

**Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center
HIPAA Privacy Policies**

Administration	Policy 1.6
Organized Health Care Arrangement	Effective Date: May 15, 2016
References: http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/hipaa HSC HIPAA website http://www.ttuhscc.edu/hipaa/policies_procedures.aspx	

Policy Statement The purpose of this Health Sciences Center HIPAA Policy and Procedure (HSC HPP) is to provide a framework for Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center's (TTUHSC) compliance with the provisions of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) and state laws and regulations under an Organized health Care Arrangement.

Scope and Distribution

This policy applies to all health care clinical service areas owned and/or operated by TTUHSC. It does not apply to inmates seen or treated by TTUHSC.

Definitions

Refer to [HPP 1.1](#) for Glossary of HIPAA Terms

See [Old/New HIPAA Policy Number Cross Reference Chart](#)

Procedure

1. Organized Health Care Arrangement (OHCA)-Lubbock Only

As permitted under the HIPAA Privacy Rule, an OHCA is an arrangement or relationship that allows covered entities who participate in joint activities to share protected health information (PHI) in order to treat their patients and manage their operations. This arrangement involves participation of legally separate entities in the delivery of health care services in which no entity will be responsible for the medical judgement or patient care provided by the other entities in the arrangement. Each entity within this arrangement will be able to access and use PHI to carry out treatment, payment or health care operations. The most common example is a hospital and the providers on the hospital's medical staff who together provide treatment to the same patients.

Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center and its staff, University Medical Center, and UMC Physician Network Services are a clinically integrated health care setting and constitute an OHCA. Effective February 1, 2009.

2. Right to Change Policy

TTUHSC reserves the right to interpret, change, modify, amend or rescind any policy in whole or in part at any time without the consent of workforce.

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This policy and procedure will be documented and retained for a period of 6 years from the date of its creation or the date when it last was in effect, whichever is later.

Knowledge of a violation or potential violation of this policy must be reported directly to a Regional Privacy Officer, the Institutional Privacy Officer or to the employee Compliance Hotline at (866) 294-9352 or [Ethics Point - Texas Tech University](#) under HSC.

Approval Authority

The TTUHSC Privacy and Security Committee has authority for HIPAA policy approval.

Responsibility and Revisions

Questions regarding this policy may be addressed to the Regional Privacy Officer ([Amarillo](#), [Permian Basin](#) [Lubbock](#)), the [Institutional Privacy Officer](#), or the [Institutional Compliance Officer](#).