

**Title:** Duty to Report Non-Compliance Policy

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## **Purpose:**

To ensure Affected Individuals of the Care Compass Entities understand reporting obligations and processes involved with reporting non-compliance.

### **Definitions:**

Affected Individual(s): All persons who are affected by Care Compass Entities' risk areas including Care Compass Entities' employees, officers, Directors, managers, contractors, agents, subcontractors, independent contractors, governing bodies, or third-parties, who or that, in acting on behalf of the Care Compass Entities: (i) delivers, furnishes, directs, orders, authorizes, or otherwise provides health or social care items and services under State, Federal, or Care Compass programs; and (ii) contributes to the Care Compass Entities' entitlement to payment under Federal health or social care programs, or from other payor sources.

Care Compass Entities: Organizations that are directly, or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, owned or controlled by, or are under common ownership or control of, Care Compass Network, including Care Compass Collaborative, Inc. and Care Compass Supporting IPA, LLC.

**Participant:** Any organization that has signed an agreement related to a funded program with the Care Compass Entities.

**Staff:** Employees, contractors, agents, consultants, volunteers, and others who act on the Care Compass Entities' behalf.

#### **Policy:**

The Care Compass Entities are committed to conducting its business in a manner that complies fully with applicable laws, regulations, guidance, program requirements, and the Care Compass Entities' Codes of Conduct. Affected Individuals must report suspected unethical or illegal conduct, in order to support this commitment and to protect the Care Compass Entities' reputations. No retaliatory action shall be taken against any individual who, in good faith, reports suspected or known instances of noncompliance.

## I. Affirmative Duty to Report

a. Affected Individuals who are aware of or suspect a violation of law, regulation, guidance, program requirements, or the Care Compass Entities' Codes of Conduct, other standards, or policies and procedures, have an affirmative duty to report this information without

- regard to the identity or position of the suspected offender. Staff job descriptions, Vendor Contracts, and/or agreements related to a funded program with the Care Compass Entities will contain a provision reflecting this duty.
- b. In general, reports should be made to the Staff member's supervisor or through the normal chain of command. However, Affected Individuals may also report the information directly to the Director of Compliance.

## **II.** Anonymous Reporting

- a. To make a report anonymously, Affected Individuals may report through the online Compliance Hotline at <a href="https://bit.ly/CareCompass-Compliance">https://bit.ly/CareCompass-Compliance</a> to communicate information directly to the Director of Compliance.
- b. The Care Compass Entities will make every effort to treat reports confidentially and to protect the anonymity of the Affected Individual who reported the information. However, under some circumstances, the reporter's identity may need to be disclosed to the Care Compass Entities Compliance Committees, a relevant Board of Directors, or reporting authority as part of the Care Compass Entities' appropriate response to allegations of noncompliance.

#### III. Non-Retaliation

- a. No retaliatory action will be taken or allowed against any Affected Individual who, in good faith, reports suspected or known instances of non-compliance.
- b. Appropriate disciplinary action, up to and including termination from employment, removal from an appointed position, or removal from participation with the Care Compass Entities, shall be taken against any Affected Individual found to have retaliated against any individual or entity who reported in good faith.

## IV. Failure to Report

- a. Proven failure to report misconduct may result in disciplinary action, up to and including termination from employment, removal from an appointed position, or removal from participation with the Care Compass Entities, against Affected Individual who failed to report the misconduct.
- b. In addition, managers, supervisors, and Participants may be sanctioned for failing to detect non-compliance with applicable laws or policies and procedures where reasonable diligence on the part of the manager, supervisor, or Participant would have led to the discovery of a problem or violation.

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# **Policy Revisions:**

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7/12/2023	Added "Affiliated Entities" throughout to update to an enterprise-	Cathy Petrak
	wide policy; updated Partner to "Participant" definition and term	
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	title to "Director of Compliance" throughout; updated compliance	
	hotline web address	
5/7/2025	Updated "Affiliated Entities" to "Care Compass Entities"	Cathy Petrak
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	updates throughout	

This Policy shall be reviewed periodically, but not less than once every 12 months, and updated consistent with the requirements established by the Board of Directors, Care Compass Network's Leadership Team, Federal and State law(s) and regulations, and applicable accrediting and review organizations.