

URI HIPAA PRIVACY POLICY # 15

Title:	USES AND DISCLOSURES FOR TREATMENT, PAYMENT, OR HEALTH CARE OPERATIONS	Purpose & Background	See Memo Entitled "HIPAA at URI: Introduction to HIPAA and an Overview of HIPAA Implementation at URI" available online at the URI HIPAA website
Originator (Responsible Department/ Unit):	URI HIPAA Compliance Oversight Committee	Effective Date:	05/22/2018
Applies to:	All URI Departments and Units Designated as HIPAA "Covered Components" and "Business Associate Components"	Revised Date(s):	

POLICY:

Except as otherwise provided in URI HIPAA Policies regarding Psychotherapy Notes, HIV and Substance Abuse Information, a Health Care Component may use or disclose PHI for treatment, payment or healthcare operations without an authorization, provided such use or disclosure is consistent with other applicable requirements of the Privacy Rule, as follows:

- A. A Health Care Component may use or disclose PHI for its own treatment, payment or health care operations.
- B. A Health Care Component may disclose PHI for treatment activities of a healthcare provider.
- C. A Health Care Component may disclose PHI to a Covered Entity or a healthcare provider for the payment activities of the entity that receives the information.
- D. A Health Care Component may disclose PHI to another Covered Entity for healthcare operations activities of the entity that receives the information, if each entity either has or had a relationship with the individual who is the subject of the PHI being requested, the PHI pertains to such relationship, and the disclosure is for the purpose of conducting quality assessment and improvement activities, reviewing the competence or qualifications of healthcare professionals, evaluating provider performance and conducting training programs, or healthcare fraud and abuse detection or compliance.
- E. A Health Care Component that is in an Organized Health Care Arrangement (OHCA) may disclose PHI to another Covered Entity in the OHCA for any healthcare operations activities of the OHCA.

Notwithstanding the above, in non-emergency situations, a written authorization is required to disclose health care information derived from mental health services provided by certain providers to outside healthcare practitioners or facilities for diagnosis, treatment or care.