INTRODUCTION

The Health Plan of San Mateo (HPSM) is committed to conducting its business operations in compliance with ethical standards, contractual obligations, and all applicable state and federal statutes, regulations and rules, including those pertaining to Medicare, Medi-Cal, and operations of health plans. HPSM's compliance commitment extends to its own internal business operations as well as its oversight and monitoring responsibilities relating to its business partners and delegated entities that enable HPSM to fully implement all aspects of the Medicare benefits as well as HPSM's other lines of business.

The comprehensive Compliance Program described here incorporates the fundamental elements of an effective compliance program identified by the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Inspector General (OIG), CMS regulations, and the Medicare Managed Care Manual and Prescription Drug Benefit Manual. Following these guidelines and good business practice, HPSM's Compliance Program:

- Assures compliance with and conformity to all applicable federal and state laws governing HPSM
- Assures compliance with contractual obligations
- Utilizes prevention, detection, and correction tools for non-compliance
- Detects violations of ethical standards
- Combats fraud, waste, and abuse
- Ensures effective education and training of staff; and
- Involves HPSM's Commission and CEO in the Compliance Program.

The Compliance Program is a continually evolving process that will be modified and enhanced based on compliance monitoring, identification of areas of business or legal risk, and as a result of evaluation of the program.

For purposes of this Compliance Program, unless otherwise stated, the term "All Employees" applies to all HPSM Employees, temporary employees, interns, volunteers, Commissioners, Contractors, and First Tier, Downstream, and Related Entities (FDRs). The Glossary, found in Appendix A, further defines these and other key terms used throughout this Compliance Program.

THE COMPLIANCE PROGRAM

This document addresses the fundamental elements of a compliance program. The Compliance Program establishes HPSM principles, standards, and Policies and Procedures regarding compliance with applicable laws and regulations, including those governing relationships among HPSM and federal and state regulatory agencies, participating providers, and Contractors. The Compliance Program is designed to ensure operational accountability and that HPSM's operations and the practices of All Employees comply with applicable contractual requirements, ethical standards, and laws.

This Program was initially approved by HPSM's Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and HPSM's Governing Body, the San Mateo Health Commission/San Mateo Community Health Authority (Commission). It is reviewed annually by HPSM's Compliance Committee and the San Mateo Health Commission.

Key Elements of Compliance Program

The following are elements critical to HPSM's Compliance Program. Detailed descriptions of each area can be found below.

I. *Standards of Conduct, Policies and Procedures:* The Compliance Program outlines how contractual and legal standards are reviewed and implemented throughout the organization and communicated to All Employees. HPSM compliance staff reviews new and modified standards on a regular basis, develops Policies and Procedures, and implements plans to meet contractual and legal obligations.

II. *Oversight:* The Compliance Program reflects a formal commitment of HPSM's Governing Body, the San Mateo Health Commission, which adopted this program. HPSM's Chief Government Affairs and Compliance Officer, together with the Compliance Committee, oversees the Compliance Program's implementation, under the direction of the CEO. The Chief Government Affairs and Compliance Officer and the Compliance Committee have the oversight and reporting roles and responsibilities set forth in this Compliance Program.

III. *Effective Training and Education:* The Compliance Program incorporates training and education relating to standards and risk areas, as well as continuing specialized education focused on the operations of HPSM's departments and its programs. HPSM communicates its standards and procedures by requiring Employees to participate in trainings upon hire as well as annual trainings.

IV. *Effective Lines of Communication:* HPSM has formal and routine mechanisms of communication available to All Employees, Providers, and Members. HPSM promotes communication through a variety of meetings and processes.

V. *Well Publicized Disciplinary Standards:* The Compliance Program encourages a consistent approach related to the reporting of compliance issues and adherence to compliance policies. It requires that standards and Policies and Procedures are consistently enforced through appropriate disciplinary mechanisms including, education, correction of improper behavior, discipline of individuals (suspension, financial penalties, sanctions, and termination), and disclosure/repayment if the conduct resulted in improper reimbursement.

VI. *Effective System for Routine Monitoring, Auditing, and Identification of Compliance Risks:* HPSM continues to implement monitoring and auditing reviews related to its operations and of those entities over which HPSM has oversight responsibilities. The Compliance Program and related Policies and Procedures address the monitoring and auditing processes in place to review the activities of HPSM, its providers, and Contractors. HPSM identifies risk areas through an operational risk assessment as well as by examining information collected from monitoring and auditing activities.

VII. *Procedures and Systems for Prompt Response to Compliance Issues:* Once an offense has been detected, HPSM is committed to taking all appropriate steps to respond appropriately to the offense and to prevent similar offenses from occurring. HPSM makes referrals to external agencies or law enforcement as appropriate for further investigation and follow-up.

APPLICABILITY

HPSM's Compliance Program applies to all HPSM products, including but not limited to: Medi-Cal, Medicare Parts C and D, HealthWorx and ACE.

CODE of CONDUCT

HPSM's Code of Conduct details the fundamental principles, values, and ethical framework for All Employees. The objective of the Code of Conduct is to articulate broad principles that guide All Employees in conducting their business activities in a professional, ethical, and legal manner. It is reviewed by the Compliance Committee annually. The Code provides guidelines for business decision-making and behavior whereas Compliance Policies and Procedures are specific and address identified areas of risk and operations.

The Code of Conduct and HPSM Policies and Procedures are available to all HPSM Employees from their time of hire via HPSM's intranet. As a condition of employment, HPSM Employees must certify within 14 calendar days of hire and annually thereafter that they have received, read, and will comply with HPSM's Code of Conduct. Commissioners will also certify that they have received, read, and will comply with these standards of conduct within 90 days of appointment and annually thereafter. All FDRs, including the Medicare Part D pharmacy benefits manager, are required to implement a Code of Conduct compliant with Chapter 21 of the Medicare Managed Care Manual, or utilize HPSM's Code of Conduct and disseminate it to their staff within 90 days of contracting with HPSM and annually thereafter. All managers are required to discuss the content of the Code of Conduct with Contractors under their immediate supervision during contract negotiations for the purpose of confirming the Contractors' understanding of the HPSM's Code of Conduct. Contractors are encouraged to disseminate copies of HPSM's Code of Conduct to their employees, agents, and subcontractors that furnish items or services to HPSM and/or its members.

Review and Implementation of Standards

HPSM regularly reviews its business operations against new standards imposed by applicable contractual, legal, and regulatory requirements to ensure that All Employees operate under and comply with changing standards. HPSM develops Policies and Procedures to respond to changing standards and potential risk areas identified by HPSM, the OIG, CMS, DHCS, and DMHC. HPSM identifies risk areas through an operational risk assessment as well as by examining information collected from monitoring and auditing activities. These activities include internal reviews, contract monitoring, and external reviews of HPSM's operations by regulatory agencies. The Code of Conduct is reviewed annually by HPSM's Compliance Committee as are HPSM's compliance Policies and Procedures. Staff are informed of significant revisions annually, such as revisions that affect staff rights, responsibilities or job duties.

Compliance with Policies and Procedures

Policies and Procedures are written to help provide structure and guidance to the operations of the organization and ensure that HPSM stays current with contractual, legal, and regulatory requirements.

HPSM Employees are responsible for ensuring that they comply with the Policies and Procedures relevant to their positions. At least annually, HPSM staff reviews and, as needed, updates Policies and Procedures. HPSM's Compliance Committee reviews and approves proposed changes and additions to HPSM's Compliance Policies and Procedures (a list of which can be found in Appendix B) and others as determined by the Leadership Team. Operational/Department Policies and Procedures are approved by HPSM Managers and Directors. These Policies and Procedures are set forth in HPSM's electronic Policies and Procedures Manual available to all employees through HPSM's intranet.

Compliance Policies and Procedures include the following:

- Commitment to comply with all federal and state standards
- Compliance expectations
- Guidance to employees and others on dealing with potential compliance issues
- Guidance on how to communicate compliance issues to appropriate staff
- Description of how potential compliance issues are investigated and resolved
- A commitment to non-intimidation and non-retaliation for good faith participation in the Compliance Program.

In addition, as part of HPSM's audit of FDRs, such as HPSM's pharmacy benefits manager, the FDRs must certify that as a condition of employment its employees must comply with written policies and procedures and Code of Conduct.

Familiarity with Identified Standards

As indicated in the Code of Conduct, employees must be familiar with the standards related to potential risk areas for managed care organizations that relate to their job responsibilities.

OVERSIGHT

Governing Body

In its capacity as the Governing Body, the San Mateo Health Commission has the duty to assure that HPSM implements and monitors a Compliance Program governing HPSM's operations. The Chief Government Affairs and Compliance Officer reports to the Commission on a periodic basis, but no less than annually. Reports include review of activities of the Compliance Program, results of internal and external audits, and reporting of other compliance-related issues.

Chief Government Affairs and Compliance Officer

HPSM's Chief Government Affairs and Compliance Officer is responsible for developing and implementing Policies and Procedures and practices designed to ensure compliance with Federal and State health care programs, including the Medicare Programs. The Chief Government Affairs and Compliance Officer may only delegate tasks set forth in this Compliance Program to other HPSM Employees upon authorization from the CEO. The Chief Government Affairs and Compliance Officer's job description is available upon

request to the Human Resources Department.

The Chief Government Affairs and Compliance Officer receives periodic training in compliance procedures and has the authority to oversee compliance and regularly reports on compliance activities to the Commission. Proper execution of compliance responsibilities and promotion of and adherence to the Compliance Program shall be factors in the annual performance evaluation of the Chief Government Affairs and Compliance Officer.

The Chief Government Affairs and Compliance Officer:

- Holds a full-time leadership level position at HPSM and reports directly to HPSM's CEO.
- Receives training in compliance issues and/or procedures at least annually.
- Has the necessary authority to oversee compliance.
- Serves as the Medicare Compliance Officer, in addition to Compliance Officer duties for all HPSM programs
- Oversees compliance standards and procedures.
- Submits reports to the CEO, the Compliance Committee, and the Commission regarding compliance issues.
- Reports compliance issues involving the CEO directly to the Commission.

The Chief Government Affairs and Compliance Officer shall ensure that:

- The Code of Conduct and Policies and Procedures are developed, implemented, and distributed to All Employees.
- The Compliance Program is reviewed and updated if needed at least annually based on changes in HPSM's needs, regulatory requirements, and applicable law.
- HPSM Employee certifications confirming receipt, review, and understanding of the Code of Conduct are obtained at the time of hire (at new employee orientation) and annually thereafter.
- An appropriate education and training program that focuses on elements of the Compliance Program (including information on Medicare, Medi-Cal, and fraud, waste, and abuse) is implemented and provided to HPSM Employees and made available to Commissioners and Contractors, as appropriate. The Compliance Committee and the Commission are briefed on the status of compliance training.
- FDRs implement education and training for their staff involved in Medicare or Medi-Cal and that this training includes information about HPSM's Compliance Program.
- All data submitted to regulatory agencies are accurate and in compliance with reporting requirements.
- A work plan is developed to monitor the implementation and compliance with Medicare and Medi-Cal related Policies and Procedures.
- Marketing staff is aware of and follow the requirements for Medicare sales and marketing activities.
- Effective lines of communication are instituted, communication mechanisms such as telephone hotline calls are monitored, and complaints are investigated and treated confidentially (unless circumstances dictate the contrary) including any involving Medicare non-compliance or fraud.
- Inquiries and investigations with respect to any reported or suspected violation or questionable conduct including the coordination of internal investigations and investigations of FDRs are:
    - initiated timely and completed.
    - reported to the appropriate organization (DHCS, CMS or its designee, and/or law

enforcement) as necessary
    - appropriate disciplinary actions and corrective action plans are implemented.
- Documentation is maintained for each report of potential non-compliance or fraud, waste, or abuse from any source including results and corrective action plans or disciplinary actions taken.
- Periodic reviews of the Participation Status Review process are completed with the Human Resources Department and other designated employees to ascertain that the process is conducted in accordance with HPSM Policies and Procedures.
- Compliance software and electronic files are maintained to support implementation of the Compliance Program.
- Each of the requirements of the Compliance Program has been substantially accomplished.

Compliance Committee

The Compliance Committee is responsible for overseeing the Compliance Program, subject to the direction of the CEO and the ultimate authority of the Commission. The Compliance Committee is chaired by the Chief Government Affairs and Compliance Officer and meets on a quarterly basis. The Compliance Committee Charter identifies the responsibilities and membership of the Committee. HPSM maintains written minutes (as appropriate) of Compliance Committee meetings reflecting the reports made to the Committee and the Committee's decisions on issues raised (subject to applicable legal provisions concerning confidentiality.) The Compliance Committee Charter can be found in CP.001.

Managers / Supervisors

Managers/Supervisors must be available to discuss with each HPSM Employee under their direct supervision and every Contractor with whom they are the primary liaison:

- The content and procedures in this Compliance Program.
- The legal requirements applicable to Employees' and Contractors' job functions or contractual obligations, as applicable.
- That adherence to this Compliance Program is a condition of employment or contractual relationship.
- That HPSM shall take appropriate disciplinary action, including termination of employment or a Contractor's agreement with HPSM, for violation of the principles and requirements set forth in the Compliance Program and applicable law and regulations.

TRAINING

HPSM provides general and specialized compliance training and education, as applicable, to Commissioners and HPSM Employees to assist them in understanding the Compliance Program, including the Code of Conduct and Policies and Procedures relevant to their job functions. As a part of this process, all Commissioners and HPSM Employees are apprised of applicable state and federal laws, regulations, standards of ethical conduct and the consequences which shall follow from any violation of those rules or the Compliance Program.

Compliance and Fraud, Waste, and Abuse (FWA) Trainings

HPSM Employees are expected to complete compliance training within 14 calendar days of hire, and new Commissioners within 90 days of appointment to the HPSM Governing Body. HPSM Employees and Commissioners must complete compliance training annually thereafter.

New HPSM Employees receive a copy of the Code of Conduct during new hire compliance training and must attest that they have read and understood it. New Commissioners receive a copy of the Compliance Program and Code of Conduct upon appointment and annually thereafter.

Compliance trainings for HPSM Employees include information regarding:

- Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)
- Fraud, waste, abuse, and neglect including the False Claims Act, the Fraud Enforcement and Recovery Act, Anti-Kickback Statue, Stark Law, and Civil Monetary Penalties Law
- Compliance Program
- Code of Conduct
- Information on the confidentiality, anonymity, non-intimidation and non-retaliation for compliance-related questions or reports of potential non-compliance.
- Review of the disciplinary guidelines for non-compliant or fraudulent behavior.
- Review of potential conflicts of interest and HPSM's disclosure/attestation system.

HPSM Employees may receive additional compliance training as is reasonable and necessary based on changes in job descriptions/duties, promotions, and/or the scope of their job functions.

Compliance training for Commissioners will focus on compliance and fraud, waste, and abuse.

Members of the Compliance Committee and other Leadership Team members are trained on how to respond appropriately to compliance inquiries and reports of potential non-compliance. This training also includes confidentiality, non-intimidation and non-retaliation against employees, and knowing when to refer the incident to the Chief Government Affairs and Compliance Officer.

Federal guidance specifically requires that all FDRs receive general compliance training, and in light of this requirement, FDRs are informed of their obligation to provide compliance training to their employees. HPSM receives confirmation that its FDRs conduct their own compliance training for staff and downstream entities in accordance with CMS guidance as part of the annual FDR audit. FDRs that have met the FWA certification requirements through enrollment into the Medicare program or accreditation as a Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS) are deemed to have met the training and educational requirements for FWA.

Documentation

Documentation requirements related to the training and education program are addressed in the following manner:

- Core annual training material topics are available through a web-based tool. Core trainings include all-staff FWA, Compliance and HIPAA Privacy trainings. Confirmation of completion of assigned courses and post-test is documented through a web based tool and reviewed by the Chief Government Affairs and Compliance Officer to ensure staff completes assigned trainings.
- Supplemental annual trainings, such as manager training, are conducted in-person, with sign-in

sheets retained as evidence of training participation.
- Documentation of trainings for Commissioners is captured through a web-based tool and reviewed by the Chief Government Affairs and Compliance Officer.

All Compliance Program training documents are retained in accordance with HPSM's Document Retention Policy.

EFFECTIVE LINES OF COMMUNICATION

Effective lines of communication are established ensuring confidentiality between the Chief Government Affairs and Compliance Officer, members of the Compliance Committee, HPSM managers and supervisors, HPSM Employees, Commissioners, and staff of FDRs. All Employees are encouraged to discuss compliance issues directly with their managers/supervisors or the Chief Government Affairs and Compliance Officer. All Employees are advised that they are required to report compliance concerns and suspected or actual misconduct and violations of law.

The Chief Government Affairs and Compliance Officer posts information such as the policies and procedures catalog (which includes the Code of Conduct as well as the Compliance Program) on HPSM's intranet, available to all HPSM Employees. Additional information can be posted as needed to update staff on changes in laws or regulations. The Chief Government Affairs and Compliance Officer also informs Commissioners of any relevant federal and state fraud alerts and policy letters, pending/new legislation reports, updates, and advisory bulletins as necessary.

Establishment and Publication of Reporting Hotlines

All Employees have an affirmative duty under the Compliance Program to report all violations, suspected violations, questionable conduct or practices by a verbal or written report to HPSM to a supervisor or the Chief Government Affairs and Compliance Officer. In the event any person wishes to remain anonymous, he/she may use HPSM's confidential hotline described below to report compliance concerns. The purpose of the hotline is to ensure that there is an effective line of communication for compliance issues between HPSM and its Commissioners, HPSM Employees, Contractors and/or members.

Compliance Hotline

HPSM has established a confidential Compliance Telephone Hotline (Compliance Hotline) for HPSM Commissioners, HPSM Employees, Contractors, Providers and Members and other interested persons to report any violations or suspected violations of law and/or the Compliance Program and/or questionable or unethical conduct or practices including, without limitation, the following:

- Incidents of fraud and abuse
- Criminal activity (fraud, kickback, embezzlement, theft, etc.)
- Conflict of interest issues
- Code of Conduct violations

HPSM currently uses a national hotline organization to administer its Compliance Hotline. The Compliance Hotline is accessible 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, excluding designated holidays (when

callers will be routed to a voice mail message alerting them to call back during established hours of operation). A caller to the Compliance Hotline is initially greeted by a pre-recorded message that provides information regarding Compliance Hotline procedures and the caller's right to anonymity. Calls to the Compliance Hotline are not tape-recorded and will not be traced. The national hotline organization operator will ask the caller several questions relating to the reported issue, incident, etc. All reports are referred to HPSM's Chief Government Affairs and Compliance Officer and investigated. Follow-up calls may be scheduled; however, information regarding the investigation and status of any action taken relating to the report may not be available to the caller.

The compliance hotline information is as follows: TOLL FREE COMPLIANCE HOTLINE (844) 965-1241.

HPSM publicizes the Compliance Hotline by appropriate means of communication to Commissioners, HPSM Employees, and Contractors including, but not limited to: e-mail notice and/or posting in prominent common areas, as well as on HPSM's intranet.

Confidentiality, Non-Intimidation and Non-Retaliation

HPSM takes all reports of violations, suspected violations, questionable conduct or practices seriously. Verbal communications via the Compliance Hotline and written or verbal reports to managers or supervisors or anyone designated to receive such reports shall be treated as privileged and confidential to the extent permitted by applicable law and circumstances. The caller/author need not provide his/her name.

HPSM's "Open Door" policy encourages HPSM Employees to discuss issues directly with their managers, supervisors, the Chief Government Affairs and Compliance Officer, other Leadership Team members, members of the Compliance Committee, or the CEO. These channels of discussion provide for confidentiality to the extent allowed by law.

HPSM maintains and supports a Non-Intimidation and Non -Retaliation policy which prohibits any retaliatory action against a Commission Member, HPSM Employee, or Contractor for making any verbal/written report in good faith. This includes qui tam relators who make a report under the federal or California False Claims Act.

Discipline shall not be increased because an Employee reported his or her own violation or misconduct. Prompt and complete disclosure may be considered a mitigating factor in determining an Employee's discipline. The non-tolerance for retaliation and intimidation is described in policy and reviewed in the annual compliance training. HPSM takes violations of the policy on non-intimidation and non-retaliation seriously; the Chief Government Affairs and Compliance Officer reviews disciplinary and/or other corrective actions for such violations with the Compliance Committee, as appropriate.

Although Commissioners and HPSM Employees are encouraged to report their own potential wrongdoing, they may not use any verbal or written report in an effort to insulate themselves from the consequences of their own violations or misconduct. Commissioners, HPSM Employees, and Contractors shall not prevent or attempt to prevent, a Commissioner, HPSM Employee, or Contractor from communicating via the Compliance Hotline or any other mechanism. If a Commissioner, HPSM Employee, or Contractor attempts such action, he or she is subject to disciplinary action.

DISCIPLINARY STANDARDS

Conduct Subject to Discipline

HPSM Employees may be subject to discipline up to and including termination for failing to participate in HPSM's Compliance efforts. All new and renewing contracts include a provision that clarifies that a contract can be terminated because of a violation. The following are examples of conduct subject to enforcement and discipline:

- Failure to perform any required obligation relating to the Compliance Program or applicable law, including conduct that results in violation of any Federal or state law relating to participation in Federal and/or State health care programs.
- Failure to report violations or suspected violations of the Compliance Program or applicable law to an appropriate person or through the Compliance Hotline.
- Conduct that leads to the filing of a false or improper claim or that is otherwise responsible for the filing of a claim in violation of federal or state law.

Enforcement and Discipline

HPSM maintains a "zero tolerance" policy towards any illegal conduct that impacts the operation, mission, or image of HPSM. Any employee or contractor engaging in a violation of laws or regulations (depending on the magnitude of the violation) may have their employment or contract terminated. HPSM shall accord no weight to a claim that any improper conduct was undertaken "for the benefit of HPSM". Illegal conduct is not for HPSM's benefit and is expressly prohibited.

The standards established in the Compliance Program must be fair and consistently enforced through disciplinary proceedings. These shall include the following:

- Prompt initiation of education to correct the identified problem.
- Disciplinary action, if any, as may be appropriate given the facts and circumstances of the investigation including oral or written reprimand, demotions, reductions in pay, and termination.

In determining the appropriate discipline or corrective action for any violation of the Compliance Program or applicable law, HPSM does not take into consideration a particular person's or entity's economic benefit to the organization.

All Employees should also be aware that violations of applicable laws and regulations could potentially subject them or HPSM to civil, criminal, or administrative sanctions and penalties. Further, violations could lead to HPSM's suspension or exclusion from participation in Federal and/or State health care programs. Documentation of all actions taken will be done by the Chief Government Affairs and Compliance Officer according to the guidelines set forth in the Compliance Program.

MONITORING and AUDITING

At the direction of the Chief Government Affairs and Compliance Officer and/or Compliance Committee, HPSM's Compliance and Operational staff perform auditing and monitoring functions for the organization to ensure compliance with applicable law and the Compliance Program. They report, investigate and, if necessary and appropriate, correct, any inconsistencies, suspected violations, or questionable conduct. The Chief Government Affairs and Compliance Officer develops an auditing work plan that is approved by the Compliance Committee that addresses risks, including, but not be limited to, areas of risk identified in the OIG's Annual Work Plan for Medicare Managed Care, Medicare Administration, and Medi-Cal. Focused audits are conducted based on audit reports from HPSM regulators including DHCS, DMHC, and CMS. In addition, the Chief Government Affairs and Compliance Officer develops auditing Policies and Procedures that are reviewed by the Compliance Committee.

Monitoring is an on-going process to ensure processes are working as intended. On-going checking and measuring can be performed daily, weekly, or monthly, or on an ad hoc basis. Monitoring should be performed by department staff as well as compliance staff. Auditing is completed by independent compliance staff and is a more formal and objective approach to evaluate and improve the effectiveness of HPSM processes and to ensure oversight of delegated activities.

A risk assessment tool is used to conduct an assessment of HPSM's major compliance and FWA risk areas. This includes Medicare business operations, such as marketing, enrollment, appeals and grievances, benefit/formulary administration, transition policy, utilization management, accuracy of claims payments, and oversight of FDRs. The risk assessment is updated at least quarterly.

Oversight of Delegated Activities

HPSM delegates certain functions and/or processes to FDRs. These include:

- Provider credentialing and re-credentialing at select facilities and for pharmacists
- PBM Pharmaceutical claims processing and aspects in the administration and delivery of the Medicare Part D benefit
- Mental health benefits, including claims processing (for Medi-Cal, CareAdvantage, and HealthWorx lines of business)
- Transportation benefit for Medi-Cal and CareAdvantage
- Imaging of claims

Contractors are required to meet all contractual, legal, and regulatory requirements and comply with HPSM Policies and Procedures and other guidelines applicable to the delegated functions. HPSM maintains oversight of these delegated functions and will conduct annual audits of delegated entities.

Oversight of Non-Delegated Activities

HPSM maintains oversight responsibility of the following activities that are not delegated to Contractors:

- Quality Improvement Program for Medicare and Medi-Cal lines of business
- Grievances and Appeals processes
- Peer review process on specific, referred cases.

- Risk Management
- Pharmacy and drug utilization review as it relates to quality of care.
- Provider credentialing and re-credentialing, except as noted above
- Development of credentialing standards in specified circumstances
- Development of utilization standards
- Development of quality improvement standards
- Compliance

External Auditing for Pharmacy Benefits

As part of its work plan, HPSM developed a strategy to monitor and audit its pharmacy benefits manager and other entities that are involved in the administration or delivery of the pharmacy benefits, including Medicare Part D. HPSM seeks written assurances from its PBM that it has an adequate audit work plan in place that includes auditing of network pharmacies and reporting with respect to HPSM Members. HPSM receives audit reports on a regular basis. HPSM also seeks written assurances that the PBM has implemented corrective actions when appropriate. Contracts are amended as needed to ensure PBM compliance.

In addition, HPSM routinely generates a number of reports to aid in monitoring and oversight efforts. These reports include:

- Payment reports
- Drug utilization reports
- Physician prescribing reports
- Unusual utilization pattern reports

Finally, HPSM uses system edits to monitor the delivery of the prescription drug benefit. Examples of such edits are: controls on early refills, edits to prevent payment for excluded drugs, limits on the number of times a prescription can be refilled, and step therapy edits.

Internal Auditing

An annual auditing work plan is developed by the Compliance Department and includes:

- Internal audit schedule
- Audit report, including:
    - Audit objectives
    - Scope and methodology
    - Findings
    - Recommendations
- Audit staffing
- Approval, monitoring, and validation of corrective action plans

In developing the types of audits to include in the work plan, HPSM bases audits on the risk assessment to determine which risk areas will most likely affect HPSM. The Compliance Committee has input into the priority of the monitoring and audit strategy. In determining risk areas, HPSM reviews the annual OIG work plan, the CMS Medicare Managed Care Manual and Prescription Drug Benefit Manual (Chapters 21

and 9, respectively), and resources developed by the industry that identify high risk areas in HPSM's programs and the health care industry.

The Chief Government Affairs and Compliance Officer, Compliance Committee, and business owners may ask the internal audit staff to conduct audits on specific topics not on the formal work plan should circumstances warranted such a review.

Finally, audits also may include follow up review of areas previously found non-compliant to determine if the corrective actions taken have fully addressed the underlying problem.

The work plan also includes a process for responding to all monitoring and audit results, including referral to appropriate agencies (e.g., CMS, the MEDIC, DHCS, law enforcement) when appropriate. All compliance actions taken will be tracked to evaluate the success of implementation efforts.

Compliance Program Effectiveness Audit

HPSM conducts annual effectiveness audits of its Compliance Program, the results of which are shared with the CEO, Compliance Committee and Commission. HPSM avoids self-policing through utilization of staff who do not report to the Chief Government Affairs and Compliance Officer or other managers in the Compliance Department, or by outsourcing the audit to external auditors.

The HPSM Compliance Department maintains less formal measures of compliance program effectiveness, including internal and external audit results and a dashboard of reported compliance issues.

Audit Review

The Chief Government Affairs and Compliance Officer submits regular reports of all auditing and corrective action activities to the Compliance Committee. When appropriate, HPSM informs the appropriate agency (e.g., DHCS, CMS or its designee including the appropriate MEDIC, or law enforcement) of aberrant findings.

PROMPT RESPONSE TO COMPLIANCE ISSUES

HPSM is committed to responding to compliance issues thoroughly and promptly and has developed policies to address the reporting of and responding to compliance issues. If an Employee becomes aware of a violation, suspected violation or questionable or unethical conduct in violation of the Compliance Program or applicable law, the Employee must notify HPSM staff immediately. A Commissioner or Contractor should notify HPSM of a suspected violation or questionable unethical conduct by reporting the concern to the Chief Government Affairs and Compliance Officer or CEO. Any such reports of suspected violations may also be made to the Compliance Hotline.

The Chief Government Affairs and Compliance Officer refers compliance issues involving the CEO directly to the Commission. The CEO refers any issue that involves a Commissioner to the San Mateo Board of Supervisors.

HPSM maintains a Fraud, Waste and Abuse plan that defines the plan's approach to detecting, preventing, and deterring fraud, waste, and abuse. Significant fraud, waste and abuse issues are summarized to the Compliance Committee and a FWA Subcommittee of the Compliance Committee reviews potential cases of FWA to determine potential actions by HPSM, need for external assistance or determination that FWA has not occurred.

Reports of suspected or actual compliance violations, unethical conduct, fraud, abuse, or questionable conduct, whether made by Commissioners, Employees, Contractors, or third parties external to HPSM (including regulatory and/or investigating government agencies), in writing or verbally, formally or informally are investigated. These are subject to review and investigation by HPSM's Chief Government Affairs and Compliance Officer and/or the Compliance Committee, in consultation with legal counsel.

Self-Reporting

HPSM makes appropriate referrals to the CMS or the MEDIC; DHCS Medi-Cal Managed Care Division's (MMCD) Program Integrity Section; DHCS Audits and Investigations; DMHC; other agencies, as appropriate; or law enforcement for further investigation and follow-up of cases involving FWA, following the self-reporting section of the policy on Fraud, Waste, and Abuse.

Participation Status Review and Background Checks

HPSM does not hire, contract with, or retain on its behalf, any person or entity that is currently suspended, excluded or otherwise ineligible to participate in Federal and/or State health care programs; and/or has ever been excluded from participation in Federal and/or State health care programs based on a Mandatory Exclusion. HPSM maintains policies on participation status for All Employees and providers.

Participation Status Review

HPSM reviews Commissioners, HPSM Employees and Contractors against appropriate exclusion lists to ensure that they are not excluded, suspended or otherwise ineligible to participate in Federal and/or State health care programs. HPSM requires that potential Commissioners, Employees and Contractors disclose their Participation Status as part of the employment/contracting/appointment process and when Commissioners, Employees, and Contractors receive notice of any suspension, exclusion, debarment or felony conviction during the period of employment, contract or appointment. HPSM also requires those delegated to complete provider credentialing and re-credentialing that comply with Participation Status Review requirements with respect to their relationships with participating providers and suppliers. This review is conducted prior to employment or contractual engagement of a person or entity and monthly thereafter according to Participation Status Review Policies and Procedures.

Background Checks

HPSM has implemented additional Policies and Procedures relating to background checks for specified potential or existing Employees or Contractors as may be required by law and/or deemed by HPSM to be otherwise prudent and appropriate.

Notice and Documentation

HPSM and its Employees comply with applicable federal and state laws governing notice and disclosure obligations relating to Participation Status Reviews and background checks. Employees responsible for conducting the Participation Status Reviews and/or background checks shall record and maintain the results of the reviews and notices/disclosures and shall provide periodic reports to the Chief Government Affairs and Compliance Officer.

DOCUMENTATION

The Chief Government Affairs and Compliance Officer has established and maintains an electronic filing system for all compliance-related documents. These tools are used to:

- Manage all Policies and Procedures.
- Organize and manage contracts.
- Organize and manage agendas, minutes, and meeting materials for Compliance Committee meetings and the FWA Committee.
- Document compliance with the Department of Health Care Services Medi-Cal contract.
- Organize audit materials for regulators and provide web access to materials to regulators.
- Document incidents of potential fraud.
- Document internal audits and those of delegated entities.
- Complete staff attestations.
- Maintain Compliance training records.

Document Retention

All of the documents to be maintained in the filing system described above are retained for ten (10) years from end of the fiscal year in which the HPSM Medicare or Medi-Cal contracts expire or are terminated (other than privileged documents which shall be retained until the issue raised in the documentation has been resolved, or longer if necessary).

APPENDIX A

GLOSSARY

Abuse means practices that are inconsistent with sound fiscal, business or medical/dental practice, and result in unnecessary cost, or in reimbursement for services that are not medically necessary or that fail to meet professionally recognized standards for health care. Abuse also includes member practices that result in unnecessary cost to Medicare, Medi-Cal or other HPSM lines of business.

All Employees mean those HPSM Employees, interns, temporary employees, volunteers, Commissioners, contractors, or a First Tier, Downstream or Related Entity (FDR) who provide health or administrative services for an HPSM member.

Audit means a formal review of compliance with a particular set of internal (e.g., policies and procedures) or external (e.g., laws and regulations) standards used as base measures.

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) means the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, the operating component of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) charged with administration of the Federal Medicare and Medicaid programs.

Code of Conduct means the statement setting forth the principles and standards governing HPSM's activities to which Commissioners, Employees, and Contractors are expected to adhere.

Commissioners mean the members of HPSM's Governing Body.

Compliance Committee means the committee designated by the CEO to implement and oversee the Compliance Program and to participate in carrying out the provisions of this Compliance Program.

Compliance Program means the program (including, without limitation, Code of Conduct and Policies and Procedures) developed and adopted by HPSM to promote, monitor and ensure that HPSM's operations and practices and the practices of its Commissioners, Employees, Contractors, and FDRs comply with applicable law and ethical standards.

Contractor means any contractor, subcontractor, agent, or other person including FDRs which or who, on behalf of HPSM, furnishes or otherwise authorizes the furnishing of health care items or services, performs billing or coding functions, or is involved in the monitoring of health care provided by HPSM.

Contractor Agreement means any agreement with a Contractor.

Department of Health Services (DHCS) means the California Department of Health Services, the State agency that oversees the Medi-Cal program.

Department of Managed Health Care (DMHC) means the California Department of Managed Health Care that oversees California's managed care system. DMHC regulates health maintenance organizations licensed under the Knox-Keene Act, Health & Safety Code, Sections 1340 et seq.

Downstream Entity is any party that enters into a written arrangement, acceptable to CMS, with persons or entities involved with an HPSM Medicare line of business below the level of the arrangement between HPSM and a first tier entity. These written arrangements continue down to the level of the ultimate provider of both health and administrative services.

HPSM Employee(s) means any and all Employees of HPSM, including all Leadership Team members, managers, supervisors, and other employed personnel include temporary staff. Interns and volunteers are also included in this reference.

First Tier Entity means First Tier, Downstream or Related Entity. ***First Tier Entity*** means any party that enters into a written arrangement with HPSM to provide administrative services or health care services to HPSM members. ***Downstream Entity*** means any party that enters into a written arrangement with persons or entities below the level of the arrangement between HPSM and a first-tier entity. ***Related Entity*** means any entity related to HPSM by common ownership or control..

FDR means a first tier, downstream or related entity.

Federal and/or State Health Care Programs means "any plan or program providing health care benefits, directly through insurance or otherwise, that is funded directly, in whole or in part, by the United States Government (other than the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program), including Medicare, or any State health care program" as defined in 42 U.S.C. § 1320a-7b (f) including the California Medicaid program, Medi-Cal.

Fraud means an intentional deception or misrepresentation made by a person or entity with the knowledge that the deception could result in some unauthorized benefit to itself, him/herself or some other person and includes any act that constitutes fraud under applicable Federal or State laws including, without limitation, knowingly making or causing to be made any false or fraudulent claim for payment of a health care benefit.

Governing Body means the San Mateo Health Commission.

HPSM means the Health Plan of San Mateo, a County Organized Health System (COHS) created under California Welfare and Institutions Code Section 14087.5-14087.95 and San Mateo County Ordinance No.03067, as amended by Ordinance No. 04245.

HPSM Member means a beneficiary who is enrolled in one of HPSM's lines of business.

Manager / Supervisor means an Employee in a position representing HPSM who has one or more employees reporting directly to him or her. With respect to Contractors, the term "Supervisor" shall mean the HPSM Employee that is the designated liaison for that Contractor.

Mandatory Exclusion means an exclusion or debarment from Federal and/or State health care programs for any of the mandatory bases for exclusion identified in 42 U.S.C. § 1396a-7(a) and the implementing regulations including a conviction of a criminal offense related to the delivery of an item or service under Federal and/or State health care programs; and/or a felony conviction related to the neglect or abuse of patients in connection with the delivery of a health care item or service; related to health care fraud

and/or related to the unlawful manufacture, distribution, prescription or dispensing of a controlled substance.

Medicare means both Part C (Parts A and B) and Part D of Medicare.

Medicare Drug Integrity Contractors (MEDICs) means a private organization contracted with CMS to assist in the management of CMS' audit, oversight, and anti-fraud and abuse efforts in the Medicare Part D benefit.

National Committee for Quality Assurance Standards for Accreditation of MCOs (NCQA Standards) means the written standards for accreditation of managed care organizations published by the National Committee for Quality Assurance.

Office of the Inspector General (OIG) means the Office of the Inspector General for the Department of Health and Human Services.

Participating providers and suppliers include all health care providers and suppliers (e.g. physicians, mid-level practitioners, hospitals, long term care facilities, pharmacies etc.) that receive reimbursement from HPSM for items or services furnished to members.

Participation Status means whether a person or entity is currently suspended, excluded, or otherwise ineligible to participate in Federal and/or State health care programs and/or was ever excluded from participation in Federal and/or State health care programs based on a Mandatory Exclusion.

Participation Status Review means the process by which HPSM reviews its Commissioners, Employees, Contractors, and HPSM direct providers to determine whether they are currently suspended, excluded, or otherwise ineligible to participate in Federal and/or State health care programs; and/or were ever excluded from participation in Federal and/or State health care programs based on a Mandatory Exclusion.

Policies and Procedures means the written policies and procedures regarding the operation of HPSM's Compliance Program and its compliance with applicable law, including those relating to Medicare and California's Medicaid program, Medi-Cal.

Related Entity means any entity related to HPSM by common ownership or control and (1) performs some of HPSM's management functions under contract or delegation, (2) furnishes services to Medicare beneficiaries under an oral or written agreement, or (3) leases property or sells materials to HPSM at a cost of more than $2500 during a contract period.

Waste means an overutilization or misuse of resources that result in unnecessary costs to the healthcare system, either directly or indirectly.

APPENDIX B

Compliance Policies and Procedures

Policy No.	Policy Title
CP.001	Compliance Committee Charter
CP.002	ACA Section 1557 Compliance
CP.003	Reporting Compliance Concerns
CP.004	Compliance Hotline
CP.005	Non-Retaliation & Non-Intimidation
CP.006	False Claims Act Compliance
CP.007	Distribution of Compliance Program Materials
CP.008	Internal Auditing
CP.009	Notification Process for Compliance Issues
CP.010	Civil Rights Obligations for Subcontractors
CP.011	Risk Assessment Development Process
CP.012	Medi-Cal Document and Data Certification
CP.013	Internal Monitoring
CP.014	Administrative Service Agreements
CP.015	Significant Network Changes
CP.016	Investigating & Reporting Fraud, Waste, Abuse, and Neglect
CP.017	Conflict of Interest for Committee Members
CP.018	Policy Filing Process
CP.019	Document Retention

CP.020	California Public Records Act Requests
CP.021	Delegation Oversight Activities and Responsibilities
CP.023	Pre-Delegation Review
CP.025	Compliance Trainings and Attestations
CP.026	Code of Conduct
CP.027	Corrective Action Plan (CAP) Monitoring Process
CP.028	Delegation Monitoring and Auditing
CP.029	Oversight Responsibilities for Medicare Delegates (FDR)
CP.030	Oversight Responsibilities for Medi-Cal Delegates
CP.031	Enforcement Actions Administrative and Monetary Sanctions
CP.032	NCQA Accreditation Compliance
HP.001	Privacy Program
HP.002	Minimum Necessary
HP.003	Verification Requirements
HP.004	Member Authorization
HP.005	Right to Request Restriction of PHI Use and Disclosure
HP.006	Individuals Right to Request Alternate or Confidential Methods of Communications of PHI
HP.007	Individual Right of Access PHI
HP.008	Individual's Right to Request Amendment of PHI
HP.009	Plan Member Right to Request Accountings of Disclosures
HP.010	Breach Analysis and Notification Policy

HP.011	Designated Record Sets
HP.012	Personal Representatives
HP.013	Business Associate Agreements
HP.014	Notice of Privacy Practices
HP.015	General Use and Disclosure of PHI
HP.016	Use and Disclosure of PHI – Judicial, Administrative, and Law Enforcement
HP.017	Use and Disclosures of De-Identified PHI and Limited Data Sets
HP.018	Fundraising
HP.019	Uses and Disclosures of PHI via Email and Fax
HP.020	Use and Disclosure of PHI – Gender Affirming Care and Abortion Related Services Restrictions
HP.100	HIPAA -HITECH Privacy and Security Glossary
HP.102	Security Management Process
HP.103	Workforce Security
HP.104	Security Awareness and Training
HP.105	Facility Security
HP.106	Workstation Server and Device Security
HP.107	Maintaining Confidentiality of ePHI
HP.108	Maintaining Integrity of ePHI
HP.109	Maintaining Availability of ePHI
HP.110	Data Backup & Disaster Recovery
HP.111	Physical Safeguards

HP.112	Disposal of Protected Health Information
HP.113	Security Incident & Data Compromise Procedure
HP.114	Acceptable Use Policy
HP.115	HPSM Wireless (WiFi) Access Policy
HP.116	HPSM Mobile Device Policy