

**HIPAA BUSINESS ASSOCIATE AGREEMENT  
(UPB=COVERED ENTITY)**

**CONTRACT NO(S).: \_\_\_\_\_**

**THIS AGREEMENT** is made as by and between **UNIVERSITY PHYSICIANS OF BROOKLYN, INC. located at 450 Clarkson Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11203** (“Covered Entity”), and \_\_\_\_\_ (“Business Associate”).

**WHEREAS**, Covered Entity and Business Associate are parties to one or more agreements with contract numbers referenced above, and may in the future become parties to additional agreements (collectively, the “Underlying Agreements”), pursuant to which Business Associate provides certain services to Covered Entity and, in connection with such services, creates, receives, uses or discloses for or on behalf of Covered Entity certain individually identifiable protected health information relating to patients of Covered Entity (“PHI”) that is subject to protection under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 and regulations promulgated thereunder, as such law and regulations may be amended from time to time (collectively, “HIPAA”); and

**WHEREAS**, by reason of such activities, the parties believe that Business Associate is a “business associate” of Covered Entity, as such term is defined in 45 CFR 160.103; and

**WHEREAS**, Covered Entity and Business Associate wish to comply in all respects with the requirements of HIPAA, including requirements applicable to the relationship between a covered entity and its business associates;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the parties agree that each of the Underlying Agreements shall hereby incorporate the following:

1. Definitions.

- a. "Individual" shall have the same meaning as the term “individual” in 45 CFR 164.501 and shall include a person who qualifies as a personal representative in accordance with 45 CFR 164.502(g).

- b. “Privacy Rule” shall mean the Standards for Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information at 45 CFR Part 160 and Part 164, Subparts A and E.
- c. “Security Rule” shall mean the Health Insurance Reform: Security Standards at 45 CFR Parts 160, 162 and 164.
- d. “Protected Health Information” shall have the same meaning as the term “protected health information” in 45 CFR 164.501, limited to the information created or received by Business Associate from or on behalf of Covered Entity.
- e. “Required By Law” shall have the same meaning as the term “required by law” in 45 CFR 164.501.
- f. “Secretary” shall mean the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services or his designee.

2. Obligations and Activities of Business Associate

- a. Business Associate agrees to not use or further disclose Protected Health Information other than as permitted or required by the Underlying Agreement or as Required By Law.
- b. Business Associate agrees to use appropriate safeguards, including without limitation administrative, physical, and technical safeguards, to prevent use or disclosure of the Protected Health Information other than as provided for by this Agreement and to reasonably and appropriately protect the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of any electronic Protected Health Information that it may receive, maintain, or transmit on behalf of the Covered Entity.
- c. Business Associate agrees to mitigate, to the extent practicable, any harmful effect that is known to Business Associate of a use or disclosure of Protected Health Information by Business Associate in violation of the requirements of this Agreement.

- d. Business Associate agrees to report to Covered Entity any use or disclosure of the Protected Health Information not provided for by this Agreement or any security incident of which it becomes aware involving Protected Health Information of the Covered Entity.
- e. Business Associate agrees to ensure that any agent, including a subcontractor, to whom it provides Protected Health Information received from, or created or received by Business Associate on behalf of Covered Entity agrees to the same restrictions and conditions that apply through this Agreement to Business Associate with respect to such information.
- f. Business Associate agrees to provide access, at the request of Covered Entity, and in the time and manner designated by Covered Entity, to Protected Health Information in a Designated Record Set, to Covered Entity or, as directed by Covered Entity, to an Individual in order to meet the requirements under 45 CFR 164.524.
- g. Business Associate agrees to make any amendment(s) to Protected Health Information in a Designated Record Set that the Covered Entity directs or agrees to pursuant to 45 CFR 164.526 at the request of Covered Entity or an Individual, and in the time and manner designated by Covered Entity.
- h. Business Associate agrees to make internal practices, books, and records relating to the use and disclosure of Protected Health Information received from, or created or received by Business Associate on behalf of, Covered Entity available to the Covered Entity, or at the request of the Covered Entity to the Secretary, in a time and manner designated by the Covered Entity or the Secretary, for purposes of the Secretary determining Covered Entity's compliance with the Privacy & Security Rules.
- i. Business Associate agrees to document such disclosures of Protected Health Information and information related to such disclosures as would be required for Covered Entity to respond to a request by an Individual for an accounting of disclosures of Protected Health Information in accordance with 45 CFR 164.528.
- j. Business Associate agrees to provide to Covered Entity or an Individual, in time and manner designated by Covered Entity, information collected in accordance with Section

(2)(i) of this Agreement, to permit Covered Entity to respond to a request by an Individual for an accounting of disclosures of Protected Health Information in accordance with 45 CFR 164.528.

- k. Business Associate hereby acknowledges and agrees that Covered Entity has notified Business Associate that it is required to comply with the confidentiality, disclosure and re-disclosure requirements of 10 NYCRR Part 63 to the extent such requirements may be applicable.
3. Permitted Uses and Disclosures by Business Associate. Except as otherwise limited in this Agreement, Business Associate may use or disclose Protected Health Information to perform functions, activities, or services for, or on behalf of, Covered Entity as specified in the Underlying Agreement, provided that such use or disclosure would not violate the Privacy & Security Rules if done by Covered Entity.
- a. Except as otherwise limited in this Agreement, Business Associate may use Protected Health Information for the proper management and administration of the Business Associate or to carry out the legal responsibilities of the Business Associate.
  - b. Except as otherwise limited in this Agreement, Business Associate may disclose Protected Health Information for the proper management and administration of the Business Associate, provided that disclosures are required by law, or Business Associate obtains reasonable assurances from the person to whom the information is disclosed that it will remain confidential and used or further disclosed only as required by law or for the purpose for which it was disclosed to the person, and the person notifies the Business Associate of any instances of which it is aware in which the confidentiality of the information has been breached.
4. Term and Termination.
- a. Term. The Term of this Agreement shall be effective as of the Effective Date (as defined below), and shall terminate when all of the Protected Health Information provided by Covered Entity to Business Associate, or created or received by Business Associate on

behalf of Covered Entity, is destroyed or returned to Covered Entity, or, if it is infeasible to return or destroy Protected Health Information, protections are extended to such information, in accordance with the termination provisions in this Section.

- b. Termination for Cause. Upon Covered Entity's knowledge of a material breach by Business Associate, Covered Entity may, in its sole discretion, either (1) provide Business Associate with an opportunity to cure the breach and then terminate the Underlying Agreement if Business Associate does not cure the breach within time period specified by the Covered Entity or (2) terminate the Underlying Agreement immediately.
- c. Effect of Termination.
  - (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this section, upon termination of this Agreement or the Underlying Agreement for any reason, Business Associate shall return or destroy all Protected Health Information received from Covered Entity, or created or received by Business Associate on behalf of Covered Entity. This provision shall apply to Protected Health Information that is in the possession of subcontractors or agents of Business Associate. Business Associate shall retain no copies of the Protected Health Information.
  - (2) In the event that Business Associate determines that returning or destroying the Protected Health Information is infeasible, Business Associate shall provide to Covered Entity notification of the conditions that make return or destruction infeasible. Upon mutual agreement of the Parties that return or destruction of Protected Health Information is infeasible, Business Associate shall extend the protections of this Agreement to such Protected Health Information and limit further uses and disclosures of such Protected Health Information to those purposes that make the return or destruction infeasible, for so long as Business Associate maintains such Protected Health Information.
- d. Effective Date. The effective date of this Agreement (the "Effective Date") shall be the later of (i) the effective date of the Underlying Agreement or (ii) April 14, 2003.

5. Miscellaneous.

- a. Regulatory References. A reference in this Agreement to a section in the Privacy & Security Rules means the section as in effect or as amended, and for which compliance is required.
- b. Amendment. The Parties agree to take such action as is necessary to amend the Underlying Agreement from time to time as is necessary for Covered Entity to comply with the requirements of the Privacy & Security Rules and the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, Public Law 104-191; provided, however, that no amendment shall be deemed valid unless signed by both parties.
- c. Survival. The respective rights and obligations of Business Associate under Section 4(c) of this Agreement shall survive the termination of this Agreement and/or the Underlying Agreements, as shall the rights of access and inspection of Covered Entity.
- d. Interpretation. Any ambiguity in this Agreement shall be resolved in favor of a meaning that permits Covered Entity to comply with the Privacy & Security Rules.
- e. Material Breach. The parties acknowledge that in the event the Covered Entity learns of a pattern or activity or practice of the Business Associate that constitutes violation of a material term of this Agreement, then the parties promptly shall take reasonable steps to cure the violation. If such steps are, in the judgment of the Covered Entity, unsuccessful, ineffective or not feasible, then the Covered Entity may terminate, in its sole discretion, any or all of the Underlying Agreements upon written notice to the Business Associate, if feasible, and if not feasible, shall report the violation to the Secretary of HHS.
- f. Governing Law; Conflict. This Agreement shall be enforced and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York. Jurisdiction of any litigation with respect to this Agreement shall be in New York, with venue in a court of competent jurisdiction located in Kings County. In the event of a conflict between the terms of this Agreement and the terms of any of the Underlying Agreements, the terms of this Agreement shall control.

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University Physicians of Brooklyn-  
Signature of Authorized Official

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Business Associate-  
Signature of Authorized Official

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University Physicians of Brooklyn-  
Print Name of Authorized Official

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