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meet the requirements; (b) providing a timeline for the completion of these actions; and (c) demonstrating that the process is already well underway. [David Garmaise, garmaise@aidspan.org, is author or coauthor of several Aidspan Guides, including "The Aidspan Guide to Building and Running an EffectiveCCM"]

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