

**Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center  
Information Services**

**CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT**

I understand that I require information to perform my duties at the Johns Hopkins University or Johns Hopkins Health System entity by which I am employed or for which I am volunteering ("Johns Hopkins"). This information may include, but is not limited to, information on patients, employees, plan members, students, other workforce members, donors, research, and financial and business operations. Some of this information is made confidential by law (such as "protected health information" or "PHI" under the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act) or by Johns Hopkins policies. Confidential information may be in any form, e.g., written, electronic, oral, overheard or observed. I also understand that access to all confidential information is granted on a need-to-know basis. A need-to-know is defined as information access that is required in order to perform my work or volunteer duties. If my duties change, my need-to-know also may change.

I agree to review the applicable Notice of Privacy Practices and the Johns Hopkins policies on confidentiality and privacy, including any policies that are specific to the entity and department in which I conduct my activities. I understand that these will be provided to me by my manager. I will access, use and disclose confidential information in keeping with these policies and only on a need-to-know basis. Before I make any other use or disclosure of confidential information, I will contact my supervisor or manager (if applicable) in order to obtain proper permission. If I have no manager or I am the manager, I will seek advice from the Health System or University Legal Counsel or the Johns Hopkins Privacy Officer to assure that the use or disclosure is within the law and Johns Hopkins policies.

I will not disclose confidential information to other patients, other plan members, friends, relatives, co-workers or anyone else except as permitted by Johns Hopkins policies and applicable law and as required to perform my work or volunteer duties.

I will protect the confidentiality of all confidential information, including PHI, while at Johns Hopkins and after I leave Johns Hopkins. All confidential information remains the property of Johns Hopkins and may not be removed or kept by me when I leave Johns Hopkins except as permitted by Johns Hopkins policies or specific agreements or arrangements applicable to my situation.

If I violate this agreement: if I am an employee, I may be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including discharge, under applicable human resources policies; if I am a volunteer, I may be subject to termination of my right to volunteer, under applicable program policies. In addition, under applicable law, I may be subject to criminal or civil penalties.

I have read and understand the above and agree to be bound by it. I understand that signing this agreement and complying with its terms is a requirement for me to work or volunteer at Johns Hopkins.

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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