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The University of Arizona HIPAA Privacy Office

The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) regulates the protection of private health information for individuals. These rules and regulations set standards for the uses and disclosures of all protected health information (PHI) created by or obtained from a covered entity or a business associate of a covered entity.

The University of Arizona HIPAA Privacy Office oversees the following ongoing activities related to UA's HIPAA compliance:

- Identification of UA departments, clinics and offices that have HIPAA obligations
- Development and implementation of policies and procedures
- Training and outreach
- Breach notification
- Assistance to UA researchers who need access to PHI
- Business Associate Relations
- Evaluations of Software for use with PHI
- Compliance audits and evaluations

Under UA policy, **YOU** have a responsibility to report privacy or security breaches involving PHI to the UA HIPAA Privacy Office. Employees, volunteers, students or contractors of UA may not threaten or take any retaliatory action against an individual for exercising his or her rights under HIPAA or UA policy.

Researchers conducting human subjects research: please note that all research studies involving PHI must obtain either an individual's authorization to access their information, granted by the entity that maintains the PHI, or without individual authorization under limited circumstances set forth in the Privacy Rule (e.g. an IRB-approved waiver of authorization). ***Remember: a healthcare provider's right to access a patient's PHI for health care purposes does not entitle that healthcare provider to access the same information for research purposes.***

If you have questions or have privacy or HIPAA concerns, contact the UA HIPAA Privacy Office.



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