

## **Letter to Shore Quality Partners Participants**

SHORE Memorial Health System and its subsidiaries are committed to providing the highest quality care to our patients and conducting our business with integrity and in compliance with applicable federal and state laws and regulations. As a partner in conducting our business, we expect that you will understand and support our policies.

The Deficit Reduction Act (DRA) of 2005 requires that all healthcare providers and hospitals have compliance policies that inform their partners that furnish health care items or services about federal and state anti-fraud and false claims laws and whistleblower protections.

In accordance with the DRA, we have written policies and procedures for all participants that provide detailed information about the Federal and New Jersey State False Claims Acts, the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act, relevant state laws, the whistleblower protections under such laws, and SHORE's policies for detecting and preventing waste, fraud, and abuse.

The DRA also requires that we provide this information to all contractors, agents, participants and partners for your review and that you agree to abide by the high ethical standards SHORE upholds in the work in your role as an SQP participant.

As a participating member of SQP, we are making this policy available to you, your employees and managers as required by the DRA. We request that you review the policy and make it available to your employees and managers. An electronic version of this policy is available on the internet at <a href="http://shorequalitypartners.com/frequently-asked-questions">http://shorequalitypartners.com/frequently-asked-questions</a>. A copy of the policy is also available to you upon request from our Compliance Office.

We would ask your cooperation in ensuring this information is reviewed by your appropriate manager to ensure your practice's support in our work. If there is another person at your organization who should receive this important information, please email us at <a href="mailto:fcantz@shoremedicalcenter.org">fcantz@shoremedicalcenter.org</a>. Please feel free to contact Fred Cantz, Chief Compliance Officer, at 609-653-3639 with any questions or concerns you may have regarding requirements of the DRA or our Corporate Compliance Program.