

Corporate Compliance Plan

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I. Introduction

Hamaspik has developed this Compliance Plan to establish a culture of ethical and legal standards of behavior. This compliance plan shall promote the prevention, detection, and resolution of actions that do not conform to federal and state law, as well as Hamaspik's ethical and business practices.

In addition to articulating Hamaspik's commitment to high standards of conduct, this Compliance Plan will also set out specific and practical steps to achieve and maintain those standards.

The Board of Directors has directed the preparation of this comprehensive written compliance plan. The BOD will receive quarterly compliance reports from the Corporate Compliance Officer.

The Plan, in its entirety is published on Hamaspik's website and every employee, independent contractor, and vendor is required to review it.

The following plan applies to all "Affected Individuals" which includes Board of Directors, employees, contracted employees, family care providers, sitters, volunteers and all persons associated with Hamaspik.

II. Written Compliance Standards

A. Codes of Ethical Conduct:

Hamaspik's Code of Ethical Conduct reflects the tradition of caring, and provides guidance to ensure that work is done in an ethical and legal manner. These Codes establish the shared common values and culture we seek to cultivate that guides our day to day actions. The Codes of Ethical Conduct shall be reviewed with each new Affected Individual. All employees are required to sign the Hamaspik Acceptance Agreement that he/she understands and will adhere to these guidelines, along with other Hamaspik policies and procedures.

The Codes of Ethical Conduct are written in the Personnel Policy and Procedures:

"Hamaspik is committed to conducting its business affairs honestly and with integrity. This commitment applies to our relationships with competitors, individuals, families, vendors and employees. Each Affected Individual must maintain the highest standards of personal and professional ethics. These rules, practices and policies concerning conduct and behavior ("Standards") are instrumental to the continued success of Hamaspik.

Affected Individuals shall not conduct business that is not in the full spirit of honest and ethical behavior, nor should they cause other employees, or non-employees, to act or behave in such a manner, either through inducement, suggestion, or coercion. Furthermore, Affected Individuals shall not furnish any information to any individual, business, or entity without first consulting with and acquiring the approval of their superior.

Affected Individuals are expected to report dishonest activities by other employees to their superior. Failure to report such activities is considered a violation of the Standards. Knowingly submitting false information is also considered a violation of the Standards.

Initiating or encouraging reprisal action against an employee or other person who, in good faith, reports known or suspected Standards violations are prohibited.

It is the responsibility of all Affected Individuals to refrain from and report; improper or fraudulent billing for health care services, submitting false paperwork and any type of fraud and abuse as outlined in the Corporate Compliance section of this Manual. Behavior contrary to the expectations is a violation of the compliance program and the related policies and procedures.

Affected Individuals are expected to conduct themselves in a professional manner at all times and demonstrate a positive attitude, respect for co-workers, individuals/parents and their property. "

B. Policies & Procedures

Hamaspiik has established policies and procedures to address a variety of potential risk areas, including the risk of liability under several fraud and abuse regulations. These policies and procedures are part of a comprehensive framework of compliance controls that exist throughout Hamaspiik.

Hamaspiik will review, revise, and develop new policies and procedures, as necessary, to ensure that operations are conducted with best practices. These policies and procedures cover billings and payments, medical necessity and quality of care, governance, mandatory reporting, criminal background, credential and other background screening of employees, and other risk areas associated with personnel practices, and business and fiscal operations. This document along with the key policies and procedures outlined below comprise Hamaspiik's Corporate Compliance Plan.

- Accounting Policies and Procedures
- Personnel Policies and Procedures
- Internal Control Policy and Procedures
- Conflict of Interest Policy
- Criminal Background Check Policy
- Disciplinary Policy
- Corporate Compliance Policy
- Incident Reporting Policy
- Whistle Blower Protection Policy

III. Corporate Compliance Program

A. The Role of the Corporate Compliance Officer

Hamaspik is committed to the operation of an effective compliance program and has assigned compliance oversight responsibilities to the Corporate Compliance Officer (CCO). The CCO is charged with the responsibility for developing, operating, and monitoring the compliance program. The CCO investigates compliance concerns and reports compliance concerns directly to the Board of Directors.

1. Effective Communication to the CCO

The effectiveness of our Corporate Compliance plan depends on the willingness and commitment of all Affected Individuals to step forward, in good faith, with questions, and concerns. Our goal is that all Affected Individuals, whether seeking answers to questions or reporting instances of fraud and abuse, will know who to turn to without fear of reprisal.

Each Affected Individual has a responsibility to report through our compliance process any activity by any employee, contractor, or board member that appears to violate applicable laws, rules, regulations, standards of ethical practice or the corporate compliance plan.

Reporting enables Hamaspik to investigate potential problems quickly and to take prompt action to deal with them. Observed or suspected fraud can be reported:

- **Email:** corporatecompliance@hamaspikrockland.org. (Anonymous e-mails can be sent from the common-area computer).
- **Suggestion box:** located at the reception area
- **Hotline:** 845-503-0202

2. Response to Compliance Issues

Upon a complaint the CCO shall immediately contact the Executive Director and thereafter conduct a thorough investigation. Investigations can be carried through by individuals outside of the compliance function. Records of such investigation will contain documentation of the alleged violation, a description of the investigative process, copies of interview notes and key documents, and the results of the investigation. The results of the investigation shall be shared with the supervisor of that department who will ensure that the problem is corrected promptly and thoroughly and reduce the risk of recurrence. If the CCO determines that disciplinary action is necessary, it will be prompt and imposed in accordance with Hamaspik policies. Once the issue is resolved, the supervisor shall notify the CCO. If the issue requires refunding of an overpayment or fraudulent billing, the CCO shall contact the fiscal office to ensure repayment.

3. Enforcement of Standards

If, through investigation, monitoring and/or auditing, it is determined that fraud or abuse has occurred, or that a staff person or program is violating policies and procedures set forth in the Compliance Plan, there may be a need for disciplinary action. Hamaspiik's disciplinary guidelines are outlined in the Personnel Policy and Procedures.

4. Non-Retaliation and Whistleblower Protection

A whistle blower, who files a report to the CCO, in good faith, may not be subject to retaliation or intimidation in any form. Retaliation or intimidation is also prohibited against an Affected Individual for refusing to carry out any activity that is the subject of a report made under this policy in good faith. No Affected Individual may threaten to retaliate against anyone for filing a report.

Prohibited retaliation includes, but is not limited to, terminating, suspending, demoting, failing to consider for promotion, harassing, or reducing the compensation of an employee due to the employee's intended or actual filing of a report under this policy. Retaliation is prohibited even if it is determined that the allegedly improper conduct was proper or did not occur, provided that the report was made in good faith. Hamaspiik reserves the right to take disciplinary action against any Affected Individual who maliciously files a report he or she knows to be untrue.

Allegations of intimidation or retaliation against individuals who raise compliance issues should be reported directly to the CCO as soon as possible. Any such allegation will be promptly investigated impartially and objectively by the Corporate Compliance Officer. Remedial action will be taken to rectify unlawful retaliation, based upon the results of the investigation.

B. The Role of the Quality Assurance Director

The Director of Quality Assurance will assist the Compliance Officer in carrying out his/her roles and responsibilities. These responsibilities will include providing assistance with developing and reviewing policies, staying informed of changes in state and federal regulations and developing and implementing internal auditing processes.

1. Auditing and Monitoring

The QA Director shall conduct audits in all departments and programs as a means of ensuring compliance with requirements and to identify potential and emerging risk areas. These agency reviews shall be conducted twice annually for every program and department. The QA Director shall select and audit ten percent of programs billing/transactions. All findings shall be shared with the Executive Director, the CCO, and the supervisors of programs involved. The entire audit process is detailed in the Internal Control Policy and Procedures.