ADAMHS BOARD FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY	BP # 526	
TITLE: Risk Analysis and Risk Management	SUBJECT HIPAA	
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PURPOSE: This policy is intended to guide the Board in meeting HIPAA Security Administrative Safeguards requirements for risk analysis and risk management. The ADAMHS Board for Montgomery County applies risk management techniques to balance the needs and costs for security measures in its information security structure. When complete elimination of risk is unattainable, risk management offers a practical approach to balancing security with operational requirements and cost.

POLICY:

1. Periodic risk analysis will be conducted on all information systems, processes and physical areas in Board offices and facilities to address changing threats, vulnerabilities, and organizational priorities.

2   The Board Risk Management Plan will be followed when conducting risk analysis and risk management.   Employees are expected to work to resolve any issues.

REFERENCES:

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