1.0 PURPOSE

To guide University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMC) employees in making disclosures of protected health information ( PHI) for specialized governmental functions.

2.0 SCOPE

The UMC Use and Disclosure of Protected Health Information for Specialized Government Functions Policy applies to any UMC employee who releases PHI for specialized government functions.

3.0 STANDARDS

UMC may disclose PHI for the following purposes without an authorization from the individual:

- **United States military personnel:**
  UMC can use and disclose the PHI of individuals who are Armed Forces personnel for activities deemed necessary by appropriate military command authorities to assure the proper execution of the military mission, if the appropriate military authority has published by notice in the Federal Register the following information:
  - Appropriate military command authorities; and
  - The purposes for which the PHI may be used or disclosed.

- **Foreign military personnel:**
  UMC may use and disclose the PHI of individuals who are foreign military personnel to their appropriate foreign military authority for the same purposes for which uses and disclosures are permitted for Armed Forces personnel under the
• National Security and Intelligence activities:
UMC may disclose PHI to authorized federal officials for the conduct of lawful intelligence, counter-intelligence, and other national security activities authorized by the National Security Act and implementing authority.

• Protective services for the President and others:
UMC may disclose PHI to authorized federal officials for the provision of protective services to the President or other persons authorized by 18 U.S.C. 3056, or the foreign heads of state or other person authorized by 22 U.S.C. 2709(a)(3), or for the conduct of investigations authorized by 18 U.S.C. 871 and 879.

4.0 CONTACT INFORMATION

For questions about the UMC Use and Disclosure of PHI for Specialized Government Functions Policy or for more information, call the Office of Integrity and Compliance at 815-3944.