UW Medicine

# Non-UW Medicine Workforce Privacy, Confidentiality and Information Security Agreement

Access to UW Medicine Electronic Medical Record (EMR) systems is permitted to authorized users to view protected health information (PHI) electronically. Access is provided only to individuals whose access has been approved by a UW Medicine Administrator, Director or under a Business Associate Agreement.

## A. Non-UW Medicine Workforce Information:

**Name** _____

**Organization** _____

**Address** _____

**City, State, ZIP** _____

**Phone number** _____ **Fax:** _____

**Email** _____

## B. Privacy, Confidentiality, and Information Security Acknowledgement

UW Medicine has a legal and ethical responsibility to safeguard the privacy of all patients and protect the confidentiality of their protected health information (PHI). Federal and state laws and regulations govern the privacy of our patients and their health information.

In the execution of services by the organization, I will or may see patients with a variety of medical issues and/or may see and hear confidential information relating to these patients. This relates to information past, present and future physical or mental health or condition of an individual.

As a condition of accessing UW Medicine PHI, I understand and agree that:

- I will comply with federal and state statutory and regulatory requirements (including 45 CFR Parts 160 and 164 (HIPAA) and RCW 70.02).
- I agree to safeguard my UW Medicine access account, and password. I will not share my password with any other person and will not permit others to access the UW Medicine systems through my account. I understand that I will be held accountable for all accesses made under my login and password and any activities associated with the use of my access privileges.
- I will log out or lock computer sessions prior to leaving a computer.
- I understand that I am being given access to PHI and that my access will only occur according to the contract or agreement signed by UW Medicine and the company or healthcare entity I represent or in accordance with my role as a government investigator, auditor or site reviewer. The information disclosed under this agreement will be only used for the purpose(s) described in that contract, agreement or as needed for the investigation, audit or site review.
- I understand that my access will be monitored to assure appropriate use.
    - I understand that the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services or the Washington State Attorney General may investigate complaints and may seek criminal prosecution or impose civil monetary penalties to my company and/or me for inappropriate uses or disclosures of certain protected health information.
- I will limit my access, use, and disclosure of patient information to the minimum amount necessary to perform my authorized activity or duty. I understand that the patient information I access is confidential and will not copy or disseminate except as authorized or allowed or required by law. I will only discuss patient, confidential, or restricted information only with those who have a need-to-know and the authority to receive the information.
    - I will keep protected information taken off-site fully secured and in my physical possession during transit, never leaving it unattended or in any mode of transport (even if the mode of transport is locked). I will only take protected information off-site if accessing it remotely is not a viable option.
    - I will store all protected health information on secured systems, encrypted mobile devices, or other secure media.
    - I agree that if I terminate my position with the my company or no longer work in my current position, or otherwise am no longer functioning in the role under which access was granted, I, or my company, will immediately notify UW Medicine IT Services Help Desk at 206-543-7012 or email mcsos@uw.edu and request that my access be deactivated.
- I agree to abide by this agreement and understand that these are privileges granted by UW Medicine to me. I further understand and acknowledge that UW Medicine may terminate this privilege at any time.
    - I will report all concerns about inappropriate access, use or disclosure of protected information, and suspected policy violations to UW Medicine Compliance (206-543-3098 or comply@uw.edu).

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**Signature** **Date**

## C. Agreement to be retained by the non-UW Medicine access coordinator

I understand that I will be responsible for this individual when they are accessing PHI and acknowledge that their access to PHI is in compliance with UW Medicine Privacy Policies.

*Name:* _____ *Signature*_____

*Title:* _____ *Phone number:* _____ *Date:* _____