PURPOSE

To inform the UAMS Workforce on the required procedures for safeguarding Protected Health Information (PHI).

SCOPE

The UAMS Workforce.

DEFINITIONS

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.

Electronic Media means:

(1) Electronic storage media including memory devices in computers (hard drives) and any removable/transportable digital memory medium, such as CD-ROM, DVD, floppy disks, magnetic tape or disk, optical disk, digital memory cards and flash drives; or

(2) Transmission media used to exchange information already in electronic storage media. Transmission media include, for example, the internet (wide-open), extranet (using internet technology to link a business with information accessible only to collaborating parties), leased lines, dial-up lines, private networks, and the physical movement of removable/transportable electronic storage media. Certain transmissions, including of paper, via facsimile, and of voice, via telephone, are not considered to be transmissions via Electronic Media, because the information being exchanged did not exist in electronic form before the transmission.

Electronic Protected Health Information (ePHI) means individually identifiable health information that is:

- transmitted by Electronic Media
- maintained in Electronic Media
- received by Electronic Media

Information System means an interconnected set of information resources under the same direct management control that shares common functionality. A system normally includes hardware, software, information, data, applications, communications, and people.

Pre-Research or Review Preparatory to Research means the review of information or records prior to obtaining patient authorization and consent or prior to obtaining an IRB Waiver of Authorization in which the review is solely to prepare a research protocol, to determine if a research project is feasible, or for similar purposes preparatory to research.

Protected Health Information (PHI) means information that is part of an individual's health information that identifies the individual or there is a reasonable basis to believe the information could be used to identify the individual, including demographic information, and that (i) relates to the past, present or future physical or mental health or condition of the individual; (ii) relates to the provision of health care services to the individual; or (iii) relates to the past, present, or future payment for the provision of health care services to an individual. This includes PHI which is recorded or transmitted in any form or medium (verbally, or in writing, or electronically). PHI excludes health information maintained in educational records covered by the federal Family Educational Rights Privacy Act, health information about UAMS employees maintained by UAMS in its role as an employer and health information regarding a person who has been deceased for more than 50 years.

UAMS Workforce means for purposes of this Policy, physicians, employees, volunteers, trainees, and other persons whose conduct, in the performance of work for UAMS, is under the direct control of UAMS, whether or not they are paid by UAMS.

Go to the UAMS HIPAA Office website at hipaa.uams.edu to access any other terms or definitions referenced in this policy.

POLICY

Members of the UAMS Workforce must undertake appropriate administrative, technical and physical safeguards, to the extent reasonably practicable, to preclude Protected Health Information (PHI) from intentional or unintentional use or disclosure in violation of the HIPAA regulations. This includes PHI in verbal, written, electronic, and any other form.

PROCEDURE

While access to PHI, and communications regarding a patient, often must occur freely and quickly in treatment settings, the following safeguards should take place to the extent reasonably practicable:

1. Protecting Printed Information:

A. Provide PHI in printed form to the smallest number of viewers necessary.

B. Pre-address all envelopes to individuals or specific departments within UAMS so that the intended recipient receives it.

C. Printers should be located in non-public areas.

D. Keep printing and photocopying of documents containing PHI to a minimum.

E. When retrieving documents from a printer, ensure that only the intended documents are taken. When printing to a shared printer, if a document containing PHI has been removed from the printer by someone else, investigate and attempt to retrieve the document.

F. When providing printed documents to a patient, in person or by mail, double check each page to ensure it belongs to the correct patient.

G. Take care not to inadvertently leave documents containing PHI unattended in public places or areas that are accessible to patients and visitors.

H. Place any documents containing PHI face down on counters, desks, and other places where patients or visitors might see them. After business hours or when not in use by authorized personnel, documents or items containing PHI must be supervised or kept in a locked desk, locked cabinet or other locked location. Storage of documents containing PHI, whether on-site or off-site, must be locked at all times except during use by authorized personnel.

I. When placing patient records in chart holders outside of examination rooms, turn the records with the front cover facing the wall or with identifying information otherwise covered, so the patient's information is not visible to others.

J. When discarding any papers containing PHI, use a shredder or place the records and items in a bin specifically designated as a shred bin where the records and items will be retrieved for shredding. All shred bins must be locked unless approval from the HIPAA Office has been obtained to keep the bin unlocked.
    1. Place shred bins in a convenient location.
    2. If a personal shredder is used instead of a shredder serviced by UAMS's vendor, it must be a "cross-cut" shredder, preferably security level PL3 or higher.
    3. If containers for the temporary placement of PHI and UAMS Confidential Information are used, prior to placing the paper documents in a locked shred bin:
        i. The containers must be clearly labeled in two places with the advertisement "Contains Confidential Information--Not for regular trash or recycling."
        ii. The containers must be emptied at least daily.
        iii. Do not line containers with a trash bag.
        iv. Containers must be located in a secure area, not accessible to patients and visitors.
    4. IV bags and other medically related material that is not suitable for shredding and is placed in regular trash must have all patient identifiers removed or obliterated.

K. When paper documents are in transit from location to location, place the documents in sleeves, bags, or envelopes that are sealed and clearly addressed to the recipient. Do not leave paper documents unattended in vehicles.

L. When transporting medical records internally from one department or office to another one, such as from a nursing unit to Health Information Management, do not leave them unattended. So that PHI is not visible to casual observers, cover records or turn them over.

2. Mailing:

A. Carefully check the name and address of the intended recipient. Many names are similar; make sure you have the correct name for the intended recipient on the envelope. Make sure the address on the envelope matches the correct address of the intended recipient.

B. Carefully check the contents of the envelope before sealing. Ensure each document included in the envelope is for the intended recipient or properly relates to the individual. Check all pages to make sure records or material related to other individuals are not mistakenly included in the envelope.

C. Include only information that is necessary to ensure proper delivery such as name and mailing address. Check to make sure that only the name and address are showing through the address window and no other personal information, such as a medical condition or diagnosis, is showing.

D. Update mailing addresses promptly in all relevant UAMS records upon receipt of notification of corrections or changes.

E. When doing mass mailings, check a sampling of the mailings for accuracy of name and address of the intended recipients and the correct contents before sending.

F. Notify the UAMS HIPAA Office immediately if PHI is inadvertently sent to someone other than the intended recipient. Incidents of misdirected mailings will be investigated promptly by the UAMS HIPAA Office. For additional details, please refer to Administrative Guide Policy 2.1.08, *Reporting of HIPAA Violations*.

3. Bulletin Boards:

Bulletin boards located in areas that may be seen by patients or visitors must not contain any documents containing PHI, unless the patient has agreed to the display by written or documented verbal permission. This would include baby pictures, cards and notes of appreciation, and children's signed art work.

4. Physical Security:

A. All persons (patients, visitors, vendors and others) who are not authorized to have access to PHI must, to the extent reasonably practical, be supervised, escorted or observed when visiting or walking through an area where PHI may be easily viewed or accessed. Access to areas containing PHI should be monitored and controlled to the extent possible. Limit

access to filing areas and off-site storage facilities where records or items containing PHI are located to only those employees whose job responsibilities require access to such areas.

B. Utilize a system of controlling the distribution of keys. Limit the number of keys given to employees. Provide keys to areas and locked cabinets to only those employees whose job responsibilities require or necessitate access to the areas or cabinets where PHI is stored or located. Require all employees to return all keys upon the effective date of termination of their employment with UAMS, or when the job responsibilities of the employee no longer require access to the areas or cabinets accessed by the key(s). Doors must, to the extent reasonably practical, be locked after hours. Refer to Administrative Guide Policy 11.1.4, *Key Requests/Transfers* and Administrative Guide Policy 2.1.30, *Information Access for Transfers and Terminations*.

C. If an employee is separating from UAMS, the employee must return their ID Badge to the Department and the Department must return the ID Badge to the Office of Human Resources. When the employee is terminated in SAP, all badge access is system disabled. Refer to Administrative Guide Policy 2.1.30, *Information Access for Transfers and Terminations,* and Administrative Guide Policy 10.2.02, *UAMS ID Badge Issuance and Replacement.*

5. Conversations:

A. Conversations in which PHI is being discussed over the phone, as part of a video visit, or in person, must be made, to the extent possible, in a manner and/or in a location where persons who are not intended to be a part of the conversation or who are not authorized to receive the PHI cannot easily hear PHI, see PHI, and/or see patients.

B. When having a conversation in a public area with a patient, the patient's family members, or other conversations in which PHI is discussed, conduct the conversation in a lowered voice, to the extent possible, so that unauthorized persons cannot easily overhear the conversation.

C. In an emergency situation, where a patient is hearing impaired or in other situations where the ability to discuss PHI quietly and in private may not be practicable, take reasonable precautions to prevent the disclosure of PHI to the extent possible.

D. Avoid using patients' names or the names of patients' family members or other patient identifiers in public hallways and elevators when persons who are not authorized to receive the information are present.

E. When an employee is on a call with another person, whether a voice call or video call, the other person should not be able to hear or see PHI or a patient if that other person does not need to know the PHI. Examples of potential HIPAA violations involving such calls:

    1. An employee is on a voice call with another person while someone near the employee is discussing PHI and the person on the voice call with the employee,

who does not need to know the PHI being discussed, is able to hear the PHI while on the call with the employee.

2. An employee is on a video call with another person while patients are visible in the background and the person on the video call with the employee, who does not need to see the patients, is able to see them in the background.

F. If needed, utilize white noise machines, acoustic tile, furniture arrangements and other means to make it more difficult for others to overhear conversations in areas such as waiting rooms or multi-patient rooms.

G. Be aware of your surroundings and only dictate patient information where it cannot be overheard by others.

6. Vocera Communications:

A. If you are using Vocera to call someone regarding a patient, let them know by saying "I need to talk to you about a patient" or something similar. Then, give the person a chance to respond before you say anything else.

B. If you answer your Vocera in a public location such as an elevator, the cafeteria, or a patient room, let the caller know you are in a public place.

C. When discussing a patient, keep patient identifiers and other sensitive information to the minimum necessary to accomplish your purpose.

7. Announcements and Alerts:

A. Overhead paging of patients and patients' family members should be kept to a minimum. Only request the page if it is urgent and you are unable to locate the patient or family by other means.

B. Only the minimum amount of information should be used when sending announcements and alerts via paging, email or text. For example, "Mr. John Jones, please return to surgery waiting room."

C. Do <u>not</u> request overhead pages for patients who have been designated in their record in Epic as "private encounter – no info". If a patient chooses to be "private encounter – no info", UAMS cannot inform others that the patient is here. If someone asks if the patient is at UAMS, they are informed "UAMS has no information about that individual". Refer to Administrative Guide Policy 2.1.05, *Release of Patient Directory Information*.

8. X-Ray Lightboards, Nursing Station Whiteboards, and Patient Tracker Boards:

A. Place all X-ray lightboards and nursing station whiteboards in an area generally not accessible by the public or readily visible to the public, or implement other safeguards which reasonably limit incidental disclosures to the general public.

B. Patient tracker boards containing PHI must, to the extent practical, be limited to locations where the benefit of having the tracker board outweighs the potential risk to patient privacy. Boards must contain only the minimum information necessary for their intended purpose and be placed in such a way as to minimize visibility to patients and visitors. For questions about the PHI displayed on new tracker boards, contact the HIPAA Office at 501-603-1379 or hipaa@uams.edu.

9. Sign-In Sheets:

A. Information on patient sign-in sheets should only include the patient's name and appointment date and time.

B. Do not include unnecessary information such as patient complaint, date of birth, or other information that is not necessary for the sign-in sheet.

C. Use of peel-off labels for patients to sign, which are then transferred to a sign-in sheet kept outside the view of other patients, is preferable to a sign-in sheet that is visible to other patients.

10. Voice Mail/Answering Machine Messages:

A. When leaving a voice mail or answering machine message for a patient, always limit the amount of information disclosed to the minimum necessary, such as the provider name and telephone number, or other information necessary to confirm an appointment, or to ask the individual to call back. For example, when confirming an appointment, the information should be limited to appointment date and time, the doctor's name, and a contact name and telephone number.

B. Do <u>not</u> leave messages that include laboratory and test results, or any other information that links a patient's name to a particular medical condition or the type of clinic or specialist the patient is seeing. (For example, "I am calling to remind Mrs. Brown of her chemotherapy treatment tomorrow at 10:00am with the Oncologist," is not an appropriate message.)

C. Generally, when leaving a message with a family member or friend answering the patient's phone, the message should be limited to a request for the patient to return your call; and you may leave your name, telephone number, and the fact that you work at UAMS.

D. A patient's verbal permission or written authorization is NOT needed in these circumstances when leaving a message for the patient as directed by this policy and procedure.

11. Text Messages Containing PHI:

A. **Only use secure texting applications authorized by UAMS:** Only secure texting applications authorized by UAMS can be used to send text messages that contain PHI. Epic Secure Chat and Microsoft Teams are applications authorized by UAMS. The only exception is set forth in section 11.C. below.

B. **A Business Associate Agreement is required**: To send text messages containing PHI using a texting application, UAMS must have a Business Associate Agreement in place with the outside company that provides the application. UAMS has entered into a Business Associate Agreement with Epic, so Epic Secure Chat can be used, and with Microsoft, so Microsoft Teams can be used. Texting applications such as iMessage, Facebook Messenger, Whatsapp, and Google Hangouts cannot be used because UAMS has not entered into a Business Associate Agreement with Apple, Facebook, or Google. The only exception is set forth in section 11.C. below. For additional details, refer to Administrative Guide Policy 2.1.18, *Business Associate Policy*.

C. **Patient consent required:** UAMS can send text messages containing PHI using a texting application when there is no Business Associate Agreement between UAMS and the outside company that provides the texting application only if the patient signs a consent permitting their PHI to be sent via text message. Such text messages may be appointment reminders, a link sent to a patient via text message in order for the patient to join a telemedicine/telehealth/video visit, or a text message that updates the patient's family members, friends or visitors of their status and condition during surgery. If the patient has signed a consent form meeting the requirements below, texting applications such as iMessage, Facebook Messenger, Whatsapp, and Google Hangouts can be used.

    1. The consent must be signed by the patient before any PHI is sent via text message;
    2. The consent must warn the patient of the risks of sending PHI via text message, such as an unauthorized person or entity accessing or using the information; and
    3. By signing the consent form, the patient agrees they have been warned of such risks and accepts them.

12. E-Mail:

A. All email messages sent to external addresses must include a confidentiality statement, regardless of whether the email message contains PHI. PHI should not be emailed unless necessary, and care must be taken that only the intended recipients are included on the email. Do not send an email containing PHI to a user group unless you are certain every recipient has the authority to receive the information.

B. When sending an email, make sure to limit PHI to the minimum necessary. When forwarding an email, make sure to check the full email thread for PHI and remove any PHI that is not necessary for the intended recipient(s).

C. E-mail is encrypted automatically inside the UAMS network. Any e-mails sent outside of the UAMS network containing Confidential Information, including ePHI, must be

encrypted. To encrypt an email sent outside of UAMS, include "[secure]" in the subject line. Refer to Administrative Guide Policy 2.1.31, *E-mail Access and Usage*.

D. UAMS Workforce members must use their UAMS e-mail to send and receive ePHI, and must not use non-UAMS email services, such as Apple (iCloud), Yahoo, Google (Gmail), Hotmail, or AOL, for sending and receiving ePHI.

13. Telemedicine/Telehealth/Video Visits:

A. Conduct telehealth in private settings.

B. Telemedicine/telehealth/video visits must be conducted using a platform authorized by UAMS. Platforms authorized by UAMS include Epic MyChart, Haiku, Doximity, and UAMS e-link Portal. Platforms not authorized by UAMS that cannot be used include, but are not limited to, Apple FaceTime, Facebook Messenger video chat, Google Hangouts video, and Whatsapp video chat.

C. Platforms must support individual user accounts, logins, and passcodes to help limit access and prevent ePHI from being disclosed to any unauthorized parties.

D. UAMS must use a secure channel of communication for telemedicine/telehealth/video visits. Channels of communication that are unsecure and cannot be used include TikTok, Facebook Live, Twitch because they are designed to be open to the public and/or allow wide or indiscriminate access to the communication.

E. If UAMS sends a link to a patient via text in order for the patient to join a telemedicine/telehealth/video visit, the texting application must be authorized by UAMS. If a texting application not authorized by UAMS is used, such as iMessage, Facebook Messenger, WhatsApp, or Google Hangouts, the patient must have signed a consent allowing such communications via text that meets the requirements of 11.C. above.

F. If UAMS sends a link to a patient via email in order for the patient to join a telemedicine/telehealth/video visit, the email must be secure and encrypted. To encrypt an email to a patient, type the word [secure] in square brackets in the subject line.

G. Platforms for telemedicine/telehealth/video visits provided by an outside vendor, such as Doximity, can only be used if UAMS has entered into a HIPAA Business Associate Agreement with the outside vendor. Contact the UAMS HIPAA Office at hipaa@uams.edu or 501-603-1379 if you have questions about a Business Associate Agreement. Refer to Administrative Guide Policy 2.1.18*, HIPAA Business Associate Policy*.

H. UAMS must have a Business Associate Agreement in place to use texting applications for telemedicine/telehealth/video visits. Texting applications such as Facebook Messenger, Whatsapp, Google Hangouts, and iMessage cannot be used because UAMS has not entered into a Business Associate Agreement with Facebook, Google, or Apple.

For more information about HIPAA and telehealth, see the Telehealth section of HIPAA FAQs for Professionals on the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights web site at https://www.hhs.gov/hipaa/for-professionals/faq/index.html.

14. Social Media:

Electronic public displays of PHI on social media sites without a Patient Authorization are prohibited. Electronic public displays of patient information, including PHI, must be in accordance with official and authorized UAMS business practices and activities. Such displays of patient information, including PHI, include the posting of photographs, video or any information about a UAMS patient through electronic means including, but not limited to, social networking sites such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat, TikTok, YouTube, Pinterest, Reddit, WhatsApp, blogs, and similar services. The only exception to the Patient Authorization requirement is a posting in response to a UAMS patient that gives no further information about the patient. See *Authorization for Release of Information from UAMS* form (Med Rec 99 FR) or *UAMS Office of Communications HIPAA Authorization for Disclosure of Patient Information* form (Med Rec 2551CM) located on UAMS Forms OnDemand.

15. Faxing:

A. For documents containing PHI that are faxed internally or outside UAMS, refer to the Administrative Guide Policy 2.1.04, *Faxing of Protected Health Information or Other Confidential Information*.

B. Both internal and external faxes containing PHI and other Confidential Information must be sent with a cover sheet containing the approved UAMS logo, and as stated below:

UAMS CONFIDENTIALITY NOTICE: The information contained in this facsimile document may be privileged, confidential, and protected under applicable law and is intended solely for the use of the individual or entity to whom it is addressed. If you are not the intended recipient or the employee or agent responsible for delivering the message to the intended recipient, you are hereby notified that any dissemination, distribution, or copying of this communication is strictly prohibited. If you have received this communication in error, please notify the sender immediately. If you cannot reach the sender, please contact the UAMS HIPAA Office at 501-603-1379.

Alternate language may be used with approval from the HIPAA Office.

16. Safeguarding ePHI and other Confidential Information in Electronic Format:

A. Access to ePHI through UAMS' clinical systems is through user authentication and password.

B. Access to Information Systems and Electronic Media containing ePHI and other Confidential Information at UAMS must be provided only to authorized UAMS Workforce members who have a need for specific access in order to accomplish their job duties.

UAMS Workforce members must not attempt to access, duplicate or transmit Electronic Media containing ePHI and other Confidential Information for which they do not have appropriate authorization. Refer to Administrative Guide Policy 2.1.10, *Minimum Necessary Policy,* Administrative Guide Policy 2.1.35, *Information Access Management,* and Administrative Guide Policy 2.1.01, *Confidentiality Policy.*

C. User access may require specific training depending on the system before access is allowed.

D. PHI must not be stored on Electronic Media such as, smartphones, tablets, CDs, thumb drives, diskettes, laptops, home computers and DVDs unless absolutely necessary, and then only the minimum necessary for the shortest time necessary. All Electronic Media containing PHI must be encrypted when possible. Refer to Administrative Guide Policy 2.1.02, *Mobile Device Management.*

E. Cloud storage such as Dropbox, Google Docs, iCloud or any other similar service must never be used for storage or transmission of ePHI, unless authorized and approved by UAMS IT Security. Storage solutions authorized and approved by UAMS IT Security are Box and OneDrive.

F. UAMS Information Systems and Electronic Media containing ePHI or other Confidential Information must be located and stored in secure environments that are protected by appropriate security barriers and entry controls.

G. UAMS Information Systems and Electronic Media containing ePHI and other Confidential Information must be disposed of properly when no longer needed.

1. Electronic Media containing ePHI or other Confidential Information that is to be disposed of permanently must be physically destroyed, and may be accomplished in one of the following ways:

    a. Break diskettes or otherwise render it impossible to re-insert it into a PC drive
    b. Punch a hole through the entire diskette
    c. Cut CDs/DVDs into pieces with standard tin-snips
    d. Request destruction of CDs/DVDs and diskettes by a shredding company contracted with UAMS to destroy diskettes and CDs
    e. Data on flash drives must be securely deleted using an appropriate method. Contact UAMS Technical Support at helpdesk@uams.edu or 501-686-8555 with questions regarding deletion.
    f. Hard drives and tapes are to be destroyed by UAMS IT Support. Contact IT Support at helpdesk@uams.edu or 501-686-8555 for any questions regarding destruction.

2. Disposal of UAMS Information Systems and equipment containing ePHI must be tracked and logged. At a minimum, such tracking and logging must provide the following information:

a. Date of disposal
b. Who performed the disposal
c. Brief description of media or Information System that was disposed

3. ePHI contained on equipment or Information System being returned to a vendor must be destroyed prior to the return period. If that is not possible, a Business Associate Agreement must be in place before the equipment is returned to the vendor. Contact the UAMS Supply Chain Procurement Services for more information about Business Associate Agreements.

H. ePHI on UAMS Electronic Media must be removed before such Electronic Media can be re-used.

I. UAMS Workforce members moving UAMS Information Systems and Electronic Media containing Confidential Information, including ePHI, into, out of, and within the workplace must maintain records of such movement. Refer to Administrative Guide Policy 5.4.01, *Property Control Procedures,* and Administrative Guide Policy 5.4.02, *Property Inventory Procedures*.

J. When necessary, a retrievable, exact copy of data will be created before equipment is moved.

K. ePHI and other Confidential Information used or sent for Review Preparatory to Research may not be removed from UAMS. Refer to Administrative Guide Policy 2.1.12, *HIPAA Research Policy.*

L. ePHI and other Confidential Information used or sent outside the UAMS Network must be encrypted.

17. Transporting, Accessing and/or Using UAMS Confidential Information Off Campus for Official Business Purposes:

A. Confidential Information, including PHI, is not to be removed from UAMS by members of the UAMS Workforce without prior approval. For employees who work from home part-time or full-time in an official UAMS capacity, refer to Administrative Guide Policy 2.1.29, *Authorized Remote Use of Confidential Information,* and Administrative Guide Policy 4.4.22, *Remote Work*.

B. The UAMS Workforce member is responsible for maintaining the privacy and security of all Confidential Information that they may be transporting, storing or accessing off-site. This includes, but is not limited to:

1. Protected Health Information and Electronic Protected Health Information.
2. Computers or mobile devices that contain or access Confidential Information.

3. Storage media such as diskettes, CD-ROMs, DVDs, digital memory cards, and flash drives containing Confidential Information.
4. Printed documents that contain Confidential Information.

C. UAMS policies are in effect whether the UAMS Workforce member is working off-site or in a UAMS facility and include the following requirements:

1. Electronic Media and printed information must be transported and stored in a secure manner. PHI must never be left in an unattended vehicle.
2. The printing of Confidential Information from home computers must be kept to a minimum and only as needed in accordance with UAMS policies.
3. All media containing PHI or ePHI must be disposed of appropriately and must never be placed in regular trash. This includes printed information, faxes, hard drives, diskettes and CDs. If a personal shredder is used instead of a shredder serviced by UAMS's vendor, it must be a "cross-cut" shredder, preferably security level PL3 or higher.
4. UAMS materials must be put away when not being used and kept in a secure location that is not accessible to others including children, spouse and visitors.
5. Passwords must not be shared or accessible to family members or others.
6. Any Confidential Information or ePHI sent from workstations, laptops, smart phones, tablets, and other mobile devices must be encrypted. Refer to Administrative Guide Policy 2.1.02. *Mobile Device Management.*
7. Anti-virus software must be installed on all home computers and mobile devices used for UAMS business, and they must be password protected.
8. Employees are required to maintain updates to current operating systems (ex. Microsoft updates/patches).
9. When away from the UAMS network, the use of web based applications to access ePHI should be minimized. When it is necessary to use resources outside of the UAMS network to access web based applications, be sure to delete Cookies, delete files and clear the history in your Browser.

D. The UAMS Workforce member is responsible for maintaining the privacy and security of all Confidential Information including PHI when traveling for official business purposes:

1. When travelling, devices containing PHI must remain "locked" at all times so that a password is required to access the device. Care must be taken that no devices and documents are left behind when going through airport security or on airplanes, subways, taxis, trains, or other locations.
2. Confidential Information must not be saved on local hard drives or other media except when necessary to perform UAMS job duties. All saved Confidential Information must be encrypted and deleted when no longer needed. Confidential Information including PHI must not be saved on public workstations such as in hotels and libraries.

SANCTIONS

Violation of this Policy will result in disciplinary action, in accordance with Administrative Guide Policy 4.4.02, *Employee Discipline* and Administrative Guide Policy 2.1.42*, HIPAA Sanctions Policy*.

REFERENCES

UAMS Administrative Guide Policy 2.1.01, *Confidentiality Policy*
UAMS Administrative Guide Policy 2.1.02, *Mobile Device Management*
UAMS Administrative Guide Policy 2.1.04, *Faxing of Protected Health Information or Other Confidential Information*
UAMS Administrative Guide Policy 2.1.05, *Release of Patient Directory Information*
UAMS Administrative Guide Policy 2.1.08, *Reporting of HIPAA Violations*
UAMS Administrative Guide Policy 2.1.10, *Minimum Necessary Policy*
UAMS Administrative Guide Policy 2.1.12, *HIPAA Research Policy*
UAMS Administrative Guide Policy 2.1.18, *Business Associate Policy*
UAMS Administrative Guide Policy 2.1.29, *Authorized Remote Use of Confidential Information*
UAMS Administrative Guide Policy 2.1.30, *Information Access for Transfers and Terminations*
UAMS Administrative Guide Policy 2.1.31, *E-mail Access and Usage*
UAMS Administrative Guide Policy 2.1.35, *Information Access Management*
UAMS Administrative Guide Policy 4.4.22, *Remote Work*
UAMS Administrative Guide Policy 5.4.01, *Property Control Procedures*
UAMS Administrative Guide Policy 5.4.02, *Property Inventory Procedures*
UAMS Administrative Guide Policy 10.2.02, *UAMS ID Badge Issuance and Replacement*
UAMS Administrative Guide Policy 11.1.04, *Key Requests*

Signature:  **Date:** **August 24, 2022**