

**DISCLOSURE OF PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION TO
WORKERS' COMPENSATION PROGRAMS PROCEDURE**

PROCEDURE:

Members of the Behavioral Health and Health Facilities (BHHF) workforce may comply with requests for PHI that are received from workers' compensation agencies or insurance companies, or from employers who self-insure for workers' compensation, when this is consistent with their job description. If there is any doubt as to the authority of an organization to receive such PHI, the request will be forwarded immediately to the Designated Attorney or Designee(s), with a copy filed in the patient's medical record.

The Privacy Official or Designee(s) will prepare guidelines for use by workforce members in determining what PHI may be disclosed to workers' compensation agencies, insurance companies, or employers who self-insure for workers' compensation, in accordance with the ROUTINE AND RECURRING REQUESTS FOR AND DISCLOSURES OF PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION policy.

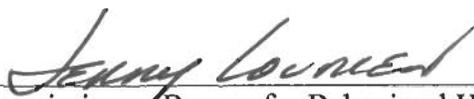
Disclosures made under this policy must be recorded for inclusion in any accounting of disclosures. See ACCOUNTING OF DISCLOSURES OF PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION.

REFERENCE: 45 CFR § 164.512(l)

See also: ACCOUNTING OF DISCLOSURES OF PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION

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