

## **B. Less Common Uses and Disclosures**

**1. Disclosures Required by Law.** We may use or disclose patient health information to the extent we are required by law to do so. For example, we are required to disclose patient health information to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services so that it can investigate complaints or determine our compliance with HIPAA.

**2. Public Health Activities.** We may disclose patient health information for public health activities and purposes, which include: preventing or controlling disease, injury or disability; reporting births or deaths; reporting child abuse or neglect; reporting adverse reactions to medications or foods; reporting product defects; enabling product recalls; and notifying a person who may have been exposed to a disease or may be at risk for contracting or spreading a disease or condition.

**3. Victims of Abuse, Neglect or Domestic Violence.** We may disclose health information to the appropriate government authority about a patient whom we believe is a victim of abuse, neglect or domestic violence.

**4. Health Oversight Activities.** We may disclose patient health information to a health oversight agency for activities necessary for the government to provide appropriate oversight of the health care system, certain government benefit programs, and compliance with certain civil rights laws.

**5. Lawsuits and Legal Actions.** We may disclose patient health information in response to (i) a court or administrative order or (ii) a subpoena, discovery request, or other lawful process that is not ordered by a court if efforts have been made to notify the patient or to obtain an order protecting the information requested.

**6. Law Enforcement Purposes.** We may disclose your health information to a law enforcement official for a law enforcement purposes, such as to identify or locate a suspect, material witness or missing person or to alert law enforcement of a crime.

**7. Coroners, Medical Examiners and Funeral Directors.** We may disclose your health information to a coroner, medical examiner or funeral director to allow them to carry out their duties.

**8. Organ, Eye and Tissue Donation.** We may use or disclose your health information to organ procurement organizations or others that obtain, bank or transplant cadaveric organs, eyes or tissue for donation and transplant.

**9. Research Purposes.** We may use or disclose your information for research purposes pursuant to patient authorization waiver approval by an Institutional Review Board or Privacy Board.

**10. Serious Threat to Health or Safety.** We may use or disclose your health information if we believe it is necessary to do so to prevent or lessen a serious threat to anyone's health or safety.