



Notice

Pursuant to Deficit Reduction Act of 2005

PURPOSE: The purpose of this Policy is to inform and educate the Covered Entity's employees, contractors, and agents about the Covered Entity's commitment to its compliance of the requirements of the False Claims Acts, including applicable administrative, civil, and criminal penalties and protections provided under the laws for those who report suspected fraud, waste, and abuse.

MERT Enterprises, Inc. strives to comply with all state and federal laws and regulations prohibiting the submission of false claims to the state or federal government to obtain payment for healthcare services. To assist in that effort, MERT Enterprises, Inc. requires that its employees, contractors, and agents also comply with those laws. Contractors and agents include those who (a) furnish or authorize the furnishing of Medicaid healthcare items or services on behalf of MERT Enterprises, Inc., (b) perform billing or coding functions on behalf of MERT Enterprises, Inc., or (c) are involved in monitoring the healthcare provided by MERT Enterprises, Inc.

MERT Enterprises, Inc. mandates compliance with federal and state laws including: (1) the False Claims Act (FCA), (2) Whistleblower protections (3) Penalties for submitting false claims, (4) Policies and procedures for detecting and preventing fraud, waste, and abuse, (5) The telephone number and contact information for reporting fraud, waste, and abuse.

MERT Enterprises, Inc. has also established a policy for compliance with the provisions of Section 6032 of the Deficit Reduction Act. MERT Enterprises, Inc. expects that employees, contractors, and agents will comply with all state and federal laws, regulations, and guidance in performing their duties, including the Federal and State False Claims Acts and that all employees will recognize that they are subject to criminal and civil penalties and disciplinary action for the failure to comply with the Compliance Program and with federal and state laws.

MERT Enterprises, Inc. will not take retaliatory action against any individual who in good faith reports conduct which violates federal or state laws. Protections afforded those employees and contractors who aid the government by investigating and reporting fraud, waste, or abuse are addressed in the False Claims Act Policy.

MERT Enterprises, Inc. requires that its employees, contractors, and agents familiarize themselves with DRA Section 6032 Policy, and the Employee policies as applicable, and follow those policies to facilitate compliance with the above laws, principles, and standards. DRA Section 6032 Policy is available to employees, contractors, and agents on MERT Enterprises, Inc.'s website at www.mertenterprises.org.

Employees, contractors, and agents who suspect noncompliance with any of the above laws shall contact Scott Lynskey by calling (207)942-4585 or emailing him at scott.lynskey@mertenterprises.org.

The Whistleblower Policy can be found in your Employee Handbook. Refer to Section 3.16.

Received By: