



Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County, TN

Legislation Text

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A resolution approving a business associate agreement between The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, acting by and through the Metropolitan Board of Health, and Teletask to provide safeguards to prevent the use or disclosure of protected health information.

WHEREAS, the business associate agreement, attached hereto and incorporated herein, provides safeguards to prevent the use or disclosure of protected health information; and,

WHEREAS, it is to the benefit of the citizens of The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County that this business associate agreement be approved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY:

Section 1. That the business associate agreement between Teletask and The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, acting by and through the Metropolitan Board of Health, to provide safeguards to prevent the use or disclosure of protected health information, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein, is hereby approved.

Section 2. That this resolution shall take effect from and after its adoption, the welfare of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County requiring it.

This resolution approves a business associate agreement between the Metro Board of Health and Teletask. Medical records and other health information are protected from disclosure under federal legislation known as the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA). Often, entities in possession of confidential health information need to disclose it to other business associates to effectively provide health care and related services. HIPAA authorizes "business associate agreements" that allow such disclosures while securing protections for the health information.

In broad terms, the agreement gives Teletask the authority to use protected health information to perform its contractual obligations for Metro, ensure the proper management and administration of the health information, and authorize disclosure of information that is either required by law or used solely for the purposes for which it is revealed.

Resolution No. RS2020-570 approves the contract for use of the Teletask notification message delivery system.