

## **North Carolina Association for Medical Equipment Services**



# **CODE OF ETHICS**

*Having been accepted into membership in the North Carolina Association for Medical Equipment Services, we do hereby subscribe without reservation to the Association's Code of Ethics. The purpose of the Code of Ethics 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 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; to be honest, truthful and fair to all concerned.**