

**DISCLOSURE OF PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION TO
REPORT CHILD ABUSE, OR OTHER ABUSE, NEGLECT, OR
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROCEDURE**

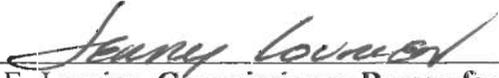
1. BHHF health care professionals, and other workers as appropriate to their jobs and responsibilities, are required to know and comply with state laws and BHHF policies regarding the reporting of suspected abuse, neglect, or domestic abuse directed at children or adults.
2. The BHHF Designated Attorney or Designee(s) will assure that policies, procedures, and training materials are kept current with state laws, and that they result in only the amount of PHI required or permitted by these laws being disclosed.
3. The Designated Attorney or Designee(s) and the Privacy Official or Designee(s) will designate which members of the workforce, by job title or function, are authorized to make disclosures of PHI under this policy. Such workers will receive adequate training to assure that this policy, and applicable state laws, are followed in reporting cases of suspected abuse.
4. A BHHF worker who is asked to disclose more PHI than is required under state reporting laws, in a case of abuse, neglect, or domestic violence, will confer with the Designated Attorney or Designee(s) before making such disclosure whenever possible.
5. 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(b)(1)(ii) and (c)

See also: ACCOUNTING OF DISCLOSURES OF PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION
BHHF POLICY 8000

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