

URI HIPAA SECURITY POLICY – IMPLEMENTATION SPECIFICATION #14C

Title:	AUTOMATIC LOGOFF	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):	

Purpose:

This implementation specification reflects URI's commitment to develop and implement procedures for terminating electronic sessions on information systems that contain or access EPHI.

Specification:

URI Covered Entities must terminate or lock inactive electronic sessions for information systems that contain or access EPHI.

Procedure:

The following safeguards must be implemented to satisfy the requirements of this implementation specification:

1. Where possible URI Covered Entities must implement automatic logoffs for inactive health care applications sessions.
2. Where URI Covered Entities cannot implement automatic logoffs for inactive health care applications, they must implement automatic locking on all workstations used to access those applications.

HIPAA REGULATORY REFERENCE: 45 CFR 164.312(a)(2)(iii)

HIPAA SECURITY REGULATION IMPLEMENTATION SPECIFICATION LANGUAGE: *"Implement electronic procedures that terminate an electronic session after a predetermined time of inactivity."*