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# HEALTHSTREAM, INC. CODE OF BUSINESS CONDUCT AND ETHICS

#### I. INTRODUCTION

HealthStream, Inc. (the "Company" or "HealthStream") is committed to achieving high standards of business and personal ethical conduct for itself, the members of its Board of Directors ("Directors") and all Company personnel. Through performance in accordance with these standards, the Company, its Directors and all of its employees will earn and enjoy the respect of one another, the business community, our consultants, contractors, content providers, distributors, partners, shareholders, and the public.

It is the personal responsibility of all Directors and employees to be familiar with all legal and policy standards and restrictions applicable to their duties and responsibilities, and to conduct themselves accordingly. In addition to the strictly legal aspects involved, all Directors and employees are expected to observe high standards of business and personal ethics in the discharge of their duties. This Code of Business Conduct and Ethics (the "Code") is designed to help ensure these things occur. This Code is not meant to cover all situations. Any doubts as to a particular situation, whether or not described in this Code, should be submitted either to your immediate supervisor or the Compliance Officer whose role is discussed below.

This Code applies to all Directors and employees of HealthStream in all places. "Employees" means an officer or employee of HealthStream and its affiliates, and it includes Executive Officers, unless otherwise stated. Certain parts of this Code may apply specifically to "Executive Officers," and are so indicated. "Executive Officer" means a member of HealthStream management so designated by resolution of the Board. All employees and Directors are required to read and understand this Code, and compliance with the policies set forth herein is required of all personnel.

This Code serves in accompaniment with the Company's other policies and procedures, including without limitation those set forth in the Company's Incident Response Policy and Employee Handbook. Directors, Executive Officers, and Employees referencing this Code should also cross reference the relevant portion or portions of other applicable policies and procedures, as they may provide additional or more in depth guidance with regard to certain matters.

This Code is intended to comply with the NASDAQ Stock Market listing standards and the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. Directors and employees are encouraged to report violations, or suspected violations, of laws, regulations, or this Code using the processes described in Article IX of this Code or as otherwise provided for by the Board of Directors. HealthStream will not permit retaliation against Directors or employees for reports made in good faith.

#### II. COMPLIANCE OFFICER

In order to help ensure compliance with this Code, the Company has appointed a Compliance Officer who is the Company's Vice President and General Counsel, Sneha Oakley. The Compliance Officer will have the following duties:

- 1. Coordinate periodic reviews and update this Code as necessary;
- 2. Ensure that (i) each new employee is given a copy of this Code immediately after employment and that each such employee signs an acknowledgment that he or she

has read, understands and supports this Code, and (ii) each current employee is provided updates, if any, to this Code on an annual basis and signs a certification indicating his or her ongoing understanding and support of the Code;

- 3. Maintain records related to this Code; and
- 4. Perform such other activities as may be reasonably related to the foregoing or are required to ensure a successful application of the program contemplated by this Code.

The Compliance Officer shall make periodic reports to the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Board of Directors concerning compliance with these requirements.

#### III. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

#### A. Introduction

For purposes of our Code, a "conflict of interest" occurs when an individual's private interests interfere in a material way or appear from the perspective of a reasonable person to interfere in a material way with the interests of HealthStream as a whole. A conflict situation can arise when an employee or Director takes actions or has interests that may make it difficult to perform his or her responsibilities objectively and effectively. Ordinarily, a conflict exists when an outside interest could actually or potentially influence the judgment or actions of an individual in the conduct of HealthStream's business. Conflicts of interest may also arise when an employee or Director, or a member of his or her family, receives improper personal benefits as a result of his or her position at HealthStream.

## B. General Policy

HealthStream must have the confidence of its consultants, contractors, content providers, distributors, partners, shareholders, and the public. Directors and employees must avoid conflicts or the appearance of conflicts, as discussed above. Specifically, employees should avoid any outside financial interests that might conflict with the Company's interests. Such outside interests could include, among other things:

- 1. Personal or family financial interests in, or indebtedness to, enterprises that do business with HealthStream.
- 2. Acquiring any interest in outside entities, properties, etc., in which the Company has an interest or potential interest.
- 3. Conduct of any business not on behalf of the Company with any consultant, contractor, content providers, distributor, partners or any of their officers or employees, including service as a director or officer of, or employment or retention as a consultant by, such persons.

Employees should report any material transaction or relationship that could result in a conflict of interest to HealthStream's Compliance Officer, or through such other processes as may be established by the Board of Directors. Executive Officers and Directors should report any material transaction or relationship that could result in a conflict of interest to the Audit Committee.

## C. Serving as a Director, Officer or Employee of Another Business

The Company expects its employees to devote their full energies to their work. Therefore, an employees' outside activities must not give rise to a real or apparent conflict of interest with the employee's duties with the Company. Employees must be alert to potential

conflicts of interests and be aware that they may be asked to discontinue any outside activity should such a conflict arise.

HealthStream employees must have written approval from the Compliance Officer in advance of accepting an appointment or position to serve as a Director, partner, owner, officer or employee of any non-HealthStream business. Employees should submit in writing any requests for approval to the Compliance Officer stating the name and address of the proposed employer, the nature of the position and the expected hours of employment. If the service is permitted, then any employee acting in this dual capacity must inform the Compliance Officer of any matter affecting this dual responsibility at any time. Under no circumstances shall a Director or employee engage in any activity which competes with HealthStream.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, volunteering in civic and charitable organizations is encouraged for HealthStream employees. To serve as a director or officer of a charitable or civic organization, an employee must obtain written approval from the Compliance Officer in advance of accepting the appointment. Participation in such activities shall not be deemed to be within an individual's scope of employment or authority as an employee, and HealthStream assumes no liability therefor.

Directors are not considered employees of the Company and are not limited as to their outside employment by the provisions of this Section C. Directors who accept nominations to serve as directors of other public companies shall, in cases where such nominations have not previously been disclosed, notify in writing the HealthStream Board of Directors. Directors are expected to limit their board participation to three (3) public company boards of directors.

## D. Acceptance of Gifts and Other Favors

The general purpose of gifts and favors in a business context is to create goodwill. If they do more than that, and appear to have the potential to unduly influence judgment or create a feeling of obligation, employees should not accept them. Employees may not solicit any kind of gift or personal benefit from present or potential consultants, contractors, content providers, distributors or partners. Employees are prohibited from accepting gifts of money (or monetary equivalents) or gifts that would be viewed as expensive or extraordinary by a reasonable person, whether solicited or unsolicited, from consultants, contractors, content providers, distributors or partners. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the following transactions are permitted and shall be considered an exception to the general prohibition against accepting things of value:

- 1. Acceptance of gifts, gratuities, amenities or favors based on obvious family or personal relationships (such as those with parents, children or spouse) when the circumstances make it clear that it is those relationships, rather than the business of HealthStream, that are the motivating factors;
- 2. Acceptance of meals, refreshments, travel arrangements or accommodations, or entertainment, all of reasonable value, in the course of a meeting or other occasion, the purpose of which is to hold bona fide business discussions or to foster better business relations, provided that the expense would be paid for by HealthStream as a reasonable business expense if not paid for by another party;
- 3. Acceptance of advertising or promotional material of reasonable value such as pens, pencils, note pads, key chains, calendars and similar items;
- 4. Acceptance of gifts of reasonable value related to commonly recognized events or occasions, such as a promotion, new job, wedding, retirement or holiday; or

5. Acceptance of civic, charitable, education, or religious organizational awards for recognition of service and accomplishment.

If there is any doubt regarding acceptability, the item should be refused or returned. In the case of a perishable gift, it may be contributed to a charitable organization in the donor's name. Also, the donor should receive written notification of the return or disposal of the gift and a reminder of the Company's policies, and the Company's Compliance Officer should be copied on such correspondence. If you encounter situations in which you are not sure of your obligations, you should consult HealthStream's Compliance Officer.

Conversely, the Company will not tolerate any employee giving any gift, bribe, kickback, favor or any other item to anyone doing business with, or anyone who may do business with, the Company with the intent of influencing that party in a transaction or potential transaction with the Company.

It is inevitable and desirable that you may have individual business and personal relationships with HealthStream's consultants, contractors, content providers, distributors, partners and others who do business with HealthStream even though such individual business and personal relationship is not connected with HealthStream's business. This policy is not intended to discourage such relationships. Any such business or personal relationship should be on customary terms and for proper and usual purposes.

#### E. Potential Conflicts by Family and Friends

There may be situations where the actions of family members and close personal friends may cause an employee a conflict of interest. For example, gifts or other benefits offered to an employee's family member by contractors or suppliers or potential contractors or suppliers are considered business gifts and are treated the same as if they were given to the employee. If an employee's spouse or relative is directly involved in a business that would like to provide products or services to HealthStream or obtain products or services from HealthStream, the employee cannot use his or her position at HealthStream to influence the bidding process or negotiation in any way. If an employee's spouse or relative is a competitor of the Company, or is employed by one, you must disclose the situation to the Compliance Officer so the Company may assess the nature and extent of any conflict and how it can be resolved.

#### F. Political Activities

It is the Company's policy to comply with all laws relating to elections, voting and the political process. No employee of HealthStream, acting on HealthStream's behalf, may contribute or loan money or items of value to any foreign, federal, state or local political candidates or parties. Employees may, however, participate in and/or contribute to the political process as concerned individuals, through means which would include voting and the contribution of their own time and money, and participate in or make contributions to political action committees.

## G. Anti-Corruption

HealthStream is committed to doing business with integrity. It is the Company's policy to prohibit corruption of any form, and to comply with all applicable U.S. and foreign anti-corruption laws, including the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act ("FCPA"), the Anti-Kickback Act, and the local laws and regulations in the countries in which we do business. These laws prohibit bribery and mandate that companies establish and maintain accurate books and records and sufficient internal controls. These laws also prohibit unlawful gratuities, which is the act of

giving or promising something of value to a public official because of an official act, either before or after the act has been done. Employees should clearly avoid even the appearance of such "quid pro quo" arrangements.

**Prohibited Conduct.** Specifically, HealthStream Employees are prohibited from offering, promising, making, or authorizing a bribe or payment of any items of value, either directly or indirectly, to any Public Official, including any representative of a Public Official, or to any other person, when the bribe or payment is intended (i) to obtain or retain business or any other business advantage by (ii) influencing a desired action, inducing an act in violation of a lawful duty, causing a person to refrain from acting in violation of a lawful duty, securing any improper advantage, or influencing the decision of a government or government instrumentality. In addition, HealthStream employees must not solicit demand, request, or accept a bribe or any business advantage from HealthStream or from the recipient individually. No gifts or business entertainment of any kind may be given to any government employee, whether or not there is an intent to influence, without the prior approval of HealthStream's Compliance Officer.

## H. Operating Internationally

HealthStream operates internationally and respects the laws wherever the company does business. Accordingly, it is incumbent that all HealthStream employees, contractors, and third - party agents follow the laws and regulations in all of the places the company operates. It is HealthStream's policy to comply with global trade controls and economic sanctions that prohibit doing business with certain countries, governments, entities, and individuals. HealthStream complies with all laws that govern how its technology may be used and distributed internationally. Honesty and transparency in discussions and dealings with government representatives and officials is central to this policy and enables HealthStream to build trust with local governments and customers. Questions regarding international compliance obligations should be directed to HealthStream's Compliance Officer.

# IV. PROHIBITION ON TAKING CORPORATE OPPORTUNITIES OF HEALTHSTREAM

Directors and employees of HealthStream owe a fiduciary duty to HealthStream and must advance its legitimate interests when possible. It is a breach of this duty for any such person to take advantage of a business or investment opportunity for his or her own or another person's personal profit or benefit when the opportunity is within the corporate powers of HealthStream and when the opportunity is of present or potential practical advantage to HealthStream. If such a person so appropriates such a HealthStream corporate opportunity, HealthStream may claim the benefit of the transaction or business and such person exposes himself or herself to liability. It is HealthStream's policy that no Director or employee take a HealthStream corporate opportunity without the consent of the Board of Directors.

#### V. BUSINESS CONDUCT AND FAIR DEALING

#### A. General Policy

HealthStream expects that all Directors and employees will perform their duties in a professional manner, in good faith using prudent judgment and in the best interests of the Company. Each HealthStream employee and Director must endeavor to deal fairly with HealthStream's consultants, contractors, suppliers, distributors, competitors and other employees. No employee or Director shall take unfair advantage of anyone through manipulation, concealment, abuse of privileged or confidential information, misrepresentation of a material fact or any other unfair-dealing practice. Each HealthStream employee must comply with the letter and spirit of the law.

#### B. Dealings with Competitors

HealthStream is committed to fair competition. HealthStream seeks competitive advantages through superior performance, never through unethical or illegal business practices, stealing proprietary information, possessing or utilizing trade secret information that was obtained without the owner's consent or inducing such disclosures by past or present employees of other companies. The most important laws governing competitive practices in the United States are the federal anti-trust laws, which are designed to protect economic freedoms and promote competition. It is HealthStream's policy to fully comply with the anti-trust laws.

# C. Dealings with Consultants, Contractors, Content Providers, Distributors, Partners and Other Parties Doing Business with HealthStream

- 1. Transactions with consultants, contractors, content providers, distributors and partners shall always be conducted at "arm's length."
- 2. No employee shall misrepresent, circumvent, or conceal the nature of any material aspect of any transaction when dealing with a party doing business with HealthStream.
- 3. If a relationship between an employee and a party doing business with HealthStream or a party that might do business with HealthStream exists which potentially creates a conflict of interest, that employee shall remove himself/herself from all dealings with that party.

# VI. CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION AND PRESERVATION OF RECORDS; MISAPPROPRIATION OF PROPRIETARY INFORMATION

#### A. Confidential Information and Preservation of Records

Much of the information developed by the Company, especially in research, is original, and its protection is essential to the continued success of HealthStream. Employees frequently have access to confidential information concerning the Company's business and the business of those entities who do business with the Company. Confidential information includes all non-public information, including trade secrets, customer lists and other proprietary information, that might be of use to competitors or harmful to the Company or its affiliates if disclosed. Safeguarding confidential information is essential to the conduct of the business of the Company. Caution and discretion must be exercised in the use of such information, which should be shared only with those who have a clear and legitimate need and right to know. Employees should be careful to guard against accidental disclosure of confidential information through conversations which may be overheard in public places such as restaurants, airplanes and elevators.

Employees shall maintain the confidentiality of HealthStream's business information, proprietary information and information relating to HealthStream's customers, consultants, contractors, content providers, distributors and partners. Employees shall not use such information except for uses that are appropriate for HealthStream's business. Information regarding a customer, consultant, contractor, content provider, distributor or partner may not be released to third parties or government or other organizations, without the written consent of the customer, consultant, contractor, content provider, distributor or partner, unless required or permitted by law.

It is the Company's policy to cooperate with all reasonable requests from government authorities. Whenever an employee becomes aware of an investigation which affects HealthStream or an entity doing business with HealthStream, or receives a request for information from a government authority, other than routine items requested in the ordinary course of business, he or she shall immediately notify HealthStream's Compliance Officer. Notwithstanding any HealthStream records retention guidelines, under no circumstances shall any records known to be the subject of or germane to any anticipated, threatened or pending lawsuit or governmental or regulatory investigation or case filed in bankruptcy be removed, concealed, altered or destroyed. For purposes of this section, "records" means any hard copy, paper documents and electronic records, including, but not limited to, e-mail, voicemail, text messages, and the contents of hard drives.

Furthermore, all audit and audit review work papers shall be retained as required, in accordance with the rules promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") under the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

# B. Misappropriation of Proprietary Information

Certain intellectual property and trademarks owned by the Company are valuable assets. Each employee must carefully consider any action that could dilute or affect in any way the Company's intellectual property and trademark interests. No employee may enter into any agreement to transfer, assign or license the Company's intellectual property or trademarks outside the ordinary course of business without the prior approval of the Compliance Officer.

In addition to protecting the Company's intellectual property rights, the Company respects the valid intellectual property rights of others. It is the policy of the Company to comply fully with all laws of the United States and each state where the Company conducts business concerning intellectual property matters. No employee shall copy, cause to have copies made or otherwise use any video tapes, audio tapes, other sound recordings, written works, musical works, computer software or any other "work of authorship" protected by copyright in violation of such copyright without the written consent of the copyright holder. Such written consent shall be obtained whether or not the "work of authorship" bears evidence of copyright. Software programs which are licensed to the Company for use by its employees are subject to specific use requirements as authorized in the licensing agreement. No employee may copy any software programs owned or used by the Company until the employee has contacted the Compliance Officer to determine whether such copying is permitted.

Any question whether a proposed action would infringe upon the rights of another company or individual should be referred directly to the Compliance Officer. Such matters include copying or distributing written work prepared by others, using signs or symbols that may be trademarks or service marks, or doing Company business under any name other than the Company's or any subsidiary's name.

In addition, employees shall not use confidential business information obtained from competitors, including customer lists, price lists, contracts, or other information in violation of a covenant not to compete, prior employment agreements or in any other manner likely to provide an unfair or illegal competitive advantage to the Company.

#### VII. PROTECTION AND USE OF HEALTHSTREAM PROPERTY

#### A. HealthStream Property

Employees and Directors have a duty to protect and conserve HealthStream property and to insure its continued use for proper purposes. All HealthStream assets shall be used for legitimate business purposes and not for personal gain. Employees of HealthStream are to take care and responsibility to safeguard the property of HealthStream within reason. HealthStream property includes, but is not limited to: (i) all physical property of HealthStream whether leased or owned by HealthStream and includes all fixtures; (ii) all books and records in possession of HealthStream; (iii) all marketing studies, advertising or promotional materials, logs, reports or any other forms or surveys that are in HealthStream's possession; and (iv) all proprietary software and technology.

## **B.** Use of Electronic Systems

Electronic mail and e-mail systems (including electronic bulletin boards), whether accessed from mobile devices, tablets, or computers (laptop or desktop), are property of the Company and must be used primarily for business purposes. The use of e-mail must conform to the policies and values of the Company. Among other things, messages which violate any of the Company's policies or invite participation in illegal activities, such as gambling or the use and sale of controlled substances, are prohibited. Statements or images which, if made in any other forum, would violate any of the Company's policies, including, without limitation, policies against harassment or discrimination and the misuse of confidential information, are prohibited to the same extent in an e-mail message. E-mail systems may be used to transmit confidential or proprietary information only when such information is adequately protected. Subject to applicable laws and regulations, the Company reserves the right to monitor and review e-mail and voicemail as it deems appropriate.

The Internet is an efficient and valuable business tool and is to be used primarily for business purposes. HealthStream reserves the right to access all information on Company computers, mobile devices or tablets, including but not limited to e-mail and history of internet usage, even where personal passwords have been assigned. If you have questions about the use of your computer, mobile device or tablet, the Internet, e-mail or voice mail, please see the Compliance Officer.

#### C. Data Privacy

The protection and responsible use of personal data is fundamental to the Company's operations. Data is a valuable element for the development of effective solutions for HealthStream's customers, and as a driver of business excellence. As such, HealthStream strives to be a respected and preferred partner to all who provide the Company with such data. The Company is committed to collecting, using, and storing data in a lawful, fair, legitimate, and ethical way, and will always respect the privacy of individuals. Accordingly, any information related to an identified or identifiable person must be collected, processed, and stored in compliance with applicable data privacy laws, HealthStream policy, and Company commitments.

#### D. Use of Social Media

Employees must abide by all Company policies when posting information to blogs or social network sites such as Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, and other similar social media websites and/or applications, particularly when discussing or referencing the Company. Confidential or proprietary Company information should never be disclosed online because it can pose unnecessary risks to HealthStream, its reputation, and its employees. To minimize such risks, policies have been established to provide parameters and clarity on what is and what is not acceptable online behavior. In general, when using social media or posting on blogs, you should:

- Ensure compliance with HealthStream's policies and procedures.
- Never make representations on behalf of HealthStream, unless authorized to do so.
- Protect HealthStream assets and confidential information.
- Be respectful toward HealthStream, its employees, partners, and customers.

Additionally, electronic messages, such as emails and text messages, are permanent, transferable records of Company communications and can affect the reputation of HealthStream. If you believe any electronic communication systems are being used inappropriately, please direct your concerns to the Compliance Officer.

For additional information, please refer to the policies and procedures set forth in the sections of the Company's Employee Handbook entitled "Use of Electronic Systems," "Electronic Media Storage," "Mobile Device Usage Policy," and "Social Media Policy."

## VIII. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS, RULES AND REGULATIONS

#### A. General

Directors and employees must comply fully with applicable laws, rules and regulations at all times. In particular, Directors and employees should take note of laws, rules and regulations regarding the integrity of HealthStream's records, financial reporting, insider trading, health care laws and regulations and fair employment practices.

#### B. HealthStream Business Records

Accuracy, reliability and timeliness in the preparation of all business records, financial statements, reports to regulatory and other government agencies and other public communications is of critical importance to the corporate decision-making process and to the proper discharge of the Company's financial, legal and reporting obligations. All HealthStream business transactions shall be carried out in accordance with management's general or specific directives and with the highest standard of care. To this end, the Company shall:

- comply with United States Generally Accepted Accounting Principles at all times;
- maintain a system of internal accounting controls that will provide reasonable assurances to management that all transactions are properly recorded;
- maintain books and records that accurately and fairly reflect the Company's transactions, assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses;
- prohibit the establishment of any undisclosed or unrecorded funds or assets; and

• maintain a system of internal controls that will provide reasonable assurances to management that material information about the Company is made known to management on a timely basis, particularly during the periods in which the Company's periodic reports are being prepared.

Employees and Directors must ensure that all business records, expense accounts, vouchers, bills and payroll records and other reports are prepared timely and with care and honesty. False or misleading entries are prohibited. For example, no payment shall be requested, approved or made with the intention or understanding that it will be used for any purpose other than that described in the documentation supporting the payment. Compliance with accounting procedures and internal control procedures is required at all times. It is the responsibility of all employees to ensure that corporate accounting and internal control procedures are strictly adhered to at all times. If you suspect that any records or financial information are not being properly kept or are being falsified, immediately contact Compliance Officer.

Only authorized officials of the Company are allowed to respond to inquiries for Company information from the media, investors, the financial community and others, and employees are to promptly refer all such inquiries to the authorized officials.

In accordance with the rules promulgated by the SEC under the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, it shall be unlawful and a violation of this Code for any officer or Director of HealthStream or any other person acting under the direction thereof, to take any action to fraudulently influence, coerce, manipulate, or mislead any independent or certified accountant engaged in the performance of an audit of HealthStream's financial statements for the purposes of rendering such financial statements materially misleading.

# C. Specific Policies Governing CEO and Senior Financial Officers

The CEO and all senior financial officers are responsible for full, fair, accurate, timely and understandable disclosure in the periodic reports required to be filed by the Company with the SEC. Accordingly, it is the responsibility of the CEO and each senior financial officer promptly to bring to the attention of the Disclosure Committee any material information of which he or she may become aware that affects the disclosures made by the Company in its public filings or otherwise assist the Disclosure Committee in fulfilling its responsibilities as required by rules promulgated by the SEC.

The CEO and each senior financial officer shall promptly bring to the attention of the Disclosure Committee and the Audit Committee any information he or she may have concerning (a) significant deficiencies in the design or operation of internal controls which could adversely affect the Company's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial data or could cause assets, liabilities of transactions of the Company to not be reported accurately or (b) any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the Company's financial reporting, disclosures or internal controls.

The CEO and all senior financial officers shall not directly or indirectly take any action or encourage anyone to take any action to improperly influence, coerce, manipulate, or mislead any independent public or certified public accountant engaged in the performance of an audit or review of the Company's financial statements required to be filed with the SEC, if such action could result in rendering the Company's financial statements materially misleading.

#### D. Insider Information and Securities Trading

The information contained below is a summary of the Company's Insider Trading Policy (the "Policy"), and employees are encouraged to consult the Policy for a complete description of the laws regulating stock transactions. Severe civil and criminal penalties can be imposed on individuals and corporations convicted of violations.

- 1. Employees who know any "material" fact about the Company which has not been disclosed to the public ("inside information") may not buy or sell the Company's stock until a reasonable amount of time has passed after the information has been disclosed to the public. "Material" information means facts that would be likely to cause the value of the stock to go up or down or that a reasonable shareholder would consider important in deciding whether to buy or sell. Examples include knowledge of new products or discoveries; unpublished clinical trial results; earnings or dividend figures; new contracts with consultants, contractors, content providers, distributors or partners; tender offers; acquisitions; mergers; and sales of businesses.
- 2. In addition, employees can be legally liable if someone outside the Company trades in HealthStream stock based on a "tip" of inside information given by an employee. Company policy forbids giving confidential information about the Company to outsiders except under limited circumstances approved by the Compliance Officer.
- 3. In addition, employees who, in the course of providing services for the Company, learn of material nonpublic information about a company with which the Company does business, including a customer or supplier of the Company, may not trade in that company's securities, until the information becomes public or is no longer material.
- 4. Specific additional legal restrictions on Company stock trading apply to Executive Officers and Directors, who have been furnished with detailed explanations of these restrictions.

#### E. Work Environment

The Company is committed to providing a healthy and safe working environment for its employees. The Company has a safety program which meets all applicable laws and regulations. Each employee is expected to acquaint himself or herself with and abide by all health and safety laws and procedures applicable to the employee's duties. Employees should immediately report accidents, injuries and unsafe practices or conditions.

The use of alcohol or drugs by an employee endangers not only the user, but also the entire workforce. It is the Company's policy to provide a safe workplace free from the influence of alcohol, drugs or any other substance which might affect an employee's ability to perform his or her job. All employees must perform their work free from the influence of any substance that may affect the safe and efficient performance of their duties.

#### F. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

As a business comprised of talented and diverse team members, the Company is committed to the fair and effective utilization of all employees without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, covered veteran status, disability or any other category

protected by federal, state or local laws. HealthStream believes that individuals work better because of their differences, not despite them, and that diverse skills, experiences, and backgrounds drives innovation. Therefore, employees at the Company are recruited, selected and hired on the basis of individual merit and ability with respect to the position filled. Employees must remember that equal employment opportunity is critical in every aspect of the employment relationship. The relationship covers origin, training, working conditions, benefits, compensation practices, employment functions (including promotion, demotion, discipline, transfer, termination and reduction in force) and Company sponsored educational, social and recreational programs. The Company expects all of its employees to treat each other, regardless of title or position, with the fairness and respect necessary to maintain a place of employment that encourages each person to contribute to her or his fullest potential.

#### G. Anti-Harassment

Every person conducting Company business, whether or not employed by the Company, must refrain from engaging in any verbal or physical conduct that could be construed as harassment. Such conduct may consist of making unwelcome sexual advances, or engaging in coercive behavior, via any medium, that is sexual in nature when the rejection of or submission to such conduct affects, either implicitly or explicitly, an employee's status of employment (e.g., pay, promotion, assignment, termination, etc.) or the business relationship of a consultant, contractor, supplier or distributor. In addition to offending—if not injuring—the victim of such conduct, sexual harassment is counterproductive to sound business policy.

# H. Human Rights

HealthStream is committed to the protection and advancement of human rights wherever we operate. Our support for human rights is based in our commitment to our Constitutional values of Behaving with Integrity and Streaming Good, and connected to our vision to improve the quality of healthcare by developing the people who deliver care. As such, we are committed to conducting our business in an ethical and responsible manner that supports and respects the protection of human rights. Accordingly, we treat all of our employees, customers, contractors, and partners with professionalism, dignity and respect. This includes nondiscrimination, non-intimidation, anti-slavery, anti-trafficking, anti-harassment, freedom of association and collective bargaining, in accordance with applicable laws. Additionally, we work to ensure compliance with applicable labor and employment laws, including those regulating wages and hours. Compliance with this commitment and applicable laws is the responsibility of every employee, contractor, or partner acting on our behalf.

#### I. Company Communications

Only members of the Company's senior management and senior public relations personnel for the Company, or any other person specifically authorized by senior management, are authorized to speak publicly on behalf of the Company; provided that all communications must be authorized by the Company's Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer or the Compliance Officer, or otherwise specifically reviewed by the Company's legal counsel. All media requests should be referred to one of these persons except that all requests from financial analysts should be directed to the Company's Chief Executive Officer or Chief Financial Officer. Employees, other than those listed above, should never make public statements for the Company. In addition, press releases or other similar communications on behalf of the Company must be reviewed by the Compliance Officer prior to the release thereof.

# IX. COMPLIANCE WITH AND ENFORCEMENT OF THIS CODE OF BUSINESS CONDUCT AND ETHICS

#### A. General

All employees are required to read, understand and refer to this Code. Compliance with the conduct policies set forth in this Code is required of all personnel. Enforcement is the direct responsibility of every Supervisor. Supervisors may be sanctioned for failure to instruct their subordinates adequately or for failing to detect non-compliance, where reasonable diligence on the part of the supervisor would have led to the discovery of any problems or violations and given the Company the opportunity to correct them earlier.

Employees should immediately disassociate themselves from taking part in any discussions, activities or other situations that they recognize to be potentially illegal or unethical. No supervisor may direct a subordinate to violate this Code. If an employee becomes aware of any illegal or unethical conduct or behavior in violation of this Code by anyone working for or on behalf of the Company, that employee should report it promptly, fully and objectively to the Compliance Officer or such other point of contact established by the Board of Directors. The Company will attempt to treat such reports confidentially and to protect the identity of the employee who has made the request to the maximum extent and as may be permitted under applicable law. All reports will be investigated. Upon receipt of credible reports of suspected violations or irregularities, the investigative party shall see that corrective action takes place appropriately.

THIS CODE SETS FORTH GENERAL GUIDELINES ONLY AND MAY NOT INCLUDE ALL CIRCUMSTANCES THAT WOULD FALL WITHIN THE INTENT OF THE CODE AND BE CONSIDERED A VIOLATION THAT SHOULD BE REPORTED. EMPLOYEES SHOULD REPORT ALL SUSPECTED DISHONEST OR ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES WHETHER OR NOT THEY ARE SPECIFICALLY ADDRESSED IN THE CODE.

#### **B.** Questions Regarding Code

General questions regarding this Code or the application of this Code to particular situations may be directed to HealthStream's Compliance Officer. Questions from Directors and Executive Officers may also be discussed with the Chairperson of the Board or the Chairperson of the Audit Committee.

#### C. Determination of Violations

Determinations regarding whether a violation of this Code has occurred shall be made as follows:

- (a) If the alleged violation under consideration concerns an Executive Officer or Director, the determination of the existence of any violation shall be made by the Audit Committee in consultation with such external legal counsel as the Audit Committee deems appropriate.
- (b) If the situation under consideration concerns any other employee, the determination of the existence of a violation shall be made by the person to whom the employee ultimately reports, in consultation with the Compliance Officer.

- (c) Whoever makes the decision as to whether a violation has occurred shall document the decision and forward the documentation to the Compliance Officer, or such other point of contact established by the Board of Directors, for filing and retention. These files shall be available to the Accounting and Finance and Human Resources Departments.
- (d) In determining whether a violation of this Code has occurred, the committee or person making such determination may take into account to what extent the violations were intentional; the qualitative and quantitative materiality of such violation from the perspective of either the detriment to HealthStream or the benefit to the Director, Executive Officer or employee, the policy behind the provision violated and such other facts and circumstances as they shall deem advisable under all the facts and circumstances.

Acts or omissions determined to be violations of this Code by other than the Audit Committee under the process set forth above shall be promptly reported by the Compliance Officer to the Audit Committee and by the Audit Committee to the Board.

The Board of Directors shall determine, or designate appropriate persons to determine, appropriate actions to be taken if this Code has been violated. Such actions shall be reasonably designed to deter wrongdoing and to promote accountability for adherence to the Code of Business Conduct and Ethics, and shall include written notices to the individual involved that the Board has determined that there has been a violation, censure by the Board, demotion or reassignment of the individual involved, suspension with or without pay or benefits (as determined by the Board) and termination of the individual's employment.

#### D. Request for Waivers

A waiver of a provision of this Code shall be requested whenever there is a reasonable likelihood that a contemplated action will violate the Code. Waivers will only be granted under extraordinary circumstances.

#### 1. Process:

- (a) If the request under consideration relates to an Executive Officer or Director, the determination with respect to the waiver shall be made by the Audit Committee, in consultation with such external legal counsel as the Audit Committee deems appropriate and submitted to the Board for ratification.
- (b) If the request under consideration relates to any other employee, the determination shall be made by the person to whom the employee ultimately reports, in consultation with the Compliance Officer unless such request is quantitatively or qualitatively material or outside the ordinary course of business, in which case such determination shall be made by the Audit Committee.
- (c) The decision with respect to the waiver requested shall be documented and forwarded to the Compliance Officer for filing and retention. These files shall be available to the Accounting and Finance and Human Resources Departments.
- 2. All waivers of this Code (other than those approved by the Audit Committee) shall be promptly reported by the Compliance Officer to the Audit Committee and by the Audit Committee to the Board.
- 3. To the extent determined to be required or appropriate by HealthStream's Board of Directors in consultation with external legal counsel as the Board of Directors deems appropriate, waivers shall be publicly disclosed on a timely basis.

#### E. Good Faith Reporting of Wrongdoing

- 1. Employees of HealthStream are protected, to the extent provided by law, against retaliation by HealthStream when they provide information or assist in an investigation by federal regulators, law enforcement, Congress, or HealthStream itself, regarding conduct which the employee reasonably believes relates to fraud against HealthStream's shareholders.
- 2. An employee or Director shall report such concerns to the Compliance Officer or the CEO and to the Audit Committee. The Compliance Officer or CEO may then arrange a meeting with the employee or Director to allow the employee or Director to present a personal and complete description of the situation. Alternatively, good faith reports of wrongdoing may be reported to such other point of contact as may from time to time be established by the Board of Directors.
- (a) "Good faith report" shall mean a report of conduct defined as wrongdoing, which the person making the report has reasonable cause to believe is true and which is made without malice or consideration of personal benefit.
- (b) "Wrongdoing" shall mean a violation which is not of a merely technical or minimal nature of a federal or state statute or regulation or of this Code designed to protect the interest of the public or HealthStream.
- (c) All good faith reports and resulting investigations will be kept confidential to the extent required by law.
- 3. The Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 requires that the HealthStream Audit Committee establish procedures for confidential, anonymous submission of employee concerns regarding questionable accounting or auditing matters. Employee complaints and reports of this nature shall be handled under the procedures established by the Audit Committee. Information regarding these procedures will be made available on the Company's internal website.
- 4. HealthStream maintains a reporting hotline where an employee, director, or any third party may submit a good faith report. Such reports may be made online via HealthStream's online <u>Code of Conduct Hotline</u> or via telephone at 1-844-640-0020.

Any employee who violates a provision of this Code is subject to applicable disciplinary action up to and including termination, and, where appropriate, the filing of a civil or criminal complaint. Directors who violate a provision of this Code are subject to such sanctions as the Board of Directors shall impose. Notwithstanding the foregoing, HealthStream also preserves and reserves its other rights and remedies against any individual who violates any provision of this Code, both at law and in equity.

#### X. DISCLAIMER OF EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT

This Code is neither an employment contract nor any guaranty of continued employment. The employment relationship between HealthStream and its employees is "at will." HealthStream's policies, guidelines and related procedures are subject to unilateral change by HealthStream at any time. A more complete discussion of these matters appears in HealthStream's Employment Policies.

#### XI. RESERVATION OF RIGHTS

The Company reserves the right to amend this Code, in whole or in part, at any time and solely at its discretion. Any amendments, to the extent determined to be required or appropriate

by the Board of Directors in consultation with legal counsel as the Audit Committee deems appropriate, shall be publicly disclosed on a timely basis.

# XII. CERTIFICATION

Each Director and all Company personnel will be required to read or review this Code each year and certify, in writing, that he or she understands his or her responsibilities to comply with the guidelines and provisions set forth herein.

# **CERTIFICATION**

I have received and read the HealthStream, Inc. Code of Conduct, and I understand its contents. I agree to comply fully with the standards contained in the Code of Conduct and related policies and procedures.			
	Printed Name		
	Signature		

Date