

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT HIPAA**

**Q. WILL MY GENERAL POWER OF ATTORNEY ALLOW ME TO OBTAIN MEDICAL INFORMATION ON MY DEPENDENT (i.e., SPOUSE OR CHILD)?**

*A. Not necessarily. Your power of attorney must specify that release of medical information is authorized.*

**Q. WILL THE AUTHORIZATION I COMPLETED AT THE TRICARE OFFICE ALLOW MY SPOUSE OR PARENT TO OBTAIN MEDICAL INFORMATION MAINTAINED AT FOX ARMY HEALTH CENTER?**

*A. No. Copies of the FAHC authorization form are available at the FAHC Outpatient Medical Records section or at [DA FORM 5006](#). Please NOTE: The signature on DA FORM 5006 expires one year after the date of the signature.*

**Q: My spouse, recently deceased, has an authorization on file with Fox that allows me to obtain his/her protected health information. The authorization has not reached its expiration date. Can I still obtain my spouse's protected health information based on this authorization, signed before his/her death?**

*A: Unfortunately, no. Authorizations become invalid upon the person's death. To obtain your spouse's information, you would have to be named as an Executor or Executrix of the deceased' estate, or be named in a will as being authorized to obtain this medical information.*

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