

# **Confidentiality and Security Agreement**

*Note: this form to be used for HCA employees and HCA workforce members.*

I understand that the HCA affiliated facility or business entity (the “Company”) for which I work, volunteer or provide services manages health information as part of its mission to treat patients. Further, I understand that the Company has a legal and ethical responsibility to safeguard the privacy of all patients and to protect the confidentiality of their patients’ health information. Additionally, the Company must assure the confidentiality of its human resources, payroll, fiscal, research, internal reporting, strategic planning information, credentialing, intellectual property, or any information that contains Social Security numbers, health insurance claim numbers, passwords, PINs, encryption keys, credit card or other financial account numbers (collectively, with patient identifiable health information, “Confidential Information”).

In the course of my employment/assignment at the Company, I understand that I may come into the possession of this type of Confidential Information. I will access and use this information only when it is necessary to perform my job related duties in accordance with the Company’s Privacy and Security Policies, which are available on the Company intranet (on the Security Page) and the Internet (under Ethics & Compliance). I further understand that I must sign and comply with this Agreement in order to obtain authorization for access to Confidential Information or Company systems.

## ***General Rules***

1. I will act in the best interest of the Company and in accordance with its Code of Conduct at all times during my relationship with the Company.
2. I understand that I should have no expectation of privacy when using Company information systems. The Company may log, access, review, and otherwise utilize information stored on or passing through its systems, including email, in order to manage systems and enforce security.
3. I understand that violation of this Agreement may result in disciplinary action, up to and including termination of employment, suspension, and loss of privileges, and/or termination of authorization to work within the Company, in accordance with the Company’s policies.

## ***Protecting Confidential Information***

4. I will not disclose or discuss any Confidential Information with others, including friends or family, who do not have a need to know it. I will not take media or documents containing Confidential Information home with me unless specifically authorized to do so as part of my job.
5. I will not publish or disclose any Confidential Information to others using personal email, or to any Internet sites, or through Internet blogs or sites such as Facebook or Twitter. I will only use such communication methods when explicitly authorized to do so in support of Company business and within the permitted uses of Confidential Information as governed by regulations such as HIPAA.
6. I will not in any way divulge, copy, release, sell, loan, alter, or destroy any Confidential Information except as properly authorized. I will only reuse or destroy media in accordance with Company Information Security Standards and Company record retention policy.
7. In the course of treating patients, I may need to orally communicate health information to or about patients. While I understand that my first priority is treating patients, I will take reasonable safeguards to protect conversations from unauthorized listeners. Such safeguards include, but are not limited to: lowering my voice or using private rooms or areas where available.
8. I will not make any unauthorized transmissions, inquiries, modifications, or purgings of Confidential Information.
9. I will not transmit Confidential Information outside the Company network unless I am specifically authorized to do so as part of my job responsibilities. If I do transmit Confidential Information outside of the Company using email or other electronic communication methods, I will ensure that the Information is encrypted according to Company Information Security Standards.

## ***Following Appropriate Access***

10. I will only access or use systems or devices I am officially authorized to access, and will not demonstrate the operation or function of systems or devices to unauthorized individuals.
11. I will only access software systems to review patient records or Company information when I have a business need to know, as well as any necessary consent. By accessing a patient’s record or Company information, I am affirmatively representing to the Company at the time of each access that I have the requisite business need to know and appropriate consent, and the Company may rely on that representation in granting such access to me.

## ***Using Mobile Devices, Portable Devices and Removable Media***

12. I will not copy or store Confidential Information on mobile devices, portable devices or removable media such as laptops, personal digital assistants (PDAs), cell phones, CDs, thumb drives, external hard drives, etc., unless specifically required to do so by my job. If I do copy or store Confidential Information on removable media, I will encrypt the information while it is on the media according to Company Information Security Standards.

13. I understand that any mobile device (Smart phone, PDA, etc.) that synchronizes company data (e.g., Company email) may contain Confidential Information and as a result, must be protected as required by Company Information Security Standards.

### ***Doing My Part – Personal Security***

14. I understand that I will be assigned a unique identifier (e.g., 3-4 User ID) to track my access and use of Confidential Information and that the identifier is associated with my personal data provided as part of the initial and/or periodic credentialing and/or employment verification processes.

15. I will:

- a. Use only my officially assigned User-ID and password (and/or token (e.g., SecurID card)).
- b. Use only approved licensed software.
- c. Use a device with virus protection software.

16. I will never:

- a. Disclose passwords, PINs, or access codes.
- b. Allow another individual to use my digital identity (e.g., 3-4 User ID) to access, modify, or delete data and/or use a computer system.
- c. Use tools or techniques to break/exploit security measures.
- d. Connect unauthorized systems or devices to the Company network.

17. I will practice good workstation security measures such as locking up diskettes when not in use, using screen savers with activated passwords, positioning screens away from public view.

18. I will immediately notify my manager, Facility Information Security Official (FISO), Director of Information Security Operations (DISO), or Facility or Corporate Client Support Services (CSS) help desk if:

- a. my password has been seen, disclosed, or otherwise compromised;
- b. media with Confidential Information stored on it has been lost or stolen;
- c. I suspect a virus infection on any system;
- d. I am aware of any activity that violates this agreement, privacy and security policies; or
- e. I am aware of any other incident that could possibly have any adverse impact on Confidential Information or Company systems.

### ***Upon Termination***

19. I agree that my obligations under this Agreement will continue after termination of my employment, expiration of my contract, or my relationship ceases with the Company.

20. Upon termination, I will immediately return any documents or media containing Confidential Information to the Company.

21. I understand that I have no right to any ownership interest in any Confidential Information accessed or created by me during and in the scope of my relationship with the Company.