

Oklahoma State University

Title: Right to an Accounting of Disclosures of Protected Health Information	Policy #: PRV-12.01
Category: HIPAA Compliance	Authority: 45 CFR § HIPAA SECTION: 164.528(a)
Standard: Right to an Accounting of Disclosures of Protected Health Information	Responsibility: Health Care Components
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PURPOSE:

To layout the Patient's rights regarding an accounting of disclosures of their own PHI.

POLICY:

- 1. An individual has a right to receive an accounting of disclosures of protected health information made OSU in the six years prior to the date on which the accounting is requested, **except for disclosures:** §164.528(a)(1)
 - a. To carry out treatment, payment and healthcare operations as provided in \$164.506; \$164.528(a)(1)(i)
 - One exception is that any records contained with an Electronic Health Record at OSU, the individual has a right to receive an accounting of disclosures made by OSU during only the three years prior to the date on which the accounting is requested. Sec. 13405(c)
 - b. To individuals of PHI about them as provided in §164.502; §164.528(a)(1)(ii)
 - c. Incident to a use or disclosure otherwise permitted or required by the Privacy Rule, as provided in §164.502; §164.528(a)(1)(iii)
 - d. Pursuant to an authorization as provided in §164.508; §164.528(a)(1)(iv)
 - e. For OSU facility directory or to persons involved in the individual's care or other notification purposes as provided in \$164.510; \$164.528(a)(1)(v)
 - f. For national security or intelligence purposes as provided in §164.512(k)(2); §164.528(a)(1)(vi)
 - g. To correctional institutions or law enforcement officials as provided in \$164.512(k)(5); \$164.528(a)(1)(vii)
 - h. As part of a limited data set in accordance with §164.514(e); or §164.528(a)(1)(viii)
 - i. That occurred prior to the HIPAA compliance date for OSU. $\S 164.528(a)(1)(ix)$
- 2. OSU must temporarily suspend an individual's right to receive an accounting of disclosures to a health oversight agency or law enforcement official, as provided in § 164.512(d) or (f), respectively, for the time specified by such agency or official, if such agency or official provides OSU with a written statement that such an accounting to the individual would be reasonably likely to impede the agency's activities and specifying the time for which such a suspension is required. §164.528(2)(i)
- 3. If the agency or official makes such a request orally, OSU must: \$164.528(a)(2)(ii)



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- a. Document the statement, including the identity of the agency or official making the statement. $\S 164.528(a)(2)(ii)(A)$
- b. Temporarily suspend the individual's right to an accounting of disclosures subject to the statement and; $\S 164.528(a)(2)(ii)(B)$
- c. Limit the temporary suspension to no longer than 30 days from the date of the oral statement, unless a written statement is submitted during that time. $\S164.528(a)(2)(ii)(C)$
- 4. An individual may request an accounting of disclosures for a period of time less than six years from the date of the request. $\S 164.528(a)(3)$

PROCEDURE:

- 1. An individual requesting an accounting of disclosures shall fill out the required form, found here.
- 2. The form must be completed in its entirety and returned to the HIPAA Compliance Office.
- 3. If the form is returned to other staff at OSU, they shall forward the request on to the HIPAA Compliance Office without delay.

REFERENCE:

45 CFR §164.528(a) HITECH Sec.13405(c)