

# Atlantic Coast Medical Equipment Services Association



## CODE OF ETHICS

*Having been accepted into membership in the Atlantic Coast Medical Equipment Services Association, we do hereby subscribe without reservation to this Code of Conduct. The purpose of the Code of Conduct shall be to set and improve standards within the practice of providing home medical equipment and services. To maintain the ethical conduct and integrity of the Association, a member pledges to abide by the following:*

- 1. To render the highest level of care promptly and competently taking into account the health and safety of the patient.**
- 2. To serve all patients regardless of race, creed, national origin or reason of illness.**
- 3. To provide quality home medical equipment and services which are appropriate for the patients' needs.**
- 4. To instruct the patients and caregivers in the proper use of the equipment.**
- 5. To explain fully and accurately to patients and caregivers patients' rights and obligations**
- 6. To respect the confidential nature of the patients' records and not to disclose such information without proper authorization except as required by law.**
- 7. To continue to expand and improve professional knowledge and skills so as to provide patients with equipment and services which are continually updated.**
- 8. To abide by both Federal, state and local laws and regulations which govern the home medical equipment industry.**
- 9. To avoid participating directly or indirectly with a source of patient referrals in a "Captive Referral" arrangement: whereby patients are directed to utilize a supplier of home medical equipment in derogation of the patients' rights to select suppliers of their choice.**
- 10. To act in good faith, with integrity; to be honest, truthful, show respectful and ethical conduct during functions associated with the association and be fair to all concerned**

*Adopted Feb 5, 2020*