

## **AcuPlan Hawaii Code of Ethics**

As an accredited member of AcuPlan Hawaii, you are responsible for adhering to standards that the medical community in Hawaii has come to expect from AcuPlan members. All practitioners must be committed to practice acupuncture in a responsible and ethical manner.

All AcuPlan Hawaii members agree to practice by the Code of Ethics herein detailed.

### **Commitment to the Patient**

- Respect the rights and dignity of each person I treat
- Accept and treat those seeking my services in a nondiscriminatory manner
- Keep patients informed by explaining treatments and outcomes
- Protect the confidentiality of information acquired in the course of patient care
- Maintain professional boundaries in relationships with patients and avoid any relationships that may exploit practitioner/patient trust
- Keep accurate records of each patient's history and treatment
- Treat only within my lawful scope of practice
- Render the highest quality of care and make timely referrals to other health care professionals as may be appropriate
- Avoid treating patients if I am unable to safely and effectively treat due to substance abuse, physical or psychological impairment
- Bill patients and third party payers accurately and fairly and not engage in fraudulent billing
- Not engage in sexual contact with a current patient if the contact commences after the practitioner/patient relationship is established

### **Commitment to the Profession**

- Continue to work to promote the highest standards of the profession
- Provide accurate, truthful, and non-misleading information in connection with any application for licensure and/or certification
- Report any changes to the information on my application within 30 days regarding professional ethics and my on-going fitness to practice, including but not limited to, any disciplinary action taken by a regulating agency against me and any criminal charges or civil actions that may be relevant to my health care practice or fitness to practice

- Respect the integrity of other forms of health care and other medical traditions and seek to develop collaborative relationships to achieve the highest quality of care for individual patients

### **Commitment to the Public**

- Continue to comply with AcuPlan Hawaii's site inspection requirements
- Provide accurate information regarding my education, training and experience, professional affiliations, and certification status
- Use only the appropriate professional designations for my credentials
- Do not engage in any behavior involving the use of illegal substances
- Do not practice Acupuncture while impaired due to substance abuse, physical or psychological impairment
- Maintain my acupuncture license in good standing with the State of Hawaii
- Advertise only accurate, truthful, non-misleading information and refrain from making public statements on the efficacy of acupuncture that are not supported by the generally accepted experience of the profession
- Comply with all public health and public safety reporting duties imposed on licensed health care professionals
- Maintain malpractice insurance of \$1M/\$3M
- Refrain from any representation that AcuPlan Hawaii certification implies licensure or the right to practice
- I will not engage in conduct that demonstrates a lack of knowledge of or lack of ability in, or failure to apply the prevailing principles and/or skills of the profession

### **Grounds for Disciplinary Action**

AcuPlan Hawaii reserves the right to take disciplinary action against members for infractions and/or violations of the Code of Ethics, including, but not limited to, probation, suspension and/or termination of membership in AcuPlan Hawaii