

HIPAA Hints

Join the HIPAA All Stars!

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Watchful employees are invaluable members of the HIPAA team. By reporting potential HIPAA violations and breaches of patients' protected health information (PHI), workforce members help safeguard our patients' privacy as well as assist UAMS by mitigating and even avoiding a report to the Office for Civil Rights, the federal agency responsible for the enforcement of the HIPAA Rule.

What can you do to help? Observe how patients' PHI is handled in your work area. If there is a practice that can be improved, contact the HIPAA Office and we can assist with a solution to safeguard our patients' privacy.

If you find unattended PHI in public areas of UAMS, the HIPAA Office can, in many cases, find its owner and properly dispose of the documentation.

If a workflow is modified and improved to better protect PHI in our electronic patient medical records system, we want to know about it so we can share the knowledge with other users.

Reporting individuals who illustrate an exemplary



Erika Nicholson (center), a Laboratory Animal Technician with the UAMS Division of Laboratory Animal Medicine (DLAM), is our latest HIPAA Star recipient. She is pictured with (from left) Brittany Parker and Bill Dobbins of the HIPAA Office, Dr. Mildred Randolph DLAM Director and Kim Murphy, Office of Research Compliance.

commitment to HIPAA best practices are eligible for the HIPAA Star Award. Recent recipients are **Donna Gilmore**, Access Coordinator II in the ICE ICF Access Center, and **Erika Nicholson**, a Laboratory Animal Technician in the Division of Laboratory Animal Medicine.

Recipients of the HIPAA Star Award receive a \$5 coupon that is redeemable in the cafeteria or Doc Java and a certificate suitable for framing. We also inform your supervisor so that your contribution to protecting our patients' PHI gets noticed by your department!

To make a report or to nominate someone for a HIPAA Star Award, contact the HIPAA Office at (501) 603-1379 or e-mail HIPAA@uams.edu.

Arkansas Action Coalition General Membership Meeting

Arkansas Children's Hospital — Chairman's Hall

November 13, 2015 — Noon to 1:30 p.m.



Arkansas Action Coalition

There are several ways to join our meeting:

- 1. In-Person:** Arkansas Children's Hospital, Chairman's Hall
- 2. Mediasite:** <http://media.archildrens.org/Mediasite/Play/23819b09512442649c257aca824472621d?catalog=b0fc7897-1802-4ca2-a5ec-186cf3d18d05>
- 3. Interactive Video Dial-In:** 077001 (Please do not dial in until after 11:45)

This allows interaction via question and answer through internet.

IMPORTANT: Make sure to mute your system during the meeting and unmute during questions. If you have problems connecting with interactive video, contact UAMS Video Support at (501) 686-8666. For questions, call Erin Fifer at (501) 908-2157.