# URI HIPAA SECURITY POLICY #17

| Title: | PERSON OR ENTITY AUTHENTICATION | 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 |
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| 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:

URI Covered Components must authenticate all persons or entities seeking access to the university's EPHI before access is granted.  URI Covered Components must use an appropriate and reasonable system(s) to ensure that only properly authenticated persons and entities access its EPHI.

## Procedure:

1. URI Covered Components must authenticate all persons or entities seeking access to the university's EPHI before access is granted.  Authentication may include, but is not limited to the following:

   - User name and password
   - Biometrics
   - Challenge and response mechanisms
   - 2 factor authentication

**HIPAA REGULATORY INFORMATION**

**CATEGORY:** Technical Safeguards
**TYPE:** Standard
**HIPAA HEADING:** Person or Entity Authentication
**REFERENCE:** 45 CFR 164.312(d)
**SECURITY REGULATION STANDARDS LANGUAGE:** *"Implement procedures to verify that a person or entity seeking access to electronic protected health information is the one claimed."*