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POLICY: UCONN HEALTH TRAINING OF WORKFORCE: HIPAA PRIVACY AND SECURITY (Privacy & Security of Protected Health Information (PHI))

PURPOSE: To identify the mechanism by which appropriate staff receives education and training, both initial and ongoing, on Federal HIPAA regulations and UConn Health organizational policies related to security and privacy of protected health information.

SCOPE:

This policy applies to all UConn Health workforce:

- Employees (including faculty and staff)
- Volunteers
- Students and residents
- Temporary staff
- Agency and contracted staff
- Credentialed staff
- Members of the Board of Directors

POLICY:

1. The UConn Health workforce is trained on the HIPAA privacy and security regulations, including UConn Health policies and procedure.
2. Training content is established by the UConn Health Information Security Officer (ISO) and Privacy Officer. Human Resources is responsible for overseeing the process of assigning the training content and department managers shall assure their staff complete the training.
3. New employees who are required to complete the training will do so during standard orientation period.
4. When significant changes in policy and/or procedure occur, the affected workforce will be trained as soon as possible after the changes.
5. Training is documented in written or electronic form and retained for at least six years.
6. All staff will be provided periodic security and privacy updates.

Reference:

§164.530 (b) Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996
§164.308 (a)(5)(i) Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996
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