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HEALTH CARE SERVICES DIVISION
BATON ROUGE, LA**

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Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)

I. STATEMENT OF POLICY

It shall be the policy of the Louisiana State University Health Care Services Division (LSU HCSD) to comply with any and all provisions outlined within The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Privacy Rule, the HIPAA Security Rule, the HIPAA Breach Notification Rule, the HIPAA Omnibus Rule, and the Health Information Technology Economic and Clinical Health Act (HITECH), as it pertains to HIPAA, as well as any related, subsequent HIPAA legislation.

The HIPAA legislation as outlined in this policy and subsequent policies within this section has four primary objectives:

1. Assure health insurance portability by eliminating job-lock due to pre-existing medical conditions
2. Reduce healthcare fraud and abuse
3. Enforce standards for health information
4. Guarantee security and privacy of health information

The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) mandates the Louisiana State University Health Care Services Division (HCSD), its medical center and other business lines develop high-level information security and privacy standards and simplify billing procedures. These standards which have become regulations and subsequently formulated as HCSD policy have been published in the HIPAA policies.

Policies and attached forms are in their final form and shall not be revised, reformatted, amended or deleted, except for insertion of appropriate information where indicated and requested. Any and all subsequent revisions, amendments, deletions or changes to the system, hospital policies shall only be approved and implemented by the CEO and the Deputy CEO for Administration of the Louisiana State University Health Care Services Division.

II. APPLICABILITY

This policy is applicable to all workforce members of the LSU Health Care Services Division facilities, including employees, physician/practitioner practices, vendors, agencies, business associates and affiliates.

III. EFFECTIVE DATE

This policy and subsequent revisions shall become effective upon signature of the Chief Executive Officer of the LSU Health Care Services Division (HCSO).

IV. RESPONSIBILITIES:

- A. The HCSO Chief Executive Officer and the Lallie Kemp Medical Center Hospital Administrator shall be responsible for ensuring implementation of and compliance with this policy and subsequent policies within this section throughout the HCSO and Lallie Kemp.
- B. Division Directors, Section Chiefs or other direct line Supervisors of any organizational work unit shall be responsible for administration and adherence to this policy and subsequent policies within this section for all employees under their supervision.
- C. The Facility Privacy Officers shall be responsible for formation and update of policy; for facilitating implementation of policy, monitoring, reviewing and for advising directors' managers, supervisors and employees regarding the application of and adherence to this policy and subsequent policies within this section.

Note: Willful violations of this policy may subject applicable agency heads as defined above to disciplinary action administered by the agency head and separate civil and criminal actions administered by state and federal regulatory agencies.

Any person who is aggrieved by conduct that violates this policy MUST report the activity (ies), incident(s) to the HCSO Compliance Hotline or to the Compliance Liaison/Privacy Officer of the respective facility. LSU-HCSO will hear and resolve all complaints through an internal complaint and investigative process, in a timely, fair, impartial and effective manner.

Confidentiality as to all parties will be respected to the greatest extent possible.

V. Inquiry

Employees having questions concerning HIPAA or LSU HCSO's policy (ies) on HIPAA should contact their facility's Privacy/Compliance Officer. Questions may also be directed by mail to the LSU HCSO Central Office at P.O. Box 91308, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821-1308 or by calling the HCSO compliance hotline.

Revision History:

February 12, 2015

- Pg. 1, Added all of the different HIPAA legislation titles, in addition to the HIPAA Privacy Act.
- Pg. 1, deleted the second and third paragraphs that outlined the intent of the HIPAA Privacy Rule.
- Pgs. 1 and 2, changed wording to reflect the changes in the structure of LSU HCSD.

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- Deleted paragraph concerning the history of the HIPAA legislation.
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