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**“Confidentiality is everyone's job,
not everyone's business.”**

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DID YOU KNOW?

That each UAMS HIPAA policy has a section where key HIPAA related words are defined. A complete listing of HIPAA words and definitions can also be found at <http://hipaa.uams.edu/DEFINITIONS%20-%20HIPAA.pdf>. In this issue, we include some of the key HIPAA terms and their definitions. All HIPAA policies are found in the Admin Guide at <http://uams.edu/AdminGuide/index.html> and will be referenced by their policy number.

Protected Health Information (PHI): is any information that may identify the patient and that relates to: past, present or future physical or mental health condition; or health care services provided; or payment for health care.

Electronic Protected Health Information (ePHI): is PHI created, received, stored or transmitted electronically.

Confidential Information: includes information concerning UAMS research projects, confidential employee information, information concerning the UAMS research programs, proprietary information of UAMS, and sign-on and password codes for access to UAMS computer systems. Confidential information shall include Protected Health Information.

Use: is the access, use or sharing of PHI within the UAMS community, which includes UAMS off-campus facilities such as: all AHECS, KidsFirst, and ACH.

Disclosure: is releasing or providing access to PHI to anyone outside UAMS. Disclosures which are not for treatment, payment, and healthcare operations (TPO) or for purposes not mandated by law require an authorization form signed by the patient.

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