

Job Shadowing Application

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Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

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Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: _____

Are you at least 18 years of age? Yes No If no, date of birth: _____

Educational Institution: _____

Educational Institution Contact: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Educational Institutional Address: _____

Reason for job shadow interest:

- Career development
- Mandatory requirement
- Career interest

Terms of Shadow:

Start date: _____

End date: _____

Number of hours: _____

Department Reporting To: _____

Department Contact: _____

HR USE ONLY

- ICARE Values
- Code of Conduct
- Department Contacted
- Immunizations (MMR, Hep. B, Current TB, Flu)
TB test needs to be less than 90 days old
- Confidentiality Agreement

Consent to Participate

I, the undersigned, for and in consideration of the benefit to be derived by the participation of the career observations, do hereby release and forever discharge the Blessing Health System, its agents, servants, representatives and staff from and against any and all liability and responsibility for any injury, illness or sickness which may result from the participation in the career observation, and do hereby further agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Blessing Health System, its agents, servants, representatives and staff, from any and all liability in such regard.

Parent signature is required if the participant is under the age of 18.

HIPAA and Confidentiality Statement

- 1. Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)** – The HIPAA Privacy Rule ensures privacy and confidentiality of patient information by limiting the ways health plans, pharmacies, hospitals, and other covered entities can use a patient’s protected health information. These regulations protect medical records and other individually identifiable health information, whether it’s on paper, in computers or communicated orally. HIPAA gives patients control over their health information because it established a list of rights afforded to them in relation to their protected health information. You may not access your own patient information or that of friends or relatives. You may not share information you learn as a result of this career observation with others (i.e. church members, family, friends, or the media) who are not part of the patient’s care. Treat patient information as you would want your own information treated.
- 2. Confidentiality and Security** – I understand that information concerning patients, their illness, or their families is confidential. I preserve this right to confidentiality by not discussing this information in public settings or with individuals not required to have access to this information based upon law and job functions. I understand that I do not have the right to access my own or family members’ medical information.

I understand that Blessing Health System is not held responsible for any accident or injury that may occur on its premises while shadowing. In addition, I am to leave valuables at home and realize it is my responsibility that these items are secured prior to shadowing.

Date

Participant Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Values

Integrity: Be honest and trustworthy

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- Follow through in a timely manner on commitments and requests or seek assistance

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- Provide feedback privately for behaviors that do not reflect BHS values; accept feedback respectfully
- Admit mistakes and take action to correct them
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- Arrive on time, ready to focus for assigned duties
- Ensure a clean professional image for yourself and our environment

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- Make thanking others for their contributions and accomplishments a habit
- Manage up providers and coworkers by communicating their strengths to others
- Use personal electronic devices for emergency purposes only or during breaks/meals
- Use proper names vs nicknames unless given permission to do differently

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- Apply consistent effort to achieve superior performance in department and organizational goals
- Look for ways to improve how we work by challenging the status quo
- Use resources (time, personnel, equipment, supplies, technology) responsibly
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- Continually learn to enhance your skills and abilities to serve
- Use tools/equipment properly; follow policies and procedures designed for safety and not take shortcuts
- Report actual or near miss safety events
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I have read and received a copy of the BHS values. I understand it is the expectation that I will uphold these values at all times, and I will hold others accountable to these values.

Signature

Print Name

Date

Employee Number

Department



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Code of Conduct

Policy Statement:

Employees, medical staff members, volunteers, students, contractors and Boards of Trustees/Directors are expected to be guided by the commitment of the organization to the highest standards of ethics and compliance. Everyone is responsible for knowing and following the Code of Conduct. In addition, professionals must follow the ethical standards dictated by their respective professional organizations.

Employees will sign the Code of Conduct and ICARE Standards of Behavior at time of hire; Board members and physicians will receive a copy at orientation. It is the responsibility of supervisors to see that staff in their areas receive adequate information and training to permit full compliance and to monitor compliance.

Standards of Conduct:

1. Personal Conduct

a. We respect confidentiality and privacy.

All information and records pertaining to patients, as well as proprietary information, are private and confidential and only authorized persons who must refer to them as a business necessity shall have access to them. You are not to engage in, or listen to, negativity or gossip. Listening without acting to stop it is the same as participating. You are to be respectful of the feelings, privacy, property, dignity, and rights of all customers. HIPAA policies provide guidelines to you related to the privacy of patient information. Employees, physicians, volunteers and students are expected to take steps to safeguard the Blessing entity's intellectual property, patient/client/customer information, trademarks, copyrights and other proprietary

information, and to respect the intellectual property rights of others.

b. **We will be responsive, caring, concerned, friendly and respectful.**

It is important all employees, medical staff, volunteers and students follow the standards of behavior of always identifying yourself and your role, explaining what you are doing, helping others find their way, being courteous and responding quickly. It is important you make contact and greet everyone you meet. It is expected you will give customers and visitors priority in hallways, elevators and parking areas. Personally escort individuals to their destinations when they are lost. These caring expectations should help employees and physicians improve the quality and effectiveness of their relationships and encounters with the public. You are expected to refrain from disruptive behavior because it may negatively impact the quality and safety of care, intimidate staff, affect morale, lead to turnovers or patients' choosing another provider. The following types of behaviors are considered disruptive: rude language, inappropriate gestures, threatening manners or statements, physical or verbal abuse, name calling, employees consistently arriving late for a meeting, and physicians arriving late to appointments or to begin clinical procedures or tests.

c. **We do not offer or accept financial inducements.**

You should not offer or accept any financial inducement, gift, payoff, kickback or bribe to induce, influence or reward favorable decisions of any government personnel or representative, any customer, physician, contractor or vendor in a commercial transaction, or any person in a position to benefit the organization or other staff in any way. In accordance with the anti-referral and anti-kickback laws, you shall not make or offer payment or provide any other thing of value to another person with the understanding or intention that such payment or other thing of value is to be used for an unlawful or improper purpose.

d. **We work to achieve/maintain a healthy and safe environment for everyone.**

We will comply with all safety and health requirements established by the organization as well as federal, state and local laws of accrediting organizations. It is important to promptly report any incidents involving injury to a patient, employee or visitor. We do not permit possession or consumption of alcohol or unauthorized drugs in the workplace or while operating Blessing equipment, or reporting to work in an intoxicated manner or under the influence of drugs.

Infection Control policies and procedures have been developed for your safety and the safety of the patients and customers we all serve. You are expected to follow these policies related to such areas as hand washing, disposing of hazardous materials and handling of sharps. Weapons and other dangerous instruments are prohibited on all Blessing properties except in Missouri locations, pursuant to Missouri law, firearms can be locked in vehicles while on Blessing property but may not be in the facility or facility owned vehicles. Threats of weapons or violence are to be taken seriously and reported to your Manager, Security or to Human Resources. Refer to the BHS Weapons policy. You are expected to know the disaster plan for your work are these policies related to such that in the event of a disaster you are prepared to appropriately respond.

e. **We work to achieve a workplace that is free of discrimination or harassment.**

You can expect to be treated fairly and treat others fairly without regard to race,

color, religion, age, sex, ethnic origin, disability, sexual orientation, or any other protected status. This applies to hiring and other human resource practices and to the way we treat each other on a daily basis. This includes disruptive behavior or threats, derogatory comments or sexual harassment. Discrimination or harassment will not be tolerated. A prompt investigation will be conducted, and BHS will take appropriate corrective action where it is warranted. If you feel you have been subject to such behavior notify your supervisor or Blessing Human Resources.

- f. **We will submit properly incurred business expenses promptly and accurately.**
If you travel for business, all expenses will be paid according to the [Travel Policy](#) for BHS. It is expected the employee will promptly and accurately report all expenses documented with receipts.
- g. **We are honest in our communications and business relationships.**
Actions are a reflection upon the organization. You are expected to be honest in your communications with patients and families, attorneys, customers, staff members, auditors, trustees, payers, vendors, suppliers, consultants, governmental representatives and all of those with whom we do business. This means no misleading statements may be made about our services or products or those of our competitors. It also means you do not copy materials in violation of copyright laws or use confidential business information obtained from a competitor.

You are expected to be honest in documentation of services provided, coding for services rendered, filing claims for reimbursement, in seeking payment for services, and filing reports whether for regulatory or accrediting purposes.

- h. **Practitioners will maintain current licenses.**
Practitioners in positions that require professional licenses, certifications or other credentials are responsible for maintaining current status of their credentials and shall comply at all times with the federal and applicable state requirements for their discipline.
- i. **We will be accountable for our actions.**
We believe accountability is critical to a successful organization and every employee is accountable for their actions or lack of action. You are expected to be a positive voice for BHS in the community, to work directly with co-workers to resolve issues and find solutions rather than assign blame or complain. You are expected to put the needs and desires of the customer first and approach every situation with an "I can" attitude. We are committed to gaining new knowledge and making improvements. We believe we all need to be in a state of continuous learning and seeking new knowledge to enhance skills and ability to serve. You are responsible to continually evaluate the way you do work and make suggestions for improvement whenever possible. You need to embrace and act on change when performing your day-to-day work.

2. **Conduct in Service to Patients/Customers/Family**

- a. **We will respect patient/customer rights.**
Each patient/customer will be served on an individual basis and his/her dignity will be respected. Every patient/customer should have the opportunity to understand the reasons for the recommended treatment, how it will be accomplished, if follow-up

consultations will be required and what role medications play. It is important to involve family when requested by the patient.

b. We will treat all patients without discrimination.

Admissions, transfers and/or discharges of patients from/to Blessing entities are based on the patient's clinical needs, and without regard to age, ancestry, color, disability, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or veteran status. In accordance with the Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act (EMTALA), hospitals are committed to providing an appropriate initial screening to anyone requesting it, without regard to their financial situation or insurance coverage.

c. Communications with Patients

Employees should not offer information about possible cures, remedies, diagnoses, prognoses or any other facts/options, which could be interpreted as medical advice. Refer all such requests to the attending or consulting provider.

d. We are committed to clinical quality and excellence in our service delivery.

It is your responsibility to raise concerns by following the organization's policy for addressing quality issues.

We are committed to exceeding our customer's expectations.

We will anticipate needs and look for ways to exceed customer expectations. We will give 100% of our attention when interacting with customers. We will provide extra comfort and reassurance to our customers.

3. Conducting Business on Behalf of a BHS Entity

a. We do business in accordance with antitrust laws.

You must not engage in any behavior that might interfere with fair competition. For example, federal and state antitrust laws prohibit price fixing and bid rigging as well as collusion, which includes sharing price or cost data with competitors under most circumstances. Boycotts, certain exclusive dealings and price discrimination agreements against competitors, vendors or purchasers, including bribery, misappropriations of trade secrets, deception, intimidation and similarly unfair practices are also covered by these laws.

b. We behave appropriately for a charitable organization.

As a charitable, tax-exempt organization, we have a legal and ethical obligation to use our resources in a way that promotes the public good rather than the private or personal interests of any individual. We avoid compensation arrangements in excess of fair market value, accurately report payments appropriately to taxing authorities, and file all tax and information returns in accordance with applicable laws. It is also important to know that if you contribute to a political campaign, it is as an individual, not as a representative of BHS, and you must use your own personal funds. Both hospitals offer to their communities a community benefit report detailing the activities the hospital provided during the year to deserve its charitable status. (Hannibal Clinic, LLC. and Denman Services, Inc. are not tax-exempt organizations.)

c. We use the highest ethical business practices in source selection, negotiation, determination of award and in the administration of all purchasing activities.

Any rebates, discounts and allowances that are customary business practices are

acceptable so long as they do not constitute unlawful or unethical payments and are given to the Blessing entity. Such payments should be properly documented, be of reasonable value, competitively justified and properly invoiced/credited to the entity originating the agreement. Any payment to employees of BHS is not allowed. If an unsolicited (cash) payment is received, it should be forwarded to the Blessing Foundation office or promptly returned to the giver. Payments made to vendors will be made only for goods and services acquired in accordance with Materials Management policies.

d. **We do what is right for the organization when entering into agreements.**

You are obligated to ensure you remain free of conflicts of interest in the performance of your job. Your outside activities, personal financial interests or other personal interests could influence or appear to influence your ability to make objective decisions in the course of your job responsibility. You are obligated to ensure that you remain free of conflicts of interest in the performance of your job. Board members, senior management, and other individuals with decision-making authority are required to disclose actual and potential conflicts related to decisions that arise during the year. Refer to the BHS [Conflicts of Interest](#) policy.

Never accept outside employment that may conflict with your position in the absence of prior written approval by a Vice President or CEO/President. It is important you do not use BHS resources to support your second job, use your position to influence the BHS doing business with your secondary employer/ business or influence patient or customer referrals to your secondary employer/ business.

e. **We do not seek to improperly influence the decisions of our patients, customers or suppliers by offering business courtesies.** A business courtesy is a gift, whether in money, service, perquisites, entertainment or other items provided to a business associate. You should not solicit a business courtesy from a business associate that is inconsistent with common business practices or interferes with your judgment and in the Blessing Health System's best interest. Business courtesies could include meals, conferences, hotels, travel, etc.

f. **We do not knowingly contract with persons or entities ineligible to participate in Federal health care programs.**

The Federal government has authority to establish certain mandatory and discretionary exclusions for various types of misconduct such as convictions for program-related fraud and patient abuse, licensing board actions and default on Health Education Assistance loans. No payment may be made by Federal health care programs for any items or services furnished, ordered or prescribed by an excluded individual or entity.

g. **We respect the environment.**

BHS entities are subject to many legal requirements under a variety of environmental laws concerning the handling, release, transporting and disposal of hazardous materials and waste. If you handle or are responsible for hazardous materials or waste, you must be knowledgeable about these materials and the environmental regulations affecting them.

- h. **We market only services that are available.**
Marketing will be truthful, accurate, complete and sensitive to the health care needs of the public, promoting informed choices about health care services. If you develop or approve marketing materials for the organization, the content must be consistent with the mission and values of the organization. The promotion materials must be data driven and not state or imply a guarantee of successful outcome or of complete patient satisfaction unless there is a basis for making such a claim. Solicitation, canvassing or distribution of literature on the BHS property is restricted. The purpose of this restriction is to prevent disruption in the operation and/or interference with patient care and other business. Refer to the HR Solicitation and Distribution of Literature policy.
- i. **We are committed to compliance and do not put undue pressure to pursue profit over compliance.**
We believe it is critical staff understand the importance of complying with laws and regulations. Staff should not be placed in a position of pursuing profit or meeting a budget requirement by sacrificing legal compliance. Examples might include pushing for a higher level of reimbursement without documentation to support the level assigned or signing contracts that violate Stark regulations to enhance revenue. If you believe you are being put in this position, you are mandated to report it.
- j. **Electronic media systems are to be used primarily for business purposes.**
Data and information created, collected, aggregated, analyzed, stored and/or reported by or on behalf of a BHS entity are owned by the BHS entity. The electronic media systems are to be used primarily for business purposes, however, limited reasonable personal use of BHS communications systems are permitted. The E-mail and Internet systems are not to be used for inappropriate, illicit or offensive communications. E-mail messages are considered to be business records of the BHS entity and therefore may be subject to review by management. Those who abuse the system will be disciplined accordingly. (Refer to the BHS [Acceptable Use of Electronic Communication Tools](#) policy.)
- k. **We do not use hospital funds directly for political purposes.**
None of the Blessing entity names, funds or facilities shall be used for political purposes on behalf of candidates seeking political office. The Blessing entity may indirectly support political positions through membership in organizations like the Illinois Hospital Association and/or the American Hospital Association. Employees are encouraged to vote and participate in the political process.
- l. **We will project a positive image of the Blessing Health System.**
As employees, physicians and volunteers, we owe the organization a duty to loyalty. We should be mindful that we represent the BHS in our day-to-day dealings with outsider contacts and can have significant influence over how our organization is perceived. It is each employee's responsibility to project positive comments about the BHS, its services, products, management, physicians, etc.

Scope:

X	Blessing Corporate Services ("BCS")	X	Current Health Solutions ("CHS")
X	Blessing Foundation	X	Denman Services ("Denman")

X	Blessing Hospital ("BH")	X	Hannibal Clinic ("HC")
X	Blessing Physician Services ("BPS")	X	Illini Community Hospital ("Illini")
X	Crossriver Quality Health Partners ("CQHP")	X	Rivercross Diagnostics

Definitions:

Antitrust: Business practices that are intended to restrain fair competition.

Entity: An organization that has its own distinct corporate structure.

Inducement: To motivate or persuade by incentive, influence or persuasion.

Retaliation: To take or cause action to be taken, against an individual(s) as the result of some action against an individual or organization.

Procedure:

1. Employee Concerns
 - a. Employees are encouraged to raise questions or concerns with management or the Compliance Officer.
 - b. Retaliation against employees who raise concerns in good faith to any member of management will not be tolerated.
2. Education Requirements
 - a. The Compliance Officer will establish a corporate ethics and business conduct education program designed to ensure all employees have an awareness of the core principals and the Code of Conduct. At the time of hire, each employee will sign a document indicating receipt of the Code, understanding of the Code, and agreement to live by the Code.
3. Employment Application
 - a. As part of the employment application process, a short version of the Code of Conduct entitled, "ICARE Standards" will be distributed for prospective employees to review and sign at time of hire.
4. Evaluation
 - a. Each employee's compliance to the Code of Conduct and ICARE Standards of Behavior will be evaluated at the time of their annual evaluation.

Summary:

These principles form the basis for our commitment to ethical behavior that complies with all legal and regulatory requirements. However, this document cannot cover every legal or ethical issue that may arise. You must also use your own judgment.

If you have a concern about a legal or ethical issue, please report it to your supervisor. If you do not receive a satisfactory answer in a reasonable amount of time, please raise your concern to senior management or call the Corporate Compliance Officer at 217-223-8400, extension 7899 or call the

hotline at 888-495-4387 and leave a detailed message.

Although calls to both the Compliance Officer and the hotline may remain anonymous, please remember to enable a thorough investigation, you are encouraged to disclose as much information as possible, including names. Reports to Compliance will remain confidential to the fullest extent possible or as permitted by law.

Values

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Reference(s):

Prescription Drug Benefit Manual (Chapter 9, Part D) – Program to Control Fraud, Waste and Abuse

Form(s):

[Code of Conduct Acknowledgment](#)

[ICARE Standards of Behavior](#)

Code of Conduct Acknowledgment

Blessing Health System requires compliance with the Code of Conduct. Each employee's responsibilities as they relate to the Code contribute to the organization's effectiveness to prevent and detect instances of misconduct.

I have received and understand the Code of Conduct. I agree to live by the Code of Conduct.

Date

Name (please print)

Signature

Are you a contract employee? Yes No

If yes, which company/agency? _____

NOTE: If you wish to have a question or concern addressed before signing the acknowledgment, please contact a member of the Compliance Office.

Pamela Stuart
Compliance Officer
Blessing Corporate Services, Inc.
Phone: 217-223-8400, Ext. 7899
Fax: 217-223-6891

This form will be maintained in the Human Resources Department.

Confidentiality and Information Access Agreement

Blessing Health System (BHS) is dedicated to safeguarding and maintaining the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of our patient, employee, and organizational information (collectively “Confidential Information”). Patient information includes protected health information determined through observation, conversation with a patient or medical staff, and/or information which is created and/or stored in any information system. The confidentiality, integrity, and availability of protected health information must be maintained at all times.

This Confidentiality and Information Access Agreement (“Agreement”) is required to be read, signed, and complied with by all users that access any of BHS’s information systems as a condition of access to any information system. The information system users signing this Agreement may only access, use, and disclose Confidential Information in any medium as needed to perform their job responsibilities as allowed by law and BHS policies and procedures.

1. I understand and agree that I must safeguard and maintain the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of all Confidential Information I use, disclose, and/or access at all times, whether or not I am at work and regardless of how it was accessed.
2. I will only access, use, and/or disclose the minimum necessary Confidential Information needed to perform my assigned duties and disclose it to other individuals/organizations who need it to perform their assigned duties or as allowed by law. Protected health information is specifically protected, by law, from further disclosures without prior authorization.
3. I will not access my own, or my family’s, record in any information system unless required to perform my job responsibilities.
4. I will not disclose any Confidential Information with others who do not have a need to know it.
5. I will not sell, loan, or alter any Confidential Information.
6. I will not download any Confidential Information off BHS information systems to store or use it on any other system or computer diskettes, compact discs, digital video discs, zip discs, other portable media, etc. or removable storage devices, such as removable USB flash discs, except in situations whereby explicit approval to do so has been granted by Health Information Management with prior review by the department director or the Privacy Officer. If I received this approval to download data, I will assume sole and absolute responsibility to manage and protect it based upon standards listed in this Agreement and according to the law.
7. I will not download any software program onto BHS equipment without prior written approval from the IT Department.
8. I understand that access to all BHS Information Systems, including email and Internet are intended for business usage.
9. I will practice secure electronic communications by transmitting Confidential Information only to authorized entities, in accordance with approved privacy and security standards.
10. I will only access or use the systems or devices that I am being authorized to access and agree not to demonstrate the operation or function of any of BHS information systems or devices to unauthorized individuals.
11. I will never use tools or techniques to break/exploit security measures.
12. I will never connect to unauthorized networks through BHS systems or devices.
13. I understand that I have neither ownership interest nor expectation of privacy in any information accessed or created by me during my relationship with the BHS. BHS may audit, log, access, review, and otherwise utilize information stored on or passing through its systems for many reasons, including to maintain the confidentiality, security, and availability of Confidential Information.
14. I will not use BHS information systems to transmit, retrieve, nor store any communications consisting of discriminatory, harassing, obscene, solicitation, or criminal information.
15. I understand that my User Login ID(s), password(s) are used to control access to BHS information systems and an electronic signature(s) is the equivalent to my legal signature. I will not disclose them to anyone nor allow anyone to access any information system using my User Login ID(s) and password(s) for any reason.

HIPAA Privacy: What You Need to Know

HIPAA Breach: Unauthorized access, use or disclosure of protected health information (PHI), which compromises the security and privacy of the information and poses a significant risk of financial, reputational or other harm to an individual.

Use Minimum Necessary: When discussing patients, use the minimum amount of information needed. Only discuss patients with those employees who need to know, and only share the limited information they need to know. **Do not share any information about patients outside of the hospital with friends or family.** Who you see and what you hear cannot be relayed to people without a need to know. This means you cannot tell your friends or family about people in the hospital even if you know them personally. What a person is doing in a BHS entity is not your business. Assume everyone except staff are patients with a right to privacy under HIPAA.

Case Scenario: You deliver a tray to a patient's room. You are surprised to see the patient is George Clooney. Later, during your lunch break in the cafeteria, you ask your coworkers if they know why George was admitted. Staff at the next table over hear your conversation. Is any of this a HIPAA violation? You would love to take a selfie with George; would it be okay to sneak one and post it to social media?

- ✓ Yes, there are several HIPAA violations in this example. Any HIPAA violation you witness should be reported to compliance by completing an occurrence report in RL Solutions.
- ✓ You should not have told your coworkers George Clooney was in the hospital.
- ✓ You should not have discussed anything regarding patients in the cafeteria where others could overhear.
- ✓ It is inappropriate to take pictures of anyone in a BHS building; therefore, you should never post anything on social media.

Ways to Avoid a Breach:

- Dispose of PHI in the locked confidential bins.
- Double check fax numbers/email/addresses before you send documents.
- Lower your voice when discussing patient information.
- Lock your computer when you are away from it.
- Access/use/disclose only the minimum information you need to do your job.
- All PHI should be kept locked when not in use and overnight.
- Never share your password with anyone.