## CODE OF ETHICS

## CHRISTIAN FAMILY CARE EMBRACES THE FOLLOWING ETHICAL PRINCIPLES:

Support for the sanctity and dignity of human life;

Preference for serving the neediest and most vulnerable members of the community in the allocation of limited resources.

Guaranteeing to all persons served:

- the right to confidentiality and privacy;
- the right to informed consent and participation in decisions about services;
- the right to refuse treatment or participation in clinical trials or research;
- the right to file grievances in accord with agency procedures.

Assurance that CFC follows practices, which:

- guarantee the integrity of decisions made about care and that those decisions are based solely on the service needs of the individual, couple or family;
- guarantee means of resolving differences in a timely manner regarding care service decisions;
- guarantee accountability for all its fiscal and/or business operations and;
- prohibit preferential treatment of agency members, community partners, members of the agency's governing body, advisory groups, personnel, or consultants applying for and receiving the agency's services.

Individual staff members may be bound by other principles contained in the Code of Ethics of their own professional associations, except where those conflict with the CFC Statement of Faith and Guiding Principles.

COA Cross Reference: GOV 7

Referenced in Policies 1.16 3.10, and 3.14