Category: Hospitals / Clinical Services Legal and Compliance Responsible Office: Hospital and Clinical Services	**Other Requirement Title:** HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act) Document Number: 4200 Effective Date: April 14, 2003 This procedure item applies to: Community Colleges State-Operated Campuses University Hospitals

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Summary

The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) a.k.a. Kennedy-Kazenbaum (HIPAA) was enacted as a part of a broad Congressional attempt at health care reform. While HIPAA's initial focus is to guarantee the portability of health insurance, the Act also is designed to:

1. reduce the costs and administrative burdens of health care by making possible the standardized electronic transmission of many administrative and financial transactions that are currently carried out on paper; and
2. protect the security and confidentiality of personally identifiable health information (PHI).

The State University of New York is considered a covered entity under HIPAA. As such, it must ensure that its operations are in compliance with the HIPAA regulations by the effective dates set forth in the regulations.

Requirement

It is the responsibility of individual University campuses to comply with the requirements of HIPAA. University system administration provides guidance and recommendations and establishes position statements on issues common to multiple campuses.

To facilitate the efficient flow of resources developed by system administration to the HIPAA covered campuses, a website has been established. This HIPAA website houses:

- HIPAA Fact Sheets;
- Position Statements;
- HIPAA Related Communications;
- Library of additional resources;
- Frequently Asked Questions;
- Glossary; and
- HIPAA Contacts

This website is continually updated and serves as a primary communication vehicle and resource for the campuses'

HIPAA privacy compliance activities.

Definitions

There are no special definitions relevant to this requirement.

Related Procedures

There is no related procedures relevant to this requirement.

Forms

There are no forms relevant to this requirement.

Other Related Information

Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 P.L. 104-191

Final HIPAA Privacy Rule (45 CFR Parts 160 and 164)

U.S Department of Health and Human Services

NYS Governor's Office of Employee Relations HIPAA Training

Appendicies

There are no appendicies relevant to this requirement.