**SMALL DEVICE, BIG RISK**

A thumb drive is a removable storage device, also known as a flash drive or memory stick.

Thumb drives not approved by Banner Health will not work on company-owned devices.

To get an approved encrypted thumb drive, contact the Data Protection Team.*

**A LOST THUMB DRIVE CAN RESULT IN A $150K FINE and CORRECTIVE ACTION!**

**ENCRYPTION EXPLAINED***

Encryption is a security practice used to code messages to protect unauthorized people from accessing the information.

Messages sent between Banner Health devices are automatically encrypted.

Messages sent to a non-Banner Health email address are not automatically encrypted.

**DO YOUR PART**

Only store necessary data on an approved encrypted thumb drive.

Make sure you use a Banner Health approved encrypted thumb drive.

If you accidentally send an unencrypted email or lose a thumb drive, please report it to your supervisor.

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*The Data Protection Team can be contacted at informationsecurity-dataprotection@bannerhealth.com

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***Please review Banner Health HIPAA Encryption of Transmitted Electronic Protected Health Information and Payment Card Holder Data Policy

For more information, please contact InformationSecurity-PrivacyTrainingandAwareness@bannerhealth.com