



## PLUMAS COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

### HIPAA RELATED POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

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### USE AND DISCLOSURE OF PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION FOR PUBLIC HEALTH ACTIVITIES

#### **Policy:**

Plumas County may disclose protected health information for some public health activities.

#### **Purpose:**

Plumas County may disclose protected health information without the written consent or authorization of the individual, or the opportunity for the individual to agree or object in situations that are applicable to "public health activities."

#### **Responsibilities:**

Plumas County may disclose protected health information for the public health activities and purposes described below:

- A public health authority that is authorized by law to collect or receive information for the purpose of preventing or controlling disease, injury or disability, may report disease, injury, vital events and may conduct public health surveillance, public health investigations and public health interventions;
- At the direction of a public health authority, to an official of a foreign government agency that is acting in collaboration with a public health authority;
- To a public health authority or other appropriate government authority authorized by law to receive reports of child abuse or neglect;
- To report adverse events, product defects or problems, or biological product deviations if the disclosure is made to the person required or directed to report such information to the Food and Drug Administration; or to track products if the disclosure is made to the person required or directed by the Food and Drug Administration to track the product; or to enable product recalls, repairs, or replacement; or to conduct post marketing surveillance to comply with requirements or at the direction of the Food and drug Administration;
- In the conduct of a public health intervention or investigation, to notify a person who may have been exposed to a communicable disease or may otherwise be at risk of contracting or spreading a disease or condition; or

- To an employer, about a member of the workforce, to evaluate whether the individual has a work-related illness or injury, or when an evaluation relating to medical surveillance of the workplace has been done.

**Process:**

Plumas County shall provide notice, only as required by the HIPAA Privacy Rule to an individual or workforce member, that protected health information is to be disclosed.

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