



SALISH BH-ASO POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

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PURPOSE

This policy addresses definitions for Salish Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization (SBH-ASO) policies relating to Protected Health Information (PHI).

DEFINITIONS

1. **Act** means the Social Security Act.
2. **ANSI** stands for the American National Standards Institute.
3. **Authorized Representative** means a personal representative who is authorized under Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), State Law, or other law to act on behalf of an Individual in making decisions related to Health Care. This includes a court-appointed guardian and a person with a Power of Attorney that extends to Health Care decisions but may also include other persons such as the parent, guardian, or person acting in loco parentis of an unemancipated minor.
4. **Breach Notification Rule** means the Notification of Unsecured Protected Health Information (PHI) standards promulgated to implement HIPAA, as may be amended from time to time.
5. **Breach of Unsecured PHI** means the acquisition, access, use, or disclosure of PHI in a manner not permitted under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, as amended (HIPAA) that compromises the security or privacy of the PHI, with the exclusions and exceptions listed in 45 CFR §164.402. An analysis must be performed to determine whether

notification of an event affecting PHI is required.

6. **Business Associate** means any person or entity (other than in the capacity of Workforce) who:

6.1 **Activities on Behalf of a Covered Entity Involving PHI.** On behalf of a Covered Entity (or Organized Health Care Arrangement in which a Covered Entity participates) creates, receives, maintains or transmits PHI for a function or activity regulated by HIPAA, including claims processing or administration, data analysis, processing, or administration, utilization review, quality assurance, patient safety activities, billing, benefit management, practice management and repricing;

6.2 **Services Involving PHI.** Provides to a Covered Entity (or Organized Health Care Arrangement in which a Covered Entity participates) legal, actuarial, accounting, consulting, data aggregation, management, administrative, accreditation or financial services involving the Disclosure of PHI from the Covered Entity or Organized Health Care Arrangement; and/or

6.3 **Specified Entity.** Is: (a) health information organization, e-prescribing gateway or other person that provides data transmission services with respect to PHI and requires access on a routine basis to the PHI; (b) a person who offers a personal health record to Individuals on behalf of a Covered Entity; and/or (c) a Subcontractor that creates, receives, maintains or transmits PHI on behalf of a Business Associate.

6.4 **Exclusions.** Is not: (a) Health Care Provider (for Treatment purposes); (b) a sponsor of a Health Plan (for Health Plan activities in compliance with HIPAA); (c) a government agency (for determining eligibility for or enrollment in a government Health Plan); or (d) a Covered Entity performing services on behalf of the Organized Health Care Arrangement in which it is participating.

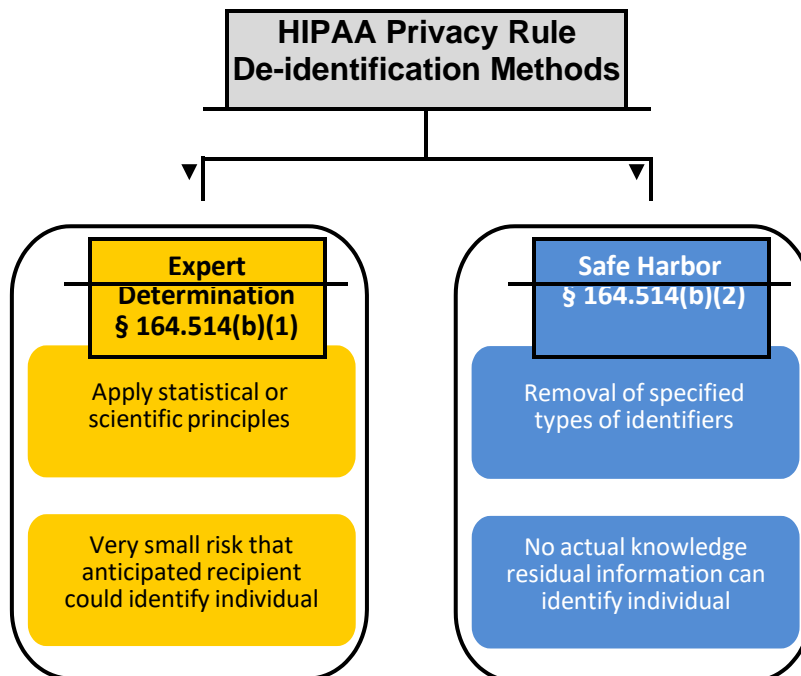
6.5 **Examples.** Salish BH-ASO acts as a Business Associate for its Upstream Covered Entities. Additionally, Salish BH-ASO contracts with Subcontractor Business Associates.

7. **Business Associate Agreement or BAA** means the satisfactory written assurance from a Business Associate to permit the Business Associate to create, receive, maintain, or transmit PHI on behalf of a Covered Entity or upstream Business Associate. A BAA, in part, establishes the Business Associate's: permitted or required uses and disclosures of PHI; obligations to safeguard PHI; and facilitation of the rights of Individuals with respect to PHI. At a minimum, the BAA must contain the language required by HIPAA for a BAA. A BAA may take many forms including a stand-alone contract,

addendum to a service contract, or amendment to a contract. SBH-ASO, at times, will be contracting both with Business Associates and as a Business Associate.

8. **Code Set** means any set of codes used to encode Data Elements, such as tables of terms, medical concepts, medical diagnostic codes, or medical procedure codes. A Code Set includes the codes and the descriptors of the codes.
9. **Code Set Maintaining Organization** means an organization that creates, and maintains the Code Sets adopted by the Secretary for use in the transactions for which Standards are adopted in this part.
10. **Common Control** exists if an entity has the power, directly or indirectly, significantly to influence or direct the actions or policies of another entity.
11. **Common Ownership** exists if an entity or entities possess an ownership or equity interest of 5 percent or more in another entity.
12. **Correctional Institution** means any penal or correctional facility, jail, reformatory, detention center, work farm, halfway house, or residential community program center operated by, or under contract to, the United States, a state, a territory, a political subdivision of a state or territory, or an Indian tribe, for the confinement or rehabilitation of persons charged with or convicted of a criminal offense or other persons held in lawful custody. Other persons held in lawful custody includes: juvenile offenders adjudicated delinquent, aliens detained awaiting deportation, persons committed to mental institutions through the criminal justice system, witnesses, or others awaiting charges or trial.
13. **Covered Entity** means one (1) of the following entities, which must comply with HIPAA: (a) Health Care Provider that electronically transmits any HIPAA-covered Transaction (usually related to electronic billing); (b) Health Plan; and/or (c) Health Care Clearinghouse.
14. **Covered Functions** means those functions of a Covered Entity, the performance of which makes the entity a Covered Entity (e.g., a Health Plan, Health Care Provider, or Health Care Clearinghouse).
15. **Data Aggregation** means, with respect to PHI created or received by a Business Associate in its capacity as the Business Associate of a Covered Entity, the combining of PHI by the Business Associate with the PHI received by the Business Associate in its capacity as a Business Associate of another Covered Entity, to permit data analyses that relate to the Health Care Operations of the respective Covered Entities.

16. **Data Use Agreement** means the written assurances that must be provided by a recipient of a Limited Data Set. A Data Use Agreement, at a minimum, must contain the language required by the Privacy Rule.
17. **Data Condition** means all the Data Elements and Code Sets inherent to a Transaction, and not related to the Format of the Transaction. Data Elements that are related to the Format are not Data Content.
18. **Data Content** means all the Data Elements and Code Sets inherent to a Transaction, and not related to the Format of the Transaction. Data Elements that are related to the Format are not Data Content.
19. **Data Element** means the smallest named unit of information in a Transaction.
20. **Data Set** means a semantically meaningful unit of information exchanged between two parties to a Transaction.
21. **De-Identified Data or De-Identification** means health information that does not identify an Individual and with respect to which there is no reasonable basis to believe the information can be used to identify an Individual. To constitute De-Identified Data, the Covered Entity or Business Associate must meet one (1) of the two (2) De-Identification standards, which are depicted below:



22. **Descriptor** means the text defining a code.

23. **Designated Record Set** means a group of records maintained by or for a Covered Entity that is used for or constitutes:
- 23.0 **Health Care Provider Records.** The medical records and billing records about Individuals maintained by or for a covered Health Care Provider;
 - 23.1 **Health Plan Records.** The enrollment, payment, claims adjudication and case or medical management systems maintained by or for a Health Plan; or
 - 23.2 **For Decisions.** The PHI used, in whole or in part, by or for the Covered Entity to make decisions about Individuals.
 - 23.3 **Definition of Record.** For purposes of this definition paragraph, the term “record” means any item, collection, or grouping of information that includes PHI and is maintained, collected, used, or disseminated by or for a Covered Entity.
24. **Disclosure** means the release, transfer, provision of access to, or divulging in any other manner of information outside the entity holding the information.
25. **Electronic Media** means the mode of electronic transmission. It includes the Internet (wide open), Extranet (using Internet technology to link a business with information only accessible to collaborating parties), leased lines, dial-up lines, private networks, and those transmissions that are physically moved from one location to another using magnetic tape, disk, or compact disk media.
26. **Financial Remuneration** means, for Marketing purposes, direct or indirect payment from or on behalf of a third-party whose product or service is being described. Direct or indirect payment does not include any Payment for Treatment of an Individual.
27. **Format** refers to those Data Elements that provide or control the enveloping or hierarchical structure, or assist in identifying Data Content of, a Transaction.
28. **HCFA** stands for Health Care Financing Administration within the Department of Health and Human Services referred to as CMS (Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services).
29. **HCPCS** stands for Health [Care Financing Administration] Common Procedure Coding System.
30. **Health Care** means care, services, or supplies furnished to an Individual and related to the health of the Individual. Health Care includes the following:
- 30.0 **Care and Services.** Preventive, diagnostic, therapeutic, rehabilitative, maintenance, or palliative care and counseling, service, assessment, or procedure with respect to the physical or mental condition, or functional status, of an Individual or that affects the structure or function of the

- body; and
- 30.1 **Drug, Device, or Equipment.** Sale or dispensing of a drug, device, equipment, or other item in accordance with a prescription.
31. **Health Care Clearinghouse** means a public or private entity, including a billing service repricing company, community health management information system or community health information system, and “value-added” networks and switches that does either of the following functions:
- 31.0 Processes or facilitates the processing Health Information received from another entity in a nonstandard Format or containing nonstandard Data Content into Standard Data Elements or a Standard Transaction.
- 31.1 Receives a Standard Transaction from another entity and processes or facilitated the processing of Health Information into nonstandard Format or nonstandard Data Content for a receiving entity.
32. **Health Care Component** has the following meaning:
- 34.1 Component of a Covered Entity that performs Covered Functions are part of the Health Care Component.
- 34.2 Another component of the Covered Entity is part of the entity’s health care component to the extent that:
- It performs, with respect to a component that performs Covered Functions, activities that would make such other component a Business Associate of the component that performs Covered Functions if the two components were separate legal entities; and
 - The activities involve the Use or Disclosure of Protected Health Information that such other component creates or receives from or on behalf of the component that performs Covered Functions.
33. **Health Care Operations** means any of the following activities of the Covered Entity to the extent the activities are related to Covered Functions and any of the following activities of an Organized Health Care Arrangement in which the Covered Entity participates:
- 33.0 **Quality Assessment and Improvement.** Conducting quality assessment and improvement activities, including outcomes evaluation and development of clinical guidelines, as long as the obtaining of generalizable knowledge is not the primary purpose of any studies resulting from the activities, population-based activities relating to improving health or reducing Health Care costs, protocol development, case management and care coordination, contacting of Health Care Providers and Individuals with information about Treatment alternatives and related functions that do not include Treatment;
- 33.1 **Professional Competence or Qualifications.** Reviewing the competence or qualifications of health care professionals, evaluating practitioner and provider performance, Health Plan performance,

- conducting training programs in which students, trainees, or practitioners in areas of Health Care learn under supervision to practice or improve their skills as Health Care Providers, training of non-health care professionals, accreditation, certification, licensing, or credentialing activities;
- 33.2 **Underwriting.** Underwriting, premium rating and other activities relating to the creation, renewal, or replacement of a contract of health insurance or health benefits and ceding, securing, or placing a contract for reinsurance of risk relating to claims for Health Care (including stop-loss insurance and excess of loss insurance). (Note: the requirements of 45 CFR §164.514(g) must be met, if applicable);
- 33.3 **Medical, Legal, and Auditing Review.** Conducting or arranging for medical review, legal services and auditing functions, including fraud and abuse detection and compliance programs;
- 33.4 **Business Planning.** Business planning and development, such as conducting cost-management and planning-related analyses related to managing and operating the entity, including formulary development and administration, development or improvement of methods of payment or coverage policies; and
- 33.5 **Business Management.** Business management and general administrative activities of the entity, including, but not limited to:
- 33.5.1 Management activities relating to implementation of and compliance with the requirements of the HIPAA Privacy Rule;
- 33.5.2 Customer service, including the provision of data analyses for policyholders, plan sponsors, or other customers, as long as PHI is not disclosed to the policyholder, plan sponsor, or customer;
- 33.5.3 Resolution of internal grievances;
- 33.5.4 Due diligence in connection with the sale or transfer of assets to a potential successor in interest, if the potential successor in interest is a Covered Entity or, following completion of the sale or transfer, will become a Covered Entity; and
- 33.5.5 Creating De-Identified Data, fundraising for the benefit of the Covered Entity and Marketing for which an Individual authorization is not required as described in §164.514(e)(2), subject to applicable de-identification requirements of §164.514. See also, Section 10 of this policy (definition of De-Identified Data) and Policy 2503.00: De-Identification and Limited Data Sets.

34. **Health Care Provider** means:

- 36.1 A “provider of services,” which includes a hospital, critical access hospital, skilled nursing facility, comprehensive outpatient rehabilitation facility, home health agency, or hospice program;

36.2 A provider of “medical or health services,” which includes: physician services; “incident to” services, hospital services, outpatient physical and occupational medicine services, diagnostic services, rural health clinic services, home dialysis supplies, equipment and services, antigens, physician assistant and nurse practitioner services, blood clotting factors, immunosuppression therapy, physician assistant services, certified midwife services, qualified psychologist services, clinical social worker services, erythropoietin, prostate cancer screen tests, oral anti-cancer drugs, colorectal screening tests, diabetes outpatient self- management training, anti-emetic to accompany chemotherapy, glaucoma screening, medical nutrition therapy services, initial preventative physical examination, cardiovascular screening blood tests, diabetes screening tests, intravenous immune globin, ultrasound screening, other preventive services, cardiac rehabilitation, kidney disease education, personalized prevention plan and home infusion; diagnostic x-rays; x-ray, radium and radioactive isotope therapy; surgical dressings, splints and casts; durable medical equipment; ambulance services; prosthetic devices; braces and artificial limbs and eyes; pneumococcal vaccine; certified registered nurse anesthetist services; certain custom molded shoes; screening mammography; pap smear and screening pelvic exam; and bone mass measurement; or

36.3 Any other person or organization who bills or is paid for Health Care in the normal course of business. See, §1861(u) of the Social Security Act, 42 USC § 1395x(u)].

35. **Health Insurance Issuer** means an insurance company, insurance service, or insurance organization (including an HMO) that is licensed to engage in the business of insurance in a state and is subject to State Law that regulates insurance. A Health Insurance Issuer does not include a Group Health Plan. See § 2791(b)(2) of the Public Health Service Act, 42 USC 300gg-91(b)(2).

36. **Health Maintenance Organization or HMO** is a health insurance provider with a network of contracted Health Care Providers and facilities. Subscribers pay a fee for access to services within the HMO’s network. Typically, an HMO develops its network by contracting primary care physicians (e.g., internists and family doctors), specialists (e.g., cardiologists and ophthalmologists), and clinical facilities (e.g., hospitals and specialty clinics). The HMO agrees to pay these parties specific levels of compensation for a range of services they provide to its subscribers. In return for a monthly fee, or premium, subscribers are granted access to providers inside the network at no additional cost. Subscribers may access services outside the network with the HMO’s approval but may need to pay for part of the services. See, §2791 of the Public Health Service Act (PHS), 42 USC § 300gg-91(b)(3). See also, RCW 48.46.020 (13) (HMO means any organization that provides comprehensive health care services to enrolled participants of such organization on a group practice per capita prepayment basis or on a prepaid individual practice plan, except for an enrolled participant’s responsibility for

copayments and/or deductibles, either directly or through contractual or other arrangements with other institutions, entities, or persons, and which qualifies as a Health Maintenance Organization pursuant to RCW 48.46.030 and 48.46.040.).

37. **Health Oversight Agency** means an agency or authority of the United States, a state, a territory, a political subdivision of a state or territory, or an Indian tribe, or a person or entity acting under a grant of authority from or contract with such public agency, including the employees or agents of the public agency or its contractors or persons or entities to whom it has granted authority, that is authorized by law to oversee the health care system (whether public or private) or government programs in which Health Information is necessary to determine eligibility or compliance, or to enforce civil rights laws for which Health Information is relevant.
38. **Health Plan** means an individual or group plan that provides, or pays the cost of, medical care. A Health Plan is an entity that provides, offers, or arranges for coverage of designated health services needed by plan members for a fixed, prepaid premium. SBH-ASO treats itself as a Health Plan.
39. **HHS** stands for the Department of Health and Human Services.
40. **HIPAA** refers to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) which was passed in 1996 as part of Congressional Response to the breach of confidentiality of Individuals protected health information.
41. **HITECH** refers to the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health.
42. **Hybrid Entity** means a single legal entity that is a Covered Entity and whose Covered Functions are not its primary functions.
43. **Implementation Specification** means the specific requirements or instructions for implementing a Standard.
44. **Individual** (for the purpose of these Privacy and IS policies) means the person who is the subject of PHI who is receiving or has received services from a Covered Entity that receives Payment from or through SBH-ASO. An individual has the right of access to inspect and obtain a copy of their PHI maintained in a designated record set, excluding Psychotherapy notes and information compiled in reasonable anticipation of, or for use in, a civil, criminal, or administrative action or proceeding.
45. **Individually Identifiable Health Information** is information that is a subset of Health Information, including demographic information collected from an Individual, and:
1. Is created or received by a Health Care Provider, Health Plan, employer, or

- Health Care Clearinghouse; and
2. Relates to the past, present, or future physical or behavioral health or condition of an Individual; the provision of Health Care to an Individual; or the past, present, or future payment for the provision of Health Care to an Individual; and
 - That identifies the Individual; or
 - With respect to which there is a reasonable basis to believe the information can be used to identify the Individual.

46. **Law Enforcement Official** means an officer or employee of any agency or authority of the United States, a state, a territory, a political subdivision of a state or territory, or an Indian tribe, who is empowered by law to: (a) investigate or conduct an official inquiry into a potential violation of law; or (b) prosecute or otherwise conduct a criminal, civil, or administrative proceeding arising from an alleged violation of law.

47. **Limited Data Set** means PHI that excludes 16 categories of direct identifiers related to the Individual or relatives, employers, or household members of the Individual and may be used or disclosed, only for purposes of Research, public health, or Health Care Operations, without obtaining either an Individual's authorization or a waiver or an alteration of authorization, as long as the recipient of the Limited Data Set enters into a Data Use Agreement. A Limited Data Set may include city; state; zip code; elements of date; and other numbers, characteristics, or codes not listed as direct identifiers. To constitute a Limited Data Set, the following direct identifiers of an Individual and the Individual's relatives, employers, or household members must be removed:

- 47.0 Names;
- 47.1 Postal addresses other than town/city, State, and zip code;
- 47.2 Telephone numbers;
- 47.3 Fax numbers;
- 47.4 Email addresses;
- 47.5 Social Security numbers;
- 47.6 Medical record numbers;
- 47.7 Health plan beneficiary numbers;
- 47.8 Account numbers;
- 47.9 Certificate/license numbers;
- 47.10 Vehicle identifiers and serial numbers, including license plate numbers;
- 47.11 Device identifiers and serial numbers;
- 47.12 Web Universal Resource Locators (URLs);
- 47.13 Internet Protocol (IP) address numbers;
- 47.14 Biometric identifiers, including finger and voice prints; and
- 47.15 Full-face photographic images and any comparable images.

NOTE: that dates, town/cities, states, and zip codes may be included in a Limited Data Set.

48. **Maintain or Maintenance** refers to activities necessary to support the use of a Standard adopted by the Secretary, including technical corrections to an Implementation Specification, and enhancements or expansion of a Code Set. This term excludes the activities related to the adoption of a new Standard or Implementation Specification, or Modification to an adopted Standard or Implementation Specification.
49. **Marketing** means a communication about a product or service that encourages a recipient of the communication to use the product or service.
- 49.0 **Included as Marketing.** Marketing includes an arrangement between a Covered Entity and any other entity whereby the Covered Entity discloses PHI to the other entity, in exchange for direct or indirect remuneration, for the other entity or its affiliate to make a communication about its own product or service that encourages recipients of the communication to purchase or use that product or service.
- 49.1 **Exceptions.** Marketing does not include a communication made:
- 49.1.1 To provide refill reminders or otherwise communicate about a drug or biologic currently being prescribed for the Individual, only if any Financial Remuneration received by the Covered Entity in exchange for making the communication is reasonably related to the Covered Entity's cost of making the communication. See Section 13 of this policy (definition of Financial Remuneration).
- 49.1.2 For the following Treatment and Health Care Operations purposes, as long as the Covered Entity does not receive (see Section 13 of this policy (definition of Financial Remuneration) Financial Remuneration in exchange for making the communication:
1. For Treatment of an Individual by a Health Care Provider, including case management or care coordination for the Individual or to direct or recommend alternative treatments, therapies, Health Care Providers, or settings of care to the Individual;
 2. For service (or Payment for the product or service) that is provided by, or included in a plan of benefits of, the Covered Entity making the communication, including communications about:
 - the entities participating in a Health Care Provider network or Health Plan network;
 - replacement of, or enhancements to, a Health Plan; and
 - health related products or services available only to a Health Plan enrollee that add value to, but are not part

- of, a plan of benefits; or
3. For case management or care coordination, contacting of Individuals with information about Treatment alternatives, and related functions to the extent these activities do not fall within the definition of Treatment.
50. **Maximum Defined Data Set** means all of the required Data Elements for a particular Standard based on a specific Implementation Specification.
51. **Mental Health Information** means a type of Health Care information that relates to all information and records compiled, obtained, or maintained in the course of providing services by a mental health service agency or mental health professional to Individuals who are receiving or have received services for mental illness. The term includes mental health information contained in a medical bill, registration records and all other records regarding the Individual maintained by Washington State, regional support networks and their staff and treatment facilities. The term further includes certain documents of legal proceedings or somatic health care information. For Health Care information maintained by a hospital or a health care facility or Health Care Provider that participates with a hospital in an Organized Health Care Arrangement, “information and records related to mental health services” is limited to information and records of services provided by a mental health professional or information and records of services created by a hospital-operated community mental health program. The term does not include Psychotherapy Notes.
52. **Part 2 Information** means any records containing information, whether recorded or not, received or acquired by a Part 2 Program that identifies an Individual as a recipient of services from a Part 2 Program. (e.g., diagnosis, Treatment and referral for Treatment information, billing information, emails, voice mails, and texts). Essentially, Part 2 Information will state or suggest the Individual has a Substance Use Disorder (SUD) or has been treated by a Part 2 Program.
53. **Part 2 Program** means a federally assisted program engaged in the provision of SUD diagnosis, treatment, or referral for treatment.
54. **Part 2** means those regulations at 42 CFR Part 2 related to the confidentiality of substance abuse disorder treatment information.
55. **Power of Attorney** means a written record that grants an agent authority to act in the place of a principal or Individual.
56. **Privacy Notice** the notice of privacy practices relating to SBH-ASO’s use and disclosure of PHI that is mandated under HIPAA and 42 CFR Part 2

regulations for distribution to all Individuals whose information will be collected by or on behalf of SBH-ASO.

57. **Privacy Officer** means the Workforce member designated as the Privacy Officer or his or her designee. The Privacy Officer may delegate certain tasks to other Workforce or Business Associates but retains overall responsibility for SBH-ASO's privacy policies, procedures and practices.

58. **Privacy Rule** means the Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information Standards promulgated to implement HIPAA, as may be amended from time to time.

59. **Protected Health Information or PHI** means Health Information, including demographic information, in any medium, that:

1. is created or received by or on behalf of a Covered Entity, a Business Associate, or by or on behalf of Health Care Provider, Health Plan, employer, or Health Care Clearinghouse;
2. relates to the past, present, or future physical or mental health or condition of an Individual, relates to the provision of Health Care to an Individual, or relates to the past, present, or future payment for the provision of Health Care to an Individual; and
3. identifies the Individual or for which there is a reasonable basis to believe the information can be used to identify the Individual; and
4. does not constitute
 - education records covered by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act ("FERPA"),
 - "treatment" records covered by FERPA,
 - employment records, or
 - information about an Individual who has been deceased for more than 50 years. PHI includes information about Individuals living or deceased.

NOTE: The following identifiers for an Individual or family, employers, or household members of an Individual (for example, when the information identifies an Individual as a patient of a Health Care Provider or a participant of a Health Plan) are considered personally identifiable information (unless the information is deemed to be De-Identified). This information can be used to identify, contact, or locate a single Individual or can be used with other sources to identify a single Individual. When personally identifiable information is used in conjunction with an Individual's physical or mental health or condition, Health Care, or Payment for that Health Care, it becomes PHI.

1. Name;
2. Address (all geographic subdivisions smaller than state, including street address, city county, and zip code);
3. All elements (except years) of dates related to an Individual (including birthdate, admission date, discharge date, date of death, and exact age if

- over 89);
4. Telephone numbers;
 5. Fax number;
 6. Email address;
 7. Social Security number;
 8. Medical record number;
 9. Health Plan beneficiary number;
 10. Account number;
 11. Certificate or license number;
 12. Any vehicle or other device serial number;
 13. Web URL;
 14. Internet Protocol (IP) Address;
 15. Biometric identifiers, including finger or voice prints;
 16. Photographic facial image or comparable images;
 17. Deoxyribonucleic acid or DNA; and
 18. Any other unique identifying number, characteristic, code or combination that allows identification of the Individual.
60. **Psychotherapy Notes** means notes recorded (in any medium) by a Health Care Provider who is a mental health professional documenting or analyzing the contents of conversation during a private counseling session or a group, joint, or family counseling session. Psychotherapy Notes must be separated from the Individual's medical record. Psychotherapy Notes excludes medication prescription and monitoring, counseling session start and stop times, the modalities and frequencies of Treatment furnished, results of clinical tests and any summary of the following items: diagnosis, functional status, the Treatment plan, symptoms, prognosis, and progress to date. PHI is broadly defined and includes demographic information about an Individual when associated in some form with Health Care or Payment for Health Care. PHI includes Part 2 Information, mental health information, and sexually transmitted disease information.
61. **Public Health Authority** means an agency or authority of the United States, a state, a territory, a political subdivision of a state or territory, or an Indian tribe, or a person or entity acting under a grant of authority from or contract with such public agency, including the employees or agents of such public agency or its contractors or persons or entities to whom it has granted authority, that is responsible for public health matters as part of its official mandate.
62. **Record** any item, collection, or grouping of information that includes PHI and is maintained, collected, used, or disseminated by or for a Covered Entity.
63. **Required by Law** means a mandate contained in law that compels SBH-ASO or a Workforce member to make a use or disclosure of PHI and that is enforceable in a court of law. "Required by Law" includes, but is not limited to: court orders and court-ordered warrants; subpoenas or a summons

issued by a court, grand jury, a governmental or tribal inspector general, or an administrative body authorized to require the production of information; a civil or an authorized investigative demand; Medicare conditions of participation with respect to Health Care Providers participating in the program; and statutes or regulations that require the production of information, including statutes or regulations that require PHI if payment is sought under a government program providing public benefits.

64. **Sale of PHI** means a disclosure of PHI by a Covered Entity or Business Associate when the Covered Entity or Business Associate directly or indirectly receives remuneration from or on behalf of the recipient of the PHI in exchange for the PHI, subject to the following exceptions:
- 64.0 For **public health** purposes;
 - 64.1 For **Research** purposes, where the only remuneration received by the Covered Entity or Business Associate is a reasonable cost-based fee to cover the cost to prepare and transmit the PHI for those purposes;
 - 64.2 For **Treatment** purposes;
 - 64.3 For **Payment** purposes;
 - 64.4 For the **sale**, transfer, merger, or consolidation of all or part of the Covered Entity and related due diligence;
 - 64.5 To or by a **Business Associate** for activities the Business Associate undertakes on behalf of a Covered Entity, or on behalf of a Business Associate in the case of a Subcontractor and the only remuneration provided is for the performance of the activities;
 - 64.6 To an **Individual** for access to records or to receive an accounting of disclosures;
 - 64.7 **Required by Law**; and
 - 64.8 For any other purpose permitted by and in accordance with the applicable **requirements of the HIPAA Privacy Rule**, when the only remuneration received by the Covered Entity or Business Associate is a reasonable, cost-based fee to cover the cost to prepare and transmit the PHI for that purpose or a fee otherwise expressly permitted by other law.
65. **Security Incident** means the attempted or successful unauthorized access, Use, Disclosure, modification, or destruction of information or interference with system operations in an information system.
66. **Segment** means a group of related Data Elements in a Transaction.
67. **Standard** means a rule, condition, or requirement:
1. Describing the following information for products, systems, services, or practices:
 - Classification of components;
 - Specification of materials, performance, or operations; or
 - Delineation of procedures; or

2. With respect to the privacy of protected health information, **Secretary** means the Secretary of Health and Human Services or any other officer or employee of the Department of Health and Human Services to whom the authority involved has been delegated.
68. **Standard Setting Organization** (SSO) means an organization accredited by the American National Standards Institute that develops and maintains standards for information transactions or Data Elements, or any other Standard that is necessary for, or will facilitate the implementation of 45 CFR 160.103.
69. **Standard Transaction** means a Transaction that complies with the applicable Standard under 45 CFR 162.103.
70. **State** refers to one of the following:
1. For Health Plans established or regulated by Federal law, State has the meaning set forth in the applicable section of the United States Code for each Health Plan.
 2. For all other purposes, State means Washington State.
71. **State Law** means a constitution, statute, regulation, rule, common law, or other state action having the force and effect of law. This generally refers to laws of the State of Washington.
72. **Subcontractor** means a person to whom a Business Associate delegates a function, activity, or service, other than in the capacity of a member of the Workforce of the Business Associate. Subcontractors may include outside consultants, contractors, suppliers, and vendors. Subcontractors may become Business Associates if they create, receive, maintain, or transmit PHI on behalf of the Business Associate. See Section 3 of this policy (definition of Business Associate).
73. **Summary Health Information** means information, that may be Individually Identifiable Health Information, and:
1. That summarizes the claims history, claims expenses, or type of claims experienced by Individuals for whom a plan sponsor has provided health benefits under a Group Health Plan; and
 2. From which the information described at 45 CFR 164.514(b)(2)(i) has been deleted, except that the geographic information described in 45 CFR 164.514(b)(2)(i)(B) need only be aggregated to the level of a five-digit zip code.
74. **Trading Partner Agreement** means an agreement related to the exchange of information in electronic transactions, whether the agreement is distinct or part of a larger agreement, between each party to the agreement. (For example, a trading partner agreement may specify, among other things, the duties and

responsibilities of each party to the agreement in conducting a Standard Transaction.)

75. **Transaction** means an electronic exchange of information between two (2) parties to carry out financial or administrative activities related to Health Care. For example, a Health Care Provider will send a claim to a Health Plan to request payment for medical services. Electronic transactions are being used in health care to increase efficiencies in operations, improve the quality and accuracy of information and reduce the overall costs to the system. It includes the following types of information transmissions:
- 75.0 Claims submission and encounter information;
 - 75.1 Payment to a Health Care Provider and remittance advice;
 - 75.2 Health Care Claim status;
 - 75.3 Eligibility;
 - 75.4 Enrollment and disenrollment in a Health Plan;
 - 75.5 Referral certification and authorization;
 - 75.6 Coordination of benefits;
 - 75.7 Premium payment to Health Plans;
 - 75.8 Health Care electronic funds transfer (“EFT”) and remittance advice;
 - 75.9 First report of injury;
 - 75.10 Health claims attachments; and
 - 75.11 Other transactions the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) may prescribe by regulation.
76. **Treatment** (for the purposes of the Privacy and IS Policies) means the provision, coordination, or management of Health Care and related services by one (1) or more Health Care Providers, including: the coordination or management of Health Care by a Health Care Provider with a third-party; consultation between Health Care Providers relating to an Individual; or the referral of a patient for Health Care from one (1) Health Care Provider to another.
77. **Unsecured PHI** means PHI that is not rendered unusable, unreadable, or indecipherable to unauthorized persons through the use of a technology or methodology specified by HIPAA.
78. **Use** means, with respect to PHI, the sharing, employment, application, utilization, examination, or analysis of PHI within an entity that maintains the PHI.
79. **Vulnerable Adult** (for the purposes of the Privacy and IS Policies) includes a person: (a) sixty (60) years of age or older who has the functional, mental, or physical inability to care for himself or herself; (b) found incapacitated; (c) who has a developmental disability; (d) admitted to any facility; (e) receiving services from home health, hospice, or home care agencies; (f) receiving services from an individual Health Care Provider; or (g) who self-directs his or her own care and receives services from a personal aide.

80. **Workforce** means employees, volunteers, trainees and other persons whose conduct, in the performance of work for SBH-ASO, is under the direct control of SBH-ASO, whether or not they are paid by SBH-ASO.