

## NAAP Credentialing Center

### Code of Ethics for Certified Professionals

#### Preamble

The NAAP Credentialing Center is an independent body exclusively for the purpose of credentialing Activity Professionals who meet the standards and requirements set forth by the Center and have successfully passed the competency exam.

NAAPCC certified professionals have certain fundamental obligations to the profession, the individuals they serve, and to peers and colleagues.

The Code of Ethics states guidelines and rules for the conduct of NAAPCC certified professionals in fulfilling those obligations. This Code is intended to promote the highest quality of practice in all forms of certification and to strengthen public confidence in the profession.

This code serves as a basis and does not exhaust the moral and ethical considerations that should inform a certified activity professional.

#### Principles

- I. **Conduct:** The NAAPCC certified professional shall maintain the highest of standards of professionalism, integrity and personal conduct at all times. They shall respect and protect the rights of the clients/residents they serve, treat colleagues with professional courtesy and respect the dignity of all concerned at all times.
- II. **Confidentiality:** The NAAPCC certified professional shall protect the confidentiality of all professionally acquired information and adhere to HIPAA regulations at all times. Any information about clients/residents, colleagues and professional peers shall be treated as confidential and exchanged in a professional manner.
- III. **Professional:** The NAAPCC certified professional shall strive for professional competence, maintain and advance their knowledge of the field of activities, respect the body of activity accomplishment, and contribute to its growth. They must recognize that professional growth is continuous, the need for continuing education to ensure competency and neither claim or imply professional qualifications exceeding those they possess. They shall conduct themselves in an honest, ethical manner and maintain integrity at all times.
- IV. **Communication:** The NAAPCC certified professional shall maintain an open channel of communication as well as strive for accurate and truthful communications in all interactions with colleagues and all parties associated with their professional position.

- V. **Professional Associations:** NAAPCC certified professionals are required to adhere to the Code of Ethics and By-Laws governing all professional associations to which he/she belongs. They shall provide leadership and/or services to the associations to which they belong without expectation of financial gain.
- VI. **Legal:** The NAAPCC certified professional shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations regarding the provision of services to clients/residents, professional peers and colleagues.