strictly enforced. Policies are easy to write. Practice is harder to check.

Want a second set of eyes?

Reply with your answers and I will give you a free 15-minute read. info@fieldsaigroup.ai

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