# **URI HIPAA PRIVACY POLICY # 25**

Title:	USES AND DISCLOSURES FOR SPECIALIZED GOVERNMENT FUNCTIONS	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:**

#### I. Armed Forces Personnel

Except as otherwise provided in URI HIPAA Policies regarding Psychotherapy Notes, HIV and Substance Abuse Information, a Health Care Component may use and disclose PHI of individuals who are Armed Forces personnel to provide information about immunization and/or a brief confirmation of general health status as required by military command authorities or as otherwise authorized or required by law.

### II. National Security and Intelligence

A Covered Component may use or disclose PHI to authorized officials for purposes of intelligence, counterintelligence and other national security activities, as authorized or required by law. A Covered Component shall consult with the Privacy Official and University Counsel prior to making such a disclosure.

#### **III. Protective Services**

As authorized or required by statute, a Covered Component may disclose PHI to authorized federal officials for the provision of protective services to the President or other persons authorized by law, or to foreign heads of state or other persons, or to conduct investigations authorized by 18 U.S.C. 871 and 879. A Covered Component shall consult with the Privacy Official and University Counsel prior to making such a disclosure.

#### IV. Correctional Institutions and Law Enforcement Custody

Except as otherwise provided in URI HIPAA Policies regarding Psychotherapy Notes, HIV and Substance Abuse Information, a Health Care Component may disclose to a correctional institution or a law enforcement official having lawful custody of an individual immunization information and brief confirmation of health status of that individual if the correctional institution or official represents that such PHI is necessary, and may release other PHI of the individual to the correctional institution or a law enforcement official having lawful custody of an individual as required by statute. A Covered Component shall consult with the Privacy Official and University Counsel prior to making such a disclosure.

An individual is no longer an inmate when released on parole, probation, supervised release, or otherwise is no longer in lawful custody.