# Code of Ethical Standards



Integrity. Respect. Inspire.







"Strive to do good in all that you do, as together we drive towards our vision of being the best at serving seniors and people with disabilities living independently within their communities."



# A Message From Our Chief Executive Officer

Dear Help at Home Employee:

Since our founding in 1975, our company has grown to be the country's largest personal home care provider. I am proud of this journey and all the people who have contributed to our success.

As we continue to grow, we must stay true to the simple but enduring values that guide our company: Doing what is right by operating with integrity and adhering to recognized moral and ethical principles.

Our principles are the cornerstone of Help at Home's success. All Help at Home employees are expected to read and follow the Code of Ethical Standards and use it to guide their actions.

Sincerely,

#### **CHRIS HOCEVAR**

Chief Executive Officer Help at Home, LLC

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# **Mission and Vision Statements**

Help at Home's mission is to enable individuals to have Great Days with independence and dignity at home. Core to our services are highly trained, compassionate, and dependable Caregivers supported by our local teams and Field Support Center with the resources and expertise to deliver unsurpassed care. Our goal is to create Great Starts, Great Days, and Meaningful

Our vision is using the millions of hours we spend with our clients to establish the home as the center of health and care coordination. Serve our clients as if they are family and create Meaningful Moments



#### **Purpose of Our Code of Ethical Standards**

We take pride in our Help at Home (HAH) Code of Ethical Standards (Code) which is the foundation of our commitment to excellence and communicates our ethical business standards. Our code applies to all HAH Board of Directors, employees, health care professionals, agents, officers, directors, contractors, vendors and any other person or organization engaged to provide products or services. The code provides guidance to all HAH colleagues on how to conduct our daily business with integrity. We make decisions about how to conduct ourselves every day as we go about our work. Each of us is accountable for the actions that we decide to take. At HAH, we are each stewards of the reputation we enjoy of ensuring ethical business practices and safe quality care. Accordingly, our Code serves as a cultural compass for board members, employees, management, contractors, vendors, and others who interact with the organization. It is an essential element of our Ethics, Compliance & Privacy Program. The Ethics, Compliance & Privacy Program is a partnership among all of us to make the right choice every time.

Everyone associated with the organization including employees, health care professionals, agents, officers, directors, contractors, vendors and others who provide services or products is expected to promptly report any suspected violations of this Code, organizational policies, or applicable law.

Failure to follow the HAH Code, policies and procedures could result in disciplinary action up to and including possible termination.



# **Ethics, Compliance & Privacy Program**

Help at Home has developed the Ethics, Compliance & Privacy Program which affirms and formalizes our commitment to ethical business practices. This commitment permeates all levels of the organization. Our Ethics, Compliance & Privacy Program outlines what we do as an organization to comply with legal and ethical requirements and includes the following:

- 1. Setting compliance standards and ethical conduct through written policies, procedures, and our Code of Ethical Standards;
- 2. Communicating standards through, awareness, education, and training programs for everyone at the organization;
- 3. Conducting ongoing monitoring and auditing activities in areas of compliance risk;
- 4. Providing a process for confidential reporting potential violations of laws, policies, or our Code of Ethical Standards without fear of retaliation or retribution:
- 5. Identifying, investigating, and responding to potential compliance problems;
- 6. Performing routine sanctions checks to ensure we are not conducting our business with individuals and entities ineligible to participate in federal or state health care programs;
- 7. Enforcing compliance standards and disciplining non-compliance actions;
- 8. Maintaining an organizational structure that supports the furtherance of the Ethics, Compliance & Privacy Program, including establishment of the Ethics and Compliance Committee, an Audit Committee, Compliance & Quality Committee of the Board of Directors and appointment of a Chief Ethics and Compliance Officer who oversees the Program's functions.

## **Ethics, Compliance & Privacy Department**

The Ethics, Compliance & Privacy Department is charged with supporting Help at Home departments on providing guidance with developing policies, procedures and practices to ensure compliance with applicable laws and regulations; informing departments impacted by changes and updates in regulations; performing reviews and evaluations of all compliance matters at the organization; developing positive relationships with regulatory bodies, and ensuring that appropriate and timely information is provided to the Board of Directors and senior leadership regarding all aspects of the Compliance Program.

The Department coordinates multiple activities of mandatory for all employees, vendors and associates. the Ethics, Compliance & Privacy Program, including The code is available in English and any other language preparing and distributing this Code of Ethical on request. Standards, annual and special-purpose compliance training, chairing the leadership team's Ethics, **Ethics, Compliance &** Compliance & Privacy Committee, managing the **Privacy Committee** confidential Ethics Help Line program, generating monthly compliance updates, policy and procedure The Ethics, Compliance & Privacy Program is supported reviews/approvals, the privacy program and providing and monitored by the Ethics, Compliance & Privacy compliance information on the organizations Committee. The Committee meets quarterly to review intranet/portal, newsletters and elsewhere. Please and discuss compliance information, including contact the Chief Ethics and Compliance Officer at regulatory developments, departmental audits and compliance@helpathome.com with any questions or reviews, compliance news, compliance risk assessments concerns or for anonymous reporting contact our and reported incidents of non-compliance. Ethics Help Line at 1-844-769-0288.

#### **Anonymous Ethics Help Line Works**

#### 1-844-769-0288 English and Spanish

Website: https://helpathome.navexone.com/ https://www.helpathome.com/compliance

Ethics, Compliance & Privacy Department Email: Compliance@helpathome.com

# **Ethics and Compliance Training**

Every employee receives ethics and compliance training including training on the Code of Ethical Standards during new employee "orientation" or within the first 30 days of the date of hire. During this training, each new employee will receive a copy of the Code of Ethical Standards, participate in Code training, and complete an acknowledgement. Each year we conduct Code "refresher" training for all of our employees, health care professionals and vendors. Compliance training is incorporated into the employee evaluation process. Annual compliance training provides continuing education and updates on topics related to the Ethics, Compliance & Privacy Program. This training is





#### What is the Ethics Help Line?

The Ethics Help Line is a simple way for HAH employees, staff, leaders, board members and vendors to confidentially report activities that may involve ethical violations or unlawful conduct at the organization. The Ethics Help Line is managed and operated by an independent third-party operator to ensure effective communication, integrity, and confidential reporting. It is available toll-free, 24 hours a day, seven days a week in the English and Spanish languages. If an alternate language is needed, the vendor will engage a translation service to ensure we are supporting the reporter. A trained operator takes each call, gathers the needed information, and ensures that the report is immediately sent to the Ethics, Compliance & Privacy Department for investigation and appropriate action.

#### Who May Utilize the Ethics Help Line?

The Ethics Help Line is available for use by any employee, leader, board member, health care professional, vendor or associate of HAH. Everyone has a responsibility for reporting any activity that appears to violate applicable laws, rules, regulations, accreditation standards, HAH policy or the Code of Ethical Standards.

#### What Should be Reported to the Ethics Help Line?

Users may call the Ethics Help Line to report suspected violations of the Code of Ethical Standards, policies and regulations related to but not limited to:

- Fraud, Waste and Abuse
- Quality Care
- Conflicts of Interest
- · Confidentiality, Privacy and Security of Health Information
- Environmental Health and Safety Concerns
- Social Media
- Coding and Billing Practices for Clients/ Patients care services
- Ineligible Persons or Entities
- Gifts and Gratuities
- Identity Theft or Fraud
- Clients/Patients Abuse and Mistreatment
- Financial, Business and Professional Ethics
- Clients/Patients Rights and Choice
- Discrimination
- Retaliation Concerns
- Workplace Violence and Safety

### **Reporting Compliance** Concerns

When someone raises a good faith concern, calls the Ethics Help Line, or cooperates with an investigation or There are several options which an employee, leader, corrective action, retaliation against that person is board member, vendor, health care professional or not permitted. HAH takes reports of retaliation seriously. associate may use to report an anonymous compliance If you feel that you have experienced retaliation, concern. As a first step, an employee or associate has immediately report it to the appropriate supervisor or the choice to report any concerns to a supervisor, the manager who is not involved in the issues or contact Ethics, Compliance & Privacy Department via email, or the Ethics, Compliance & Privacy Department via email to the Chief Ethics and Compliance Officer. Any person or the Ethics Help Line. Any allegation of retaliation will who feels uncomfortable reporting via these means is be investigated, and appropriate steps will be taken to encouraged to call the confidential Ethics Help Line or protect those who report retaliation. via https://helpathomemobile.ethicspoint.com.

The Code does not cover every situation you may face All reports must be made in good faith. Appropriate on the job, so it is important to use good judgment in disciplinary action will be taken if information has not everything that you do and to ask for help if you are been provided in good faith. ever unsure about the right course of action. For any additional guidance on this, you can send an email **Investigation of Ethics** to AskHR@helpathome.com or file a concern via the Ethics Help Line, selecting Guidance. We periodically Help Line Reports review and update the Code. To ensure you are reviewing the latest version, we encourage you to visit All concerns raised are reviewed and investigated by https://www.helpathome.com/compliance for any the Ethics, Compliance & Privacy Department. Callers updates. You should also be aware of your relevant are provided a report key number and may call back to State Employee Handbook and additional resources check on the status of the concern or provide additional listed at the end of this document. For any questions, information. To protect your confidentiality and privacy, please reach out to the Compliance Department at we do not disclose the details of the investigation or any Compliance@helpathome.com or for anonymous disciplinary action. However, callers will be informed of reporting contact our Ethics Help Line at 1-844-769-0288. whether the investigation is complete and if the issues were addressed. Investigation results are used to correct

or prevent any future issues and improper behaviors revealed in the final report. Results of the investigations are shared with the Ethics and Compliance Committee, leadership and the Board of Directors.



#### Non-Retaliation



# Confidentiality, Privacy and Security

We protect the Privacy of Our Clients/Patients and the Confidentiality of Clients/Patients and Employee Information.

Confidential information includes:

- Clients/Patients medical records;
- Billing and financial records;
- Employee records (including health records); and
- Sensitive business, proprietary and financial information of the organization, whether stored in electronic or "hard copy" format.

Employees must dispose of confidential information in "hard copy" form in the special, locked consoles of shredders, and must dispose of electronically-stored confidential information according to procedures set forth by the record retention policy. Employees whose duties bring them into contact with electronically stored clients/patients information are expected to observe all security rules regarding safeguarding confidential clients/patients information in electronic form. Approval is required for the use of portable electronic storage devices which use, store, or transmit clients/patients records and other confidential information. Such devices must be secure at all times, and utilize software and other controls/methods (e.g., encryption) by the organization's Chief Information Security Officer.

Information that is used by the organization is private and proprietary. This includes business strategies, costs, financial data, and other economic information.

Business information about the organization may not be disclosed to anyone outside of our organization; such disclosure may also violate federal and state law.

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Our clients/patients trust us to keep their information confidential. This means we should share records or clients/patients information only with authorized persons who have a legitimate need for the informatio Employees must ensure that all de-identified protecte health is not legible. Inappropriate use or disclosure of clients/patients information may be subject to investigations and disciplinary actions.

Conversations which concern our clients/patients must occur in a place that protects clients/patients privacy and confidentiality. Employees may not expose private information where it may be seen or taken by unauthorized persons. Only the minimum confidentia health information which is necessary for the purpose Employees are required to observe all privacy and security rules regarding electronic and "hard copy" information. Employees may never share password or login information.

Users must sign off electronic systems when not in us and at the end of each working day. Employees are not to open electronic emails that seem suspicious of follow any links provided in the email. The employee must contact the Chief Information Security Officer and/or report it immediately via the Ethics Help Line.

#### **Electronics Do's and Don'ts**

- Ensure the physical security of information or hardware assigned to you.
- Keep passwords and PINs in a secure location and do not share them with anyone.
- Log off or lock the screen of your computer or device when left unattended.



on	Employees should ensure that all clients/patients information is secured from access by unauthorized individuals and notify supervisory staff of any suspicious individuals or behavior in their work areas.
on. ted	Clients/Patients intake forms and documents must be protected at all times and utilized as Uses and Disclosures for Treatment, Payment, and Health care Operations (TPO).
	<ul> <li>Only a Caregiver or staff member that has a need to know may have access to clients/patients information for disclosures relating to TPO, electronically or in "hard copy."</li> </ul>
ose y al	• All Caregivers shall ensure the security of printed and electronic clients/patients records at all times while transporting them to and from visits.
se.	Identity theft has become an increasing concern. It is important for all employees who encounter or have a suspicion of identity theft to report the matter
or	immediately to the Ethics, Compliance & Privacy Department or via email at <b>Compliance@helpathome.com</b> or for <b>anonymous reporting</b> contact our <b>Ethics Help</b>
ise,	Line at 1-844-769-0288.
or e	Requests for information concerning our clients/ patients should be directed to the branch managers

Install unauthorized software, applications, hardware, or storage devices on your computer.

and/or direct supervisors in each market.

- Access our network through unauthorized applications or devices.
  Download music files.
- Use unlicensed software (it is illegal).
- Make copies of software, associated manuals, or other materials to use at home or for someone else to use outside of HAH.
- Put software on a local area network (LAN) for use by others.

# Organization Information and Media

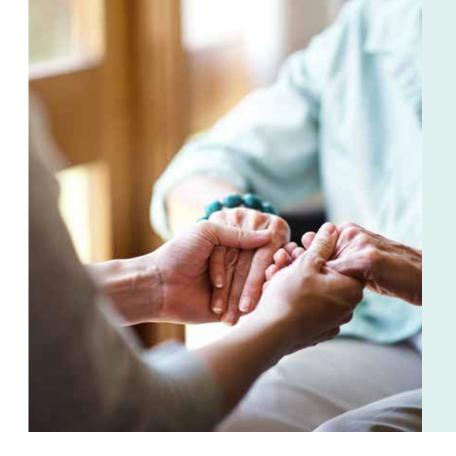
Only <u>authorized employees</u> may share or discuss organizational information with news media. All calls must be referred to the Public Relations Department at **1-502-445-4126**. Requests for information about an employee should be directed to the Human Resources Department via email at **AskHR@helpathome.com**, including requests for employment references and personnel information.

### Social Media Usage

We expect all employees to conduct themselves appropriately on the social media network(s) in which they participate.

Help at Home expects that all employees and associates who use social media (such as Facebook®, Instagram®, Snapchat®, Twitter®, Tik Tok®, LinkedIn®, and similar services) will do so in accordance with applicable laws. No clients/patients information of any kind (including images), or confidential company information may be placed on social media sites for any reason.

Employees may not access personal social media accounts using the Help at Home network or email system. Access to social media sites during work hours may only take place during an authorized break period and outside of clients/patients homes and not while providing care for a clients/patients. Unauthorized employees may not make statements on social media sites which are (or which may reasonably be seen to be) made on behalf of the company. Any employee or staff who violates the social media usage policy, may face disciplinary actions according to Help at Home progressive counseling policy.



# **Quality Clients/Patients Care**

# We strive to provide high quality of care to all clients/patients.

Help at Home promotes high quality of care, Clients/ Patients safety, and efficiency. Furthering HAH mission provides an opportunity for all employees to make a positive impact in the community.

Here are a few things we can do to improve the services we provide to our clients/patients:

- Arrive on time daily, be polite to clients/patients and loved ones.
- Promote open lines of communication with clients/patients.
- Maintain a safe clients/patients care environment.
- Inform clients/patients about their role in clients/ patients safety.
- Report events that are not consistent with routine care or that result in real or potential clients/patients injury.

# Clients/Patients Abuse and Neglect

HAH has **zero tolerance** for clients/patients abuse and neglect. If you are aware of abuse or neglect, your obligation is to report it immediately through the established channels at your location. There are time frames for reporting such incidents in each state and it is very critical for you to follow the guidelines at your operation. It is everyone's responsibility to uphold the mission statement of providing respect and care. Any employee who believes a report of clients/patients abuse or neglect is not being addressed should report their concerns to the **Ethics Help Line** at **1-844-769-0288**.

# **Clients/Patients Rights**

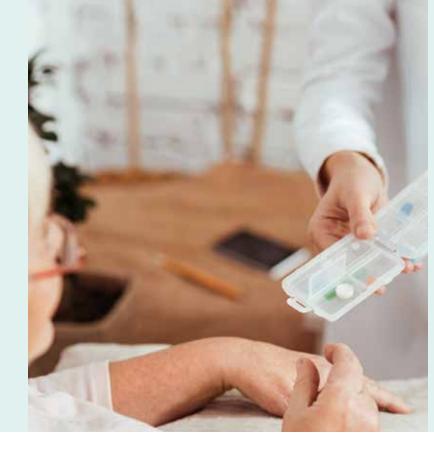
#### We respect all clients/patients.

HAH believes that recognizing and respecting clients/patients rights is an important aspect of care that encourages Clients/Patients to become more involved in and informed about their care. Care, treatment, and services should be provided in a way that respects and fosters the client's/patient's dignity, autonomy, positive self-regard, civil rights, and involvement in his or her care. HAH believes that care, treatment, and services should also be carefully planned and provided with due regard to the client's/patient's personal values, beliefs, and preferences.

Care at HAH includes addressing processes and activities as they relate to clients/patients rights by:

- Informing clients/patients of their rights and responsibilities.
- Helping clients/patients understand and exercise their rights.
- Respecting clients'/patients' values, beliefs, and preferences.
- Informing clients/patients of their responsibilities regarding their care, treatment, and services.





Some of the ways HAH meets standards of care related to clients/patients rights include:

- Honoring the client's/patient's right to give or withhold informed consent.
- Informing client's/patient's about advance directives.
- Complying with end of life decisions made by client's/ patient's and surrogates.
- Respecting the client's/patient's right to receive information in a manner he or she understands.
- Providing a process to have complaints and grievances reviewed by HAH.
- Adhearing with clients'/patients' Bill of Rights and Responsibilities.

#### Fraud, Waste and Abuse

We believe in educating our employees/ caregivers on how to prevent and detect fraud, waste, and abuse.

HAH is committed to full compliance with all federal, state, and local health care program requirements.

"Fraud" involves the making of a false statement in order to receive some benefit to which one is not entitled. "Waste" and "abuse" include practices which directly or indirectly result in unnecessary costs to a government health care program or clients/patients. Examples of fraud, waste and abuse include:

- Billing for services or supplies which were not provided or furnished;
- Altering claims forms or receipts in order to receive higher payments;
- Duplicate billing to the government payors and the Clients/Patients or another insurer;
- Offering, paying, soliciting, or receiving bribes, kickbacks, or rebates, directly or indirectly, to induce referrals of Clients/Patients or the purchase of goods or services paid for by government health care programs; and
- Any exploitation of clients/patients.

HAH expects that all individuals associated with the organization will avoid fraudulent, wasteful or abusive practices and promptly report these practices when they occur to the Ethics, Compliance & Privacy Department via email at Compliance@helpathome.com or for anonymous reporting contact our Ethics Help Line at 1-844-769-0288.

Fraud and abuse may be subject to state and federal laws and can result in reporting to adult protection services, child protection services, law-enforcement entities, Medicaid agencies or payors including the Office of Inspector General. Such cases can also result



in exclusion of individuals or institutions from participation in government health care programs. Fraud, waste and abuse guidelines state that we must:

- Provide only those services that are documented as being medically necessary.
- Document accurately, timely and completely the services that we provide.
- Perform complete, accurate and consistent coding of medical records in accordance with regulatory requirements and guidelines (i.e., place of service, extra visit hour(s)).
- Report all costs according to generally accepted accounting practices and according to company policy.
- Maintain internal accounting controls.
- · Maintain accurate billing to government payers, managed care payers, commercial insurance, and clients/patients, as well as conform to pertinent Federal and state laws and regulations.

For additional guidance or information regarding fraud, waste and abuse, you may consult HAH written policies on these topics, or contact the Department of the Ethics, Compliance & Privacy Department via email at **Compliance@helpathome.com** for guidance and support or for anonymous reporting contact our Ethics Help Line at 1-844-769-0288.

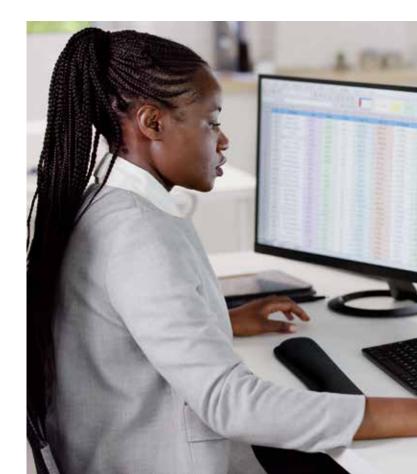
# Sanctions (Ineligible **Persons/Entities)**

#### We initiate appropriate inquiries against exclusion databases prior to hiring.

Help at Home maintains and receives many types of records. These may include medical records, HAH will not contract with, employ, or bill for services documents, clients/patients billing, financial records rendered by a person or organization which has and electronic information. State and federal been excluded from or is ineligible to participate in regulations impose specific requirements for keeping government health care programs, or who has been and destroying specific types of records. Because convicted of a crime related to the provision of health departments and branch locations maintain various care items or services. types of records, please take the time to become familiar with document retention policy that applies to In addition, HAH conducts monthly screening of the documents which your department and/or branch employees/caregivers and vendors to ensure excluded locations uses, manages or creates.

individuals are addressed appropriately.

Employees, caregivers, contractors, and vendors must report if they become excluded or otherwise ineligible for participation in a government health care program, or if they have been charged with, or convicted of, a crime involving the provision of health care items or services.



# Recordkeeping

#### We ensure the accuracy and confidentiality of records.

There are many rules that apply to everyone. They are too numerous to itemize, but here are several examples:

- Do not falsify facts or make false record entries.
- Do not remove any company files or documents from the premises.
- Do not falsify clients/patients signatures on time sheets or any document.
- Keep records confidential.
- Maintain and destroy records according to the record retention policy.
- Give records only to those people who are authorized by policy and regulatory requirements to have access.



# **Safeguarding Company and Clients/Patients Property**

#### We protect Clients/Patients and Company **Property and resources.**

All employees and associates are expected to use company property and resources responsibly and only for an appropriate purpose. HAH property may not be used for non-company purposes without written permission. Company time, facilities, or equipment may not be used for unapproved purposes. Ask your supervisor if you have any questions about proper use of company property and resources.

It is important that clients/patients valuables are safeguarded against fraud, waste, and abuse. Employees/caregivers should be respectful of clients/ patients valuables in their home.



#### **Workplace Health and Safety**

#### We maintain and promote a safe and healthy workplace.

HAH is committed to full compliance with all federal, state, and local health care program requirements.

#### Do your part:

- Be proactive in promoting your own health and safety.
- Follow HAH policies and procedures.
- Only undertake work you are trained to do.
- Be alert to safety risks to clients and caregivers. Any illegal, violent, or suspicious activity should be reported to your supervisor.

We don't tolerate:

- Threats of any kind.
- Intimidation.
- Working under the influence of any intoxicants.
- Possession of a weapon of any kind on HAH property, including parking lots (except where specifically permitted by law), at a customer's home or premises, while engaged in a company activity, or at a companysponsored event, is prohibited with the exception of authorized security personnel.

If your job involves operating a company vehicle or using your own vehicle to conduct company business:

- Observe safe driving practices.
- Follow policies and procedures applicable to your branch location.

Immediately report all incidents and accidents involving staff, clients/patients, equipment and property by completing an incident report in Riskonnect or by contacting Risk Management via email at Riskonnect@helpathome.com.

# **Political Activity** and Lobbying

#### Help at Home protects its status as a for-profit company.

Help at Home advocates for legislative issues that aff the company. However, HAH is a for-profit company a does not contribute funds to support political parties individuals running for office, or for the advancement controversial political issues. company employees and associates are free to support political campaigns or issues outside of their duties at Help at Home. However, employees are expected to ensure that private political activities are not carried on in such a way as to suggest an endorsement by the organization.

#### **Tobacco-Free Environment**

#### We believe in providing a working environment free of tobacco products to enhance the health status of our clients/patients and employees.

It is the policy of the company to educate staff and cash, do not take it. If they insist, notify your supervisor the public at large about the hazards of smoking or manager. and tobacco use and to provide smoking cessation assistance. As a health care provider and as an The giving of gifts to, or receiving gifts from, individuals employer the company is committed to providing or businesses who are doing business with (or who are clients/patients and staff with an environment that seeking to do business with) the company, or who promotes healthy behaviors. For this reason, all Help at may represent a possible source of referrals for Home office locations are tobacco-free. All individuals clients/patients or other business, may be contrary to that perform health care services at clients/patients the law. Please check with your supervisor or email homes are prohibited from using any tobacco products the Ethics, Compliance & Privacy Department of any kind (including electronic cigarettes). with any questions about such gifts at Compliance@helpathome.com or for anonymous reporting contact our Ethics Help Line at 1-844-769-0288.

## **Gifts and Entertainment**

#### We establish quidelines for the offer and acceptance of gifts.

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#### directly or indirectly, any gifts (including cash, services, favors, entertainment, offers of employment or other things of value) that may improperly influence, or appear to influence, business relationships. Small perishable items may be allowed. However, you must notify your supervisor before accepting a gift of any kind.

It is inappropriate for employees to give or receive,

#### Receiving or offering gifts to/from government employees:

The rules for giving gifts, entertainment, or travel to government employees or public officials are very strict and violating them can have serious consequences for the giver, HAH, and the receiver of the gift. As a result, HAH never offers or provides gifts or anything of value to someone affiliated with the government.

Never request or accept gifts from a clients/patients in exchange for services. If someone offers you

#### **Conflicts of Interest**

We ensure that situations which could present a conflict of interest for a company employee are recognized and, if necessary, appropriately managed.

Employees and associates of the company sometimes have personal or financial interests which make it inappropriate for those persons to be involved in certain activities and transactions of the company. These situations are called "conflicts of interest." Here are two examples of what may be considered a conflict of interest:

- A situation in which an employee or associate (or a member of that employee or associate's family) is employed by or has a financial interest in a company that does business with Help at Home.
- A situation in which a Help at Home employee or associate also works part-time for a Help at Home vendor, competitor, supplier, or clients/patients.

It is extremely important that any employee or associate of the company promptly disclose any actual or potential conflict of interest to a supervisor. Questions/guidance concerning conflicts of interest may also be directed to the Ethics, Compliance & Privacy Department via email at Compliance@helpathome.com or for anonymous reporting contact our Ethics Help Line at 1-844-769-0288.

### **Dealing Honestly with Customers, Vendors/ Suppliers and Consultants**

#### We strive for accuracy and honesty in our public statements.

Showing respect for our clients/patients, guests and business associates requires that we only make statements that we know are honest and accurate. Written documents should be prepared in a timely manner. All business information, records and reports should be complete, accurate and truthful.

It is important that we abide by trademark and copyright laws, as well as all licensing requirements. Should you have any questions relating to these laws and requirements, contact the Legal Department.

We support ethical business behavior by properly representing ourselves to the public. In order to effectively control both internal and external printed materials, all proposed printed material to be used by any company department and/or shared with any outside audience must be presented to the Head of Public Relations at 1-502-445-4126 for consultation and approval prior to production.



### **Respect and Dignity in** the Workplace

#### We strive for a workplace free of all forms of unlawful harassment.

It is the policy of the company to maintain a work environment free from all forms of unlawful harassment. Comments or conduct relating to age, race, creed, color, national origin, sex, religion, veteran status, disability, marital status, sexual orientation, or any other classification protected by federal, state, or local laws will not be tolerated. Employees, clients/ patients, and visitors are to be treated with dignity, respect, and courtesy.

#### **Employment of diverse individuals:**

Sexual harassment is a violation of the law and will not be tolerated or condoned. This behavior is defined as unwanted sexual advances, requests for sexual favors and all other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature, especially where it:

- · Becomes a term or condition of employment.
- Is used to make decisions affecting someone's job.
- Creates an intimidating, hostile, or offensive work environment.

Sexual harassment also includes comments, jokes, suggestions, sexually-oriented statements or other remarks or actions that are offensive.

Behavior such as intimidation, verbal or physical abuse, sexual misconduct, or the creation of a hostile or offensive work environment will not be tolerated. Individuals working at all levels of the company including management, clinical and administrative staff, licensed independent practitioners, and governing body members are expected to conduct themselves in a professional manner so that the workplace is free from behaviors that could have a negative impact on clients/ patients safety.

The company will do everything possible to prevent discrimination and harassment of any kind. All of us have the right to work in an environment of mutual respect and professionalism. Please report any activities involving discrimination or harassment to your supervisor, manager, the Human Resources Department via email at AskHR@helpathome.com, or for anonymous reporting contact the Ethics Help Line at 1-844-769-0288.

#### **Solicitation and Distribution**

Help at Home is committed to the care of our clients/patients, and we do not solicit or distribute any literature and products for selling or private employment arrangements.

It is the policy of Help at Home to prohibit any solicitation of employees and clients/patients. "No Solicitation Distribution" includes, but is not limited to, handing out, dispensing, selling, or requesting another person to take, acknowledge or buy materials, literature, goods, or items. Employees may not solicit clients/patients or visitors for any cause or for private employment arrangements. Personal items or notices from any source other than from HAH may not be posted on company bulletin boards. Items that promote any organization or commercial entity, political ideology, religious, or other cause, or which include messages or slogans that may disturb clients/patients or otherwise interfere with clients/patients care services may not be displayed.

#### **Drug-Free Workplace**

#### Help at Home is committed to a drug-free workplace.

It is the policy of the company to foster an environment of zero tolerance for the unlawful manufacture. distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of alcohol, controlled substances, or illegal drugs in the workplace.

## Anti-Kickback, Anti-Bribery and Anti-Corruption Laws

The Anti-Kickback Statute applies in all situations in which employees perform services that are paid by a federal or state health care program (Medicare and Medicaid, and related programs). HAH strictly prohibits giving or receiving any gifts, gratuities, or business courtesies to any of our business partners if one of the purposes is to reward past business referrals or to encourage future business referrals.

We expect our employees, officers, and directors to refrain from any conduct that may violate federal and state laws governing clients/patients referrals, health care financial relationships, and participation in any federal or state health care benefit program, such as Medicare, Medicaid, VA, and other state-funded agencies.

The federal Anti-Kickback Statute prohibits any person or entity from:

- 1. Directly or indirectly offering, paying, soliciting, or receiving anything of value.
- 2. Inducing or rewarding clients/patients referrals or generating other business.
- 3. Involving any item or service covered by Medicare, Medicaid, or any other federal or state health care program.

In short, inducing or rewarding others for business referrals is strictly prohibited and may very well violate the Anti-Kickback Statute and other applicable federal and state laws.

There are many similar state laws. These laws are broad and may apply to some of our activities or our relationships with clients/patients, customers or business partners. Federal and State Stark laws also prohibit physician referrals to entities in which a physician, or the close relative of a physician, has a financial interest.

HAH does not currently conduct business in any jurisdiction outside of the United States and does not do business with any foreign government or officials of any foreign government. If, in the future, we engage in business activities that might involve foreign jurisdictions or foreign government officials, our policy will be to comply with all anti-corruption laws that apply to our operations, including the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act ("FCPA") and the anti-corruption laws of such jurisdictions. Such policies would prohibit, among other things, giving, offering, or authorizing the provision of anything of value to, or for the benefit of, a foreign official, in order to obtain or retain business. to secure any other business advantage, or to obtain beneficial governmental treatment. If such policies are adopted, HAH will train affected personnel on the provisions of the FCPA and related policies. Knowing and willful violations of these federal and state laws may result in criminal and/or civil prosecution and penalties, including imprisonment. In addition, knowing and willful violations of these federal and state laws will be subject to disciplinary action up to and including termination of employment and legal action.

#### **Anti-Money Laundering**

Help at Home has designed its operations to ensure that our caregivers, employees, facilities, and services will be used only for legitimate purposes. We are committed to fully complying with all applicable anti-money laundering and terrorist finance laws, rules, and regulations. You must not participate in or facilitate money laundering; doing so, even unintentionally, could result in civil and criminal penalties against you and Help at Home.

#### **Antitrust Laws**

The purpose of antitrust laws is to provide customers choices for products and services by creating a level playing field in the marketplace through the promotion of fair competition. You must always follow all applicable laws and regulations designed to regulate competition because failure to do so can lead to civil and criminal liabilities—for yourself and HAH. Actions that violate antitrust laws include, but are not limited to, discussing, negotiating, and/or entering into an agreement with a competitor to (1) share competitivelysensitive information without legitimate justification; (2) competitively fix prices (rates) at any level or fix other terms of service; (3) allocate customers or markets; (4) boycott a supplier or customer; or (5) HR hiring or solicitation decisions. If you have any questions regarding the appropriateness of any form of discussion, negotiation, or agreement, you should refer your questions to the Legal Department. In addition, any suspected violations are to be referred to the Legal Department.



#### **Marketing Laws**

Marketing practices at HAH must always be based on factual information. We do not engage in negative comments regarding other providers of service. Distortion of the truth or making false statements is strictly prohibited. If you are involved in marketing or promoting to potential clients, you must be familiar with and comply with all applicable rules and regulations. Our potential clients must have sufficient and accurate information in order to make informed decisions. If you are unsure whether a statement may violate an applicable law or regulation, you must refrain from making such statement.

# **Suppliers**

We choose suppliers based on factors like quality, cost, availability, and service. We hold our suppliers to the same high standards that we hold ourselves and expect that all vendors and contractors who conduct business on our behalf will operate ethically and in compliance with the law. In furtherance of this objective we have adopted a Supplier Code of Conduct applicable to all suppliers for the company which can be viewed at https://support.helpathome.com/hc/en-us/ articles/7806432486423-Supplier-Code-of-Conduct.





#### Competitors

It is okay to gather information about our competitors and their customers, suppliers, and vendors, provided we do so legally and ethically. Use good judgment; never induce or coerce others to provide you information and gather information from public sources and customer feedback and document the source of the information.

#### Waivers to this Code

In certain extraordinary circumstances, a waiver of the provisions of the Code (other than matters required by law) may be considered and granted. If you believe special circumstances warrant a waiver of any provisions of the Code, contact the Ethics, Compliance & Privacy Department at **Compliance@helpathome.com**.

### **Open Door Policy**

In an effort to create better communication across the company, we have implemented an open-door policy that can help all employees to speak their minds about workplace issues. It fosters support and value for employees, boosts morale and ultimately increases productivity. Employees should always first bring up their concerns within their own chain of command before taking it to the Ethics, Compliance & Privacy Department.



#### Staff and Vendor Identification

All caregivers and staff should identify themselves to clients/patients prior to providing home care or any health care services. Staff and/or vendor identification may be produced by wearing a badge ID or other forms of identification. All vendors accessing any of HAH facilities or branch locations should identify themselves accordingly. Vendors should be <u>accompanied by a HAH</u> <u>employee or staff member while on HAH facilities</u>.

# **Background Check**

HAH is committed to providing a safe and secure environment for our employees, clients, customers, and vendors. HAH also must comply with federal and state requirements as it pertains to the services we

provide. To that end, HAH requires pre-hire background checks and other appropriate screenings. The U.S. Department of Health & Human Services Office of the Inspector General (HHS-OIG) screenings are performed in accordance with federal, state, and corporate policy. Newly hired employees cannot report to work unless and until the necessary background and other screenings have been completed and approved.

# **Professional Licensure**

If any HAH staff is a licensed or certified clinician (including, but not limited to, physicians and nurses), they will uphold the clinical practice guidelines promulgated for their specific license or certification and state. Moreover, they will maintain the status of their licensure or credentials and comply with all federal and state requirements for their professional discipline.

#### **Surveys and External Audits**

In preparation for, during and after surveys and external audits, HAH employees must interact with all external auditing bodies in a direct, open, and honest manner. No action should ever be taken in relationships with surveying bodies that would mislead the external survey teams, either directly or indirectly. The scope of matters related to external agency surveys is extremely significant and broader than the scope of this Code. The purpose of our Code is to provide general guidance on subjects of wide interest within the organization.



We respond to surveys with openness and accurate information. In preparation for or during a survey or inspection, HAH colleagues must never conceal, destroy, or alter any documents; lie; or make misleading statements to the agency representative. HAH colleagues also must never attempt to cause another colleague to provide inaccurate information or obstruct, mislead, or delay the communication of information or records relating to a possible violation of law. Anyone aware of violations or suspected violations of truthful and factual representations and responses to survey agencies must report them immediately through the chain of command or to the Ethics, Compliance & Privacy Department at **Compliance@helpathome.com** or for **anonymous reporting** contact our **Ethics Help Line** at **1-844-769-0288**.

#### We Give Back

We support various organizations, including the **Help at Home Foundation**, **Help at Home Cares Fund** and our **Give Back** time program. For employees who wish to involve themselves in a political process, such participation is entirely voluntary and must be made on personal time and not cause harm or embarrassment to HAH.



As always, please ensure your activities are lawful and consistent with our Conflict of Interest Policy discussed above. Request or consideration for approval of funds — for example, you should never use or donate HAH assets or funds to any outside activity, unless you have received approval in advance from our Chief Financial Officer, Chief Legal Officer, and Chief Executive Officer. For any questions, please reach out to the Ethics, Compliance & Privacy Department at **Compliance@helpathome.com** or for **anonymous reporting** contact our **Ethics Help Line** at **1-844-769-0288**.



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#### A Message From Our Chief Ethics & Compliance Officer

Dear Help at Home Employee:

The **Ethics, Compliance & Privacy** Program our blueprint for ensuring that we operate with honesty, transparency, and integrity.

We are all entrusted to make decisions daily that impact our reputation and relationships with each other, our clients/ patients, our staff, our leaders, our Board of Directors and our communities. Conducting our work ethically, with integrity and transparency is essential to preserving our culture and protecting our company and brand.

If you have any questions about what you think may be questionable activity taking place at Help at Home, please speak to your direct supervisor, contact the Ethics, Compliance & Privacy Department via email at: **Compliance@helpathome.com**, call the **Ethics Help Line** at **1-844-769-0288** or visit **https://helpathome.navexone.com**. The **Ethics Help Line** is anonymous, so we encourage you to speak frankly about your concerns. You will not be subject to any retaliation for your use of the **Ethics Help Line**.

On behalf of our Board of Directors and me, please accept our heartfelt thanks for your commitment to excellence and for sharing our goal to provide quality care throughout our communities. Maintaining high standards of excellence is an essential element in assuring that Help at Home remains an outstanding home health/home care delivery system. When we work as a team and do our jobs ethically to the best of our ability, everyone wins – clients/patients, employees, and our communities.

Sincerely,

MARISOL CASTRO Chief Ethics & Compliance Officer Help at Home, LLC

#### **Key Contacts**

Help With	Contact	Contact Info
Questions or concerns about laws, our Code, supporting policies	<b>Marisol Castro</b> Chief Ethics & Compliance Officer	<b>mcastro</b> @helpathome.com
To raise questions or concerns about legal matters and conflicts issues	<b>Joe Bonaccorsi</b> Chief Legal Officer	jbonaccorsi@helpathome.com
Privacy or confidentiality of client or employee information; HIPAA concerns	<b>Jose Camps</b> Vice President of Compliance and Privacy	<b>jcamps</b> @helpathome.com
Technology concerns, including cybersecurity risks	<b>Chris Lockery</b> Chief Information Security Officer	<b>clockery</b> @helpathome.com
Questions or concerns about laws, our Code, supporting policies	Ethics, Compliance & Privacy Department	<b>Compliance</b> @helpathome.com
Questions or concerns relating to staff and clients/ patients incidents	<b>Howard Rosenblum</b> Director and Managing Counsel-Risk, Claims and Litigation Management	<b>Riskonnect</b> @helpathome.com
Human Resource concerns	Human Resources Department	AskHR@helpathome.com
Report IT Security concerns	IT Security Incident	<b>Infosec</b> @helpathome.com
Report any concern	Ethics Help Line	1-844-769-0288 Ethics Help Line Desktop/Mobile https://helpathome.navexone.com/

### **Additional Resources**

The Code does not cover every situation you may face on the job, so it is important to use good judgment in everything that you do and to ask for help if you're ever unsure about the right course of action. You also should be aware of the following resources that are available for your reference:

**Corporate Administrative Handbook:** Available at local branch offices or Corporate Support Center

> HIPAA Privacy Policies and Procedures: https://www.helpathome.com/compliance

> HIPAA Security Policies and Procedures: https://www.helpathome.com/compliance

#### Anonymous Ethics Help Line available 24 hours a day

1-844-769-0288 English and Spanish

Website: https://helpathome.navexone.com/ https://www.helpathome.com/compliance

Ethics, Compliance & Privacy Department Email: Compliance@helpathome.com



State Employee Handbooks: Available at local branch offices



# Statement of Understanding and Compliance with Ethics, Compliance & Privacy Program

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Branch Location/State: \_\_\_\_

I have read the Help at Home Code of Ethical Standards. I understand what is expected of me, and I promise to comply with my responsibilities under the Code.

Unless I've written an explanation below, I hereby certify that I have complied with the requirements of the Ethics, Compliance & Privacy Program, and I am not aware of any violations of the Ethics, Compliance & Privacy Program, and that I will comply with the requirements of the Program for the entire time that I am associated with the company.

I understand that if I violate this Code of Ethical Standards, I may be subject to disciplinary action by Help at Home, up to possible termination of employment or the revocation of my contractual or other relationship with the company.

I certify that I have not been charged with, convicted of, or entered a plea of no contest in connection with any criminal offense that was in any way related to health care. I have not been listed by a federal and/or state agency as debarred, excluded or otherwise ineligible for participation in any federally funded health care program or federal and/or state contracting. I will promptly notify the company if I am debarred, excluded, or suspended from participation in any governmental health care program, or if I am charged with or convicted of any conduct which may result in debarment, exclusion, or suspension.

Signature \_\_\_

Date

This form must be completed, electronically acknowledged and/or signed and placed in your electronic employee file in the Human Resources Department.



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