



**Office of County Manager
Policy**

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Signature:

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Subject:

**Declaration of Hybrid Entity Status and
Designation of Health Care Components**

1.0 PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to 1) comply with The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, Public Law 104-91("HIPAA"), and regulations promulgated there under by the United States Department of Health and Human Services establishing standards to protect the privacy of individually identifiable health information (the "HIPAA Privacy Regulations").

- 2.0 It shall be the policy of Durham County to take any and all necessary action to comply fully with the County's obligations under HIPAA and the HIPAA Privacy Regulations. Durham County hereby officially designates itself as a Hybrid entity consistent with the HIPAA privacy regulations.

Durham County further designates the following components of Durham County as health component in accordance with the HIPAA Privacy Regulations, including but not limited to, 45 C.F.R. 164.504(a), 164-504(b), and 164.504(c) and hereby documents such designation in accordance with the HIPAA Privacy Regulations as required by 45 C.F.R. 164.504(c)(3)(iii) and 164.530(j):

Health Care Components at Durham County are:

Durham County Department of Social Services
County Public Health Department
Emergency Medical Services
Criminal Justice Resource Center

3.0 CONTACT PERSON

Questions or comments regarding this policy or any aspect of Durham County's HIPAA Privacy Regulation Policy shall be directed to:

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