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## **OP 91.400: HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT (HIPAA)**

### **PURPOSE:**

The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) was passed in 1996 due to concern about the privacy and confidentiality of health information contained in medical records. Mississippi State University is committed to compliance with HIPAA. In accordance with HIPAA, this policy designates Mississippi State University as a hybrid entity.

### **POLICY:**

Mississippi State University is committed to protecting the confidentiality of protected health information and in complying with State and Federal regulations regarding protected health information.

Mississippi State University is a public institution of higher learning which provides a wide array of educational programs and related services. The Student Health Center at Mississippi State University provides health services to its currently enrolled students and their families, University faculty and staff, and any other individuals who do not have a local physician. The Student Health Center provides a myriad of services, namely, monitoring immunizations for student admissions, providing clinical medical services to students and faculty, and providing pharmacy services to students and faculty.

### **PROCEDURE:**

Mississippi State University, through the Student Health Center and the Office of General Counsel, will determine, by periodic annual review and monitoring, which individual departments, clinics, or units of the University are considered a Health Care Component (HCC). The Student Health Center is currently the only department affiliated with Mississippi State University which is a HCC.

All HCCs must comply with the relevant provisions of HIPAA. Compliance will be periodically monitored by the Student Health Center and the Office of General Counsel.

### **REVIEW:**

This policy shall be reviewed in July, every four (4) years, or as needed, by the Office of General Counsel.

**Reviewed by:**

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