Purpose:
The purpose of this policy is to establish authority for approving SPICE program policy and standards, and a mechanism for granting and controlling exceptions for unusual operational, technical or administrative circumstances.

Scope:
This policy applies to obtaining approvals of or exceptions to the UF Health Science Center Information Security Program Policies and Standards only.

Reference(s):
1. Standard GP0007.01: Obtaining Approval of Policies and Standards
2. Standard GP0007.02: Requirements for Exceptions to Policies and Standards

Policy:
1. Input from responsible and accountable HSC stakeholders will be sought when making or adjusting Information Security Program Policies and Standards.
2. The UF HSC Security Office will be the entity responsible for information security policy and standards development, including identification of and vetting with appropriate HSC stakeholders in accordance with Standard GP0007.01: Obtaining Approvals of Policies and Standards
3. New SPICE Information Security Policies and Standards, and changes to existing Information Security Policies and Standards must be approved by the Senior Vice President/Health Affairs or his/her delegate.
4. HSC Unit may develop and approve a more restrictive Unit-specific information security policy whenever SPICE policies are not restrictive enough:
   a. The Unit ISA and ISM, in consultation with the HSC Security Office, will ensure Unit-specific policy is not in conflict with HSC SPICE program policy.
   b. Unit-specific information security policy is not SPICE program policy. Units follow their own documented vetting and approval procedures and are responsible for maintaining them.
5. No exceptions to Federal or State laws or regulations shall be granted.
6. Under authority of the Senior Vice President/Health Affairs, the Assistant VPHA for Information Services/CIO may grant an exception to UF HSC Information Security
Program Policies or Standards in collaboration and concurrence with the owner’s designee(s) or delegate(s) responsible for the information assets affected.  
7. Such exception shall be granted in accordance with Standard GP0007.02: Requirements for Exceptions to Policies and Standards.