

**TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES
HEALTH AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS POOL
HIPAA POLICIES**

**PRIVACY OF THE PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION OF
DECEASED PARTICIPANTS**

Effective Date: March 17, 2003

POLICY

Texas Association of Counties Health and Employee Benefits Pool (HEBP) protects the Protected Health Information ("PHI") of deceased Health Plan participants in the same manner and to the same extent as it did prior to the participant's death.

PROCEDURE

- The privacy of a deceased participant's PHI will continue to be protected for as long as HEBP maintains this information.
- A personal representative of the deceased participant (someone with legal authority to act on behalf of the deceased participant or his or her estate) may exercise the deceased participant's rights with respect to PHI.