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not everyone's business"**



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HIPAA Security

The HIPAA Security Rule has an effective date of April 2005. This standard is a companion to the Privacy Rule. The Security Rule covers what safeguards must be in place to protect electronic Protected Health Information (ePHI) from unauthorized access, alteration, deletion, or transmission. The scope of the Security Rule is ePHI, while the Privacy Rule applies to PHI in any form.

The three types of safeguards required are physical, administrative, and technical. Physical safeguards include components of the facility such as walls, doors, and hardware. They also include proper workstation use and data backup and storage. Administrative safeguards include the policies and procedures designed to prevent, detect, contain, and correct security violations. Technical safeguards include integrity controls and encryption as well as access control on systems that maintain electronic PHI.

UAMS already performs many of the things required by the HIPAA Security Rule in its day-to-day functions. The Security Rule requires that we have written documentation in place to ensure compliance by our workforce. This means that "it's always been done that way" must be translated into UAMS campus policies and then into written procedures in work areas that will ensure the policies are followed.

Effective - April 21, 2005

- Require UAMS to ensure the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of all electronic PHI it creates, receives, maintains or transmits.
- Protect against threats or hazards to this information
- Protect against uses or disclosures not permitted by the Privacy Rule.
- Ensure compliance by the UAMS workforce.

Three of the important benefits of the new HIPAA regulations are:

- Standardized electronic data will significantly improve the information transfer between payer and provider.
- Electronic data submission via the Internet will be more efficient.
- Allows providers an opportunity to streamline their operation for potential significant savings.

Quiz

1. What is the compliance date for the Security component of the HIPAA regulations?
 - A. April 21, 2005
 - B. January 1, 2005
 - C. April 14, 2003
2. Name the three types of safeguards discussed in the Security Rule?
 - A. Physical
 - B. Administrative
 - C. Technical
 - D. All of the above
3. What type of PHI is protected under the Security Rule?
 - A. All PHI
 - B. Only written PHI
 - C. Electronic PHI

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