

**UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM
HIPAA POLICY #23
USES AND DISCLOSURES ABOUT DECEDENTS**

I. Coroners and Medical Examiners

A Covered Component may disclose PHI to a coroner or medical examiner for the purpose of identifying a deceased person, determining a cause of death, or other duties as required by statute. A Covered Component that also performs the duties of a coroner or medical examiner may use PHI for these purposes.

II. Funeral Directors

A Covered Component may disclose PHI to funeral directors, as required by statute, as necessary to carry out their duties with respect to the decedent.

III. Additional Requirements

Except in an emergency, a Covered Component shall consult with the Privacy Official and University Counsel prior to making a disclosure under this Policy.

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