



PLUMAS COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

HIPAA RELATED POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

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USE AND DISCLOSURE OF PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION FOR HEALTH OVERSIGHT ACTIVITIES

Policy:

Plumas County may disclose protected health information to a health oversight agency for oversight activities authorized by law.

Purpose:

Oversight agencies are responsible for licensing and accreditation. Plumas County may disclose PHI without written consent or opportunity for an individual to agree or object in situations that are applicable to health oversight activities such as audits, inspections, licensure or disciplinary actions.

Responsibilities:

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

- Government benefit programs for which health information is relevant to beneficiary eligibility;
- When subject to government regulatory programs for which health information is necessary for determining compliance with program standards; or
- When subject to civil rights laws for which health information is necessary for determining compliance.

Health oversight activities do not include:

- An investigation or other activity in which the individual is the subject of the investigation or activity and such investigation or activity does not arise out of and is not directly related to the receipt of health care, a claim for public benefits related to health care, or qualifications for, or receipt of, public benefits or services when the individual's health is integral to the claim for public benefits or services.

Process:

Plumas County is required to provide notice to an individual or workforce member, within the Notice of Privacy Practices, that protected health information is to be disclosed.

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