

Disclosure of PHI To Be Housed in Health Oversight Activities HIPAA Policy: Privacy 06

Summary: While UM will comply with government healthcare oversight, only the minimally deemed necessary information will be released

Affected Individuals: Staff at HIPAA Covered Entities

1.0 PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to guide University of Mississippi (UM) employees in the release of protected health information (PHI) to be used in health oversight activities.

2.0 SCOPE

The UM Disclosure of Protected Health Information to be used in Health Oversight Activities Policy applies to any UM employee involved in releasing PHI for health oversight activities.

3.0 STANDARDS

It is the policy of UM to disclose PHI to health oversight agencies when such agency is performing a healthcare oversight activity. All such releases will be coordinated through the UM HIPAA Compliance Committee and the UM Office of General Counsel. In accordance with the Minimum Necessary Standards of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), UM will release/disclose only that information requested by the public officials of any health oversight agencies which is deemed minimally necessary by UM in collaboration with the requesting health oversight agency. For definitions of health oversight agencies, activities, healthcare system, and exceptions to health oversight activities please see HIPAA Definitions.

4.0 CONTACT INFORMATION

For questions about the UM Disclosure of PHI to be used in Health Oversight Activities Policy or for more information, call the Office of General Counsel at 662-915-7014.