## **URI HIPAA SECURITY POLICY #6**

Title:	SECURITY INCIDENT PROCEDURES	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:**

URI Covered Components must have an established, standard process (that includes documentation evidencing adherence) for quickly and effectively detecting and responding to security incidents that may impact the confidentiality, integrity, or availability of the University's information systems.

All URI Covered Components' actions to respond to and recover from security incidents must be carefully and formally controlled, and must be undertaken in consultation with and with the approval of the URI HIPAA Security Officer and the office of General Counsel. At a minimum, formal procedures must ensure that all actions taken are intended to minimize the damage of a security incident and prevent further damage, all actions taken are carefully documented, and all actions taken are reported to appropriate management and reviewed in a timely manner.

All URI workforce members must report any observed or suspected security incidents as quickly as possible via the University's security incident reporting procedure.

# Procedure:

The following implementation specifications must be implemented to satisfy the requirements of this policy:

1. URI Covered Components must have an established, standard process for quickly and effectively detecting and responding to security incidents, as specified in URI's Response and Reporting Implementation Specification (6A).

### **Definition:**

A security incident is defined as any event that creates a risk to the confidentiality, integrity, or availability of EPHI.

### HIPAA REGULATORY INFORMATION

**CATEGORY:** Administrative Safeguards

**TYPE:** Standard

**HIPAA HEADING:** Security Incident Procedures

**REFERENCE:** 45 CFR 164.308(a)(6)

SECURITY REGULATION IMPLEMENTATION SPECIFICATION LANGUAGE: "Implement

policies and procedures to address security incidents."