

# South Dakota Department of Human Services

## Privacy Program Statement of Understanding

I, \_\_\_\_\_, have been trained and informed about the business practice in DHS as a result of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA). I understand that I must ensure the privacy of DHS clients/patients or participant's information obtained and held by DHS.

I have reviewed, understand, and agree to abide by DHS Privacy Policies and Procedures.

I understand that non-compliance will be cause for disciplinary action up to and including termination from DHS, and possible legal actions for violations of applicable regulations and laws.

I agree to promptly report all violations or suspected violations of any of the above policies to the HIPAA Privacy Office through the designated reporting channels.

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Print Employee/Volunteer Name

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Employee/Volunteer Signature      Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Supervisor Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**☛ To be filed in employee's personnel or volunteer's file.**

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