(A) Policy Statement

Patients may request amendments to their medical records ("PHI") through processes established by the Health Information Management ("HIM") Department.

(B) Purpose of Policy

To ensure that amendments to medical records are in accordance with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 ("HIPAA") Privacy Regulations, CFR 164.524; 164.526.

(C) Procedure

PATIENTS WISHING TO AMEND THEIR PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION

1. Individual rights. Individuals may submit a request to have their protected health information amended. Individuals requesting amendments must do so in writing and provide reasons for the amendments by completing the Request for Correction/Amendment of Health Information form located at http://utmc.utoledo.edu/patientguests/services/privacy.html. The individual must then submit the completed form to the HIM Department. When UTMC or its components are informed of an amendment to an individual’s PHI by another HIPAA covered entity, UTMC or its components will amend its records to reflect such amendments.

A representative from the HIM Department or Privacy Office will provide the original completed form to the author of the entry that is the subject of the request. Requests for amendment to billing information will be forwarded to and coordinated with the Patient Accounting Department.

The original completed request for amendment form will be scanned into the patient’s medical record. A copy will be sent to the individual making the request.

2. Timelines and Notifications. UTMC will act on a request for amendment no later than 60 days after receipt of the request. The author of the entry to be amended will be given 30 days from the date of receipt to respond to the request. Where UTMC is unable to act on a request for amendment within 60 days of its receipt, the individual will be provided with a written notice and reason for the delay with an expected date for response. The expected response date will be no more than 90 days from the receipt of the request for amendment form.

Amendments will be made accessible through the electronic medical record.
Persons who have received PHI about the patient in the past who need to know about the amendment as documented in the patient’s record will be notified. Persons identified by the individual as having received PHI and needing the amendment will also be sent a copy of the amendment. The HIM release of information unit will process and make note of the release of information on the original copy of the amendment before placing it in the patient’s record.

3. **Denial of request for amendment.** UTMC or its components may deny a request for an amendment if:

   a) The document to be amended was not created by UTMC and there is no reasonable basis to believe that the originator of the document is no longer available to act on the amendment.
   
   b) The information to be amended is not part of the designated record set.
   
   c) The information is accurate and complete.
   
   d) The information is not available for inspection by law as outlined in (C)(1) of this document.

Where the request for an amendment has been denied, a basis for denial and the individual’s right to submit a statement of disagreement must also be included. The author of the entry that is the subject of the request may issue a statement of rebuttal to the individual’s statement of disagreement if necessary. A copy of the rebuttal statement will be sent to the individual if issued.

The notification of denial must also include procedures for filing a complaint at the UTMC and the office of the Secretary of Health and Human Services. The title and telephone number for an official at the Privacy Office responsible for receiving such complaints at UTMC will be provided.

4. **Subsequent disclosures after denial.** Where an individual chooses **not** to submit a statement of disagreement, he/she may request that UTMC attach a copy of the request to amend and the decision to deny to any subsequent disclosures pertaining to that request.

Where a statement of disagreement is submitted, the statement together with the following will be attached to any subsequent disclosures pertaining to the request:

   a) A copy of the request to amend form.
   
   b) A copy of the denial to the request.
   
   c) A copy of the author’s statement of rebuttal to the statement of disagreement if available.

Where a transaction does not allow the attachment of additional documents, UTMC may submit the required attachments separately to the receiving entity. part 162 Subchapter C.

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**Approved by:**

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**Policies Superseded by This Policy:**

*It is the responsibility of the reader to verify with the responsible agent that this is the most current version of the policy.*
**Request for Amendment to Protected Health Information (PHI)**

**Release of Information Unit - Health Information Management**
University of Toledo Medical Center
1015 Research Drive, Toledo, OH 43614
Phone: 419-383-4982  Fax: 419-383-3001

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### Patient Information
- **Patient Name:** ____________________
- **Birth Date:** ____________ **SS#** __________
- **Med Record # (optional):** ____________
- **Address:** _________________________
- **Phone:** _________________________

### Amendment Information
- **Date of entry to be amended:** ____________
- **Type of entry to be amended:** ____________
- **Reason for amendment:** _________________________

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**How is the current information inaccurate or incomplete? (please be specific)**

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**What should the entry say to be accurate/complete? (please be specific)**

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**Would you like this information disclosed to any previous recipient of whom this information may have been disclosed to? (include full name and address)**

☐ Yes  ☐ No

**Name of Recipient:** ____________________________________________

**Address of Recipient:** ___________________________________________

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**Signed:**

(Patient or Authorized Representative) ____________________ Date ____________________

(Witness Optional) ____________________

(relationship to patient and authority to act in the patient’s behalf)

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**UTMC Response to Request**

**Date of Receipt of Request:** ____________

Your request for Amendment has been  ☐ granted  ☐ denied

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**Signature of UTMC Privacy Officer** ____________________ Date ____________________
Request For Correction/Amendment of PHI

Mailing Address: University of Toledo Medical Center
Release of Information Unit – Health Information Management
1015 Research Drive
Toledo, OH 43614
Phone: 419-383-4892    Fax: 419-383-3001

Please Print

Patient Name ____________________________  Birth Date ____________________________

Medical Record Number ____________________________  Date of Visit/Admission ____________________________

Patient Address ____________________________________________

Patient Telephone Number: ____________________________

Date of Entry to be Amended: ____________________________

Type of Entry to be Amended: ____________________________

Please explain how the entry is incorrect or incomplete. What should the entry say to be more accurate or complete?

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________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________

Would you like this amendment sent to anyone to whom we have disclosed the information in the past? If so, please specify the name and address of the organization or individual.

Name ____________________________  Address ____________________________________________

Signature of Patient /Legal Representative (relationship) ____________________________  Date ____________________________

Distribution:  Original Patient Record
              Copy to Patient
Response to Request

Your requested amendment has been:  □ Granted  □ Denied

If granted, date amendment is included in the health information record:  _____ / _____ / _____
Date authorized persons you requested we send the amendment to were notified:  _____ / _____ / _____

If denied, your request was denied for the following reason(s):

☐ The PHI that you requested us to amend was not created by our organization and the organization or individual who created the PHI must make the decision to amend. Please contact the organization or individual that created the PHI that you wish to amend about your desire to amend the PHI.

☐ The PHI that you requested us to amend is not part of the individual’s designated record set. In accordance with the federal regulations, only information that is part of the designated record set is subject to amendment.

☐ The author of the PHI that you requested us to amend is accurate and complete and therefore, we are not required to amend it.

Author Comments
________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________

Signature Author __________________________ Date of decision _____ / _____ / _____

Decided within 60 days of request?  □ Yes  □ No
If no, date 30-day extension notice sent to requestor:  _____ / _____ / _____
### Patient’s Rights Upon Receipt of Denial to Amendment Request

**Mailing Address:** University of Toledo Medical Center  
Release of Information Unit – Health Information Management  
1015 Research Drive  
Toledo, OH 43614  
Phone: 419-383-4982  
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If your request for amendment was denied, you may exercise the following rights:

- You may submit a written statement of disagreement (not to exceed 1-page in length) that will be included with the unchanged health information in any future disclosures of or use of the information.

- If you decided not to submit a statement of disagreement, you may direct us to include your amendment request and this denial response with the unchanged health information in any future disclosures or use of information. (Please check this box and return this to our facility)

- If you believe that we have not followed our information privacy policies of the federal regulations, you may file a written complain with the University of Toledo Privacy Officer or with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office for Civil Rights.
  - Lynn Hutt UTMC Privacy Officer.................: (419) 383-6933
  - US Department of Health and Human Service...1-877-696-6775

**Signature of Requestor** ___________________________  
**Date** ___________________________

To notify us of the above rights you wish to exercise, please return a copy of this form to the address of the Release of Information Unit of the Health Information Management Department. If you do not wish to exercise any of these rights, retain this form for your records.

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**UTMC Use Only**

Written statement received:  □ Yes □ No

If yes, Date: _________________________________________

Rebuttal to be included?  □ Yes □ No

If yes, date rebuttal copy mailed to requestor: _________________________________________