

**INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW BOARD  
THE UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA-MISSOULA**

**HIPAA COMPLIANCE**

**POLICY:** Whenever a research project involves obtaining protected health information from a "Covered Entity", as defined by HIPAA, proper authorization must be obtained from each subject.

**PROCEDURES:** Responsibility for obtaining authorization rests with the Principal Investigator. Copies of the appropriate policies and authorization forms can be obtained from the UM HIPAA Privacy Officer. Before the UM IRB approves a study involving collection of HIPAA protected health information, the Principal Investigator will supply a written assurance that all subjects will provide appropriate, signed authorization forms to the Covered Entity providing the information.

APPROVED:       DATE: 11/12/03  
Chair, UM IRB