



# *North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University Sebastian Health Center*

## *Privacy Policy (HIPAA) Statement*

### Student Health Services and HIPAA

You are more than likely familiar with a federal law pertaining to health records called “HIPAA”. In fact, you may have received something called a “HIPAA Notice of Privacy Practices” from your family doctor, your health insurance company, or your neighborhood pharmacy.

HIPAA, the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, is a Federal Regulation dealing with health records. The purpose of the Act is to ensure the privacy and security of Protected Health Information (PHI) with regards to a patient record.

### Student Health Services Notice of Privacy Practices

We are required by federal law to maintain the privacy of health information about you called protected health information (PHI). We are also required to provide you notice of our obligation to protect your PHI and to explain our privacy practices. This notice describes how information about you may be used and disclosed to carry out treatment, payment or health care operations and for other purposes that are permitted or required by law and how you can get access to this information. If you have any questions about this notice, contact North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University Student Health Services (336) 334-7880.

### Our Pledge Regarding Medical Information

At North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University’s Health Center, we are committed to keeping your protected health information (PHI) confidential. The Notice of Health Information Practices describes the personal information we collect, and how and when we use or disclose that information. Disclosure may occur without your authorization for purposes of treatment, judicial or administrative orders, payment, and health care operations. However, Sebastian Health Center will comply with all HIPAA laws as it represents the highest standard available for protection of your confidential health information.

We reserve the right to change our privacy practices and to make any new provisions effective for all protected health information we maintain. If we change our notice, we will post the revised notice in the facility and will have it available upon request. You can receive a copy of the current notice at any time. The effective date is listed just below the title. You will be asked to acknowledge in writing your receipt of this request. We will not use or disclose your health information without your signed authorization, except as described in this notice. All health records are destroyed eight (8) years after the student has left the University.