

Related-Party Transactions Policy

A. Introduction

The Board of Directors (the “Board”) of HealthStream, Inc. (the “Company”) recognizes that certain transactions present a heightened risk of conflicts of interest or the perception thereof. The Board has determined that the Audit Committee (the “Committee”) of the Board is best suited to review and approve all Related-Party Transactions with Related Parties, as those terms are defined in this Related-Party Transactions Policy (this “Policy”). Therefore, the Committee has adopted this Policy to ensure that all Related-Party Transactions with Related Parties shall be subject to approval or ratification in accordance with the procedures set forth below.

B. Definitions

A “Related-Party Transaction” is any transaction, arrangement or relationship or series of similar transactions, arrangements or relationships (including the incurrence or issuance of any indebtedness or the guarantee of indebtedness) in which (1) the aggregate amount involved will or may be reasonably expected to exceed \$120,000 in any calendar year, (2) the Company or any of its subsidiaries is a participant, and (3) any Related Party has or will have a direct or indirect material interest (other than solely as a result of being a director, officer or a less than ten percent beneficial owner of another entity).

A “Related Party” is any person who is or was (since the beginning of the last fiscal year for which the Company has filed an Annual Report on Form 10-K and proxy statement, even if such person does not presently serve in that role) (1) an executive officer, director or nominee for election as a director of the Company or any of its subsidiaries, (2) a greater than five percent beneficial owner of any class of the Company’s Common Stock or other equity securities, or (3) an immediate family member of any of the foregoing individuals or entities identified in (1) or (2) of this paragraph. Immediate family member includes a person’s child, stepchild, parent, stepparent, spouse, sibling, mother-in-law, father-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law and anyone residing in such director’s, executive officer’s or nominee for director’s home (other than a tenant or employee).

C. Procedures

Prior to the entry of any Related-Party Transaction, such Related-Party Transaction shall be reported to the Company’s General Counsel. The General Counsel will undertake an evaluation of the Related-Party Transaction. If that evaluation indicates that the Related-Party Transaction would require the Committee’s approval, the General Counsel will report the Related-Party Transaction, together with a summary of material facts, to the Committee. The Committee shall review the material facts of all Related-Party Transactions that require the Committee’s approval and either approve or disapprove of the entry into the Related-Party Transaction, subject to the exceptions described below. If advance Committee approval of a Related-Party Transaction is not feasible, then the Related-Party Transaction shall be considered and, if the Committee determines it to be appropriate, ratified at the Committee’s next regularly scheduled meeting. In determining whether to approve or ratify a Related-Party Transaction, the Committee will take into account, among other factors it deems appropriate, whether the Related-Party Transaction is on terms no less favorable than terms generally available to an unaffiliated third-party under the same or similar circumstances and the extent of the Related Person’s interest in the transaction.

In the event the Company’s Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer or General Counsel becomes aware of a Related-Party Transaction that was not previously approved or ratified under this Policy, such person shall promptly notify the Committee Chair, and the Committee or, if it is not practicable for the Company to wait for the entire Committee to consider the matter, the Committee Chair, shall consider whether the Related-Party Transaction should be ratified or rescinded or other action should be taken. The Committee Chair shall report to the Committee at the next Committee meeting any actions taken under this Policy pursuant to the authority delegated in this paragraph.

The Committee has reviewed the Related-Party Transactions described below in “Standing Pre-Approval for Certain Related-Party Transactions” and determined that each of the Related-Party Transactions described therein shall be deemed to be pre-approved or ratified (as applicable) by the Committee under the terms of this Policy, unless specifically determined otherwise by the Committee. In connection with each regularly scheduled meeting of the Committee, a summary of each new Related-Party Transaction deemed pre-approved pursuant to paragraph (3) or (4) under Section E, “Standing Pre-Approval for Certain Related-Party Transactions,” below and each new Related-Party Transaction pre-approved by the Committee Chair in accordance with the previous paragraph shall be provided to the Committee for its review.

No director shall participate in any discussion or approval of a Related-Party Transaction for which he or she is a Related Party, except that the director shall provide all material information concerning the Related-Party Transaction to the Committee.

If a Related-Party Transaction will be ongoing, the Committee may establish guidelines for the Company’s management to follow in its ongoing dealings with the Related Party. Thereafter, the Committee, on at least an annual basis, shall review and assess ongoing relationships with the Related Party to ensure that they are in compliance with the Committee’s guidelines and that the Related-Party Transaction remains appropriate.

Additionally, in the event that a Related-Party Transaction involving a member of the Board may constitute an actual or potential director conflict of interest, the General Counsel shall notify the Chair of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee of such Related-Party Transaction.

D. Standards for Review

A Related-Party Transaction reviewed under this Policy will be considered approved or ratified if it is authorized by the Committee or the Committee Chair, as applicable, in accordance with the standards set forth in this Policy after full disclosure of the Related Party’s interests in the transaction. As appropriate for the circumstances, the Committee or the Committee Chair, as applicable, shall review and consider:

- the Related Party’s interest in the Related-Party Transaction;
- the approximate dollar value of the amount involved in the Related-Party Transaction;
- the approximate dollar value of the amount of the Related Party’s interest in the transaction without regard to the amount of any profit or loss;
- whether the transaction was undertaken in the ordinary course of business of the Company;
- whether the transaction with the Related Party is proposed to be, or was, entered into on terms no less favorable to the Company than terms that could have been reached with an unrelated third party;
- the purpose of, and the potential benefits to the Company of, the Related-Party Transaction;
- required public disclosure, if any; and
- any other information regarding the Related-Party Transaction or the Related Party in the context of the proposed transaction that would be material to investors in light of the circumstances of the particular transaction.

The Committee will review all relevant information available to it about the Related-Party Transaction. The Committee, or the Committee Chair, as applicable, may approve or ratify the Related-Party Transaction only if the Committee, or the Committee Chair, as applicable, determines in good faith that, under all of the circumstances, the transaction is fair to the Company. The Committee, in its sole discretion, may impose such conditions as it deems appropriate on the Company or the Related Party in connection with approval of the Related-Party Transaction.

The review, approval or ratification of a transaction, arrangement or relationship pursuant to this Policy does not necessarily imply that such transaction, arrangement or relationship is required to be disclosed under Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC").

E. Standing Pre-Approval for Certain Related-Party Transactions

The Committee has reviewed the types of Related-Party Transactions described below and determined that each of the following Related-Party Transactions shall be deemed to be pre-approved by the Committee, even if the aggregate amount involved will exceed \$120,000, unless otherwise specifically determined by the Committee.

1. Employment of executive officers. Any employment by the Company of an executive officer of the Company or any of its subsidiaries, as long as the executive officer is not an Immediate Family Member of another executive officer, director, or nominee for director of the Company, and the related compensation is approved (or recommended to the Board of Directors for approval) by the Company's Compensation Committee;
2. Director compensation. Any compensation paid to a director if the compensation is consistent with the Company's director compensation policies and is required to be reported in the Company's proxy statement under Item 402 of Regulation S-K promulgated by the SEC;
3. Certain transactions with other companies. Any transaction with another company at which a Related Person's only relationship is as an employee (other than an executive officer or director) or beneficial owner of less than ten percent of that company's equity, if the aggregate amount involved does not exceed the greater of \$1,000,000, or two percent of that company's total annual revenues;
4. Certain charitable contributions. Any charitable contribution, grant or endowment by the Company to a charitable organization, foundation or university at which a Related Person's only relationship is as an employee (other than an executive officer or director), if the aggregate amount involved does not exceed the greater of \$1,000,000, or two percent of the charitable organization's total annual receipts; and
5. Transactions where all shareholders receive proportional benefits. Any transaction where the Related Person's interest arises solely from the ownership of the Company's Common Stock and all holders of the Company's Common Stock received the same benefit on a pro rata basis (e.g., dividends).

F. Disclosure

All Related-Party Transactions that are required to be disclosed in the Company's filings with the SEC, as required by the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and related rules and regulations, shall be so disclosed in accordance with such laws, rules and regulations.