

Uses and Disclosure of PHI for Specialized Government Functions

HIPAA Policy: Privacy 17

Summary: Described a limited list of government functions that may require the disclosure of PHI without authorization by the patient

Affected Individuals: Staff at HIPAA covered entities, patients of HIPAA cover entities

1.0 PURPOSE

To guide University of Mississippi (UM) employees in making disclosures of protected health information (PHI) for specialized governmental functions.

2.0 SCOPE

The UM Use and Disclosure of Protected Health Information for Specialized Government Functions Policy applies to any UM employee who releases PHI for specialized government functions.

3.1 STANDARDS

UM may disclose PHI for the following purposes without an authorization from the individual:

- United States military personnel:
UM can use and disclose the PHI of individuals who are Armed Forces personnel for activities deemed necessary by appropriate military command authorities to assure the proper execution of the military mission, if the appropriate military authority has published by notice in the Federal Register the following information:
 - Appropriate military command authorities; and
 - The purposes for which the PHI may be used or disclosed.
- National Security and Intelligence activities:
UM may disclose PHI to authorized federal officials for the conduct of lawful intelligence, counter-intelligence, and other national security activities authorized by the National Security Act and implementing authority.
- Protective services for the President and others:
UM may disclose PHI to authorized federal officials for the provision of protective services to the President or other persons authorized by 18 U.S.C. 3056, or the foreign heads of state or other person authorized by 22 U.S.C. 2709(a)(3), or for the conduct of investigations authorized by 18 U.S.C. 871 and 879.

4.0 CONTACT INFORMATION

For questions about the UM Use and Disclosure of PHI for Specialized Government Functions Policy or for more information, call the Office of Integrity and Compliance at 815-3944.