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Financial & Payroll Services for the Nonprofit Sector

# Enrollment Forms for: VDC Program Employers

This packet contains the necessary forms and instructions that will authorize ARIS Solutions to act in your behalf as your Financial Management Service provider.

\*\*BELOW FORMS MUST BE SIGNED/DATED AND RETURNED TO ARIS SOLUTIONS\*\*

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Employer / Veteran Information Form
Form SS-4 - Application for Employer Identification Number
Form SS-4 allows ARIS to request a Federal Employer Identification Number from the IRS for you.
Workers Compensation Application (if applicable)
Form 2678 - Employer/Payer Appointment of Agent
Allows ARIS to file your employment tax forms.
Form 8821- Tax Information Authorization
Allows ARIS to receive & review copies of tax filings from the IRS.
State Tax Forms
<ul> <li>State Department of Revenue (if applicable)</li> <li>State Department of Labor</li> <li>Employer/Authorized Representative Background Check Release Form</li> </ul>
Employer Confirmation of Receipt
Fraud & Abuse Statement
HIPAA Notice of Privacy Practices & Agreement
Electronic Timesheet Submission: (2 different options)
<ul> <li>Electronic Timesheets Application. Followed by instructions on Electronic Timesheets.</li> <li>Timesheet Submission Portal and applicable information.</li> </ul>

If you have questions contact the Veterans Department at 866.970.3301

Return Packet to: ARIS Solutions-Veteran Program

**PO Box 4409** 

White River Jct., VT 05001 Phone: 866.970.3301 (toll free)

Fax: 802.295.9812

Email: veteranpayroll@arissolutions.org



## **New Employer/Veteran Information**

## You are now an Employer!

Welcome to the Veteran Directed Care Program employment model. You will now manage and direct the services you receive or the services the Veteran you represent receives. In this employer model you, or a representative who you appoint, are the employer and you direct the work of your employee.

## The Role of ARIS Solutions as Your Financial Management Services "FMS" Provider

ARIS Solutions will serve as your FMS Provider to support you and complete many of the administrative employer obligations. This means that ARIS will process your timesheets, conduct criminal background checks on potential employees manage your employer tax responsibilities on the federal and state level, apply for workers compensation insurance, and pay your employees.

## **Roles and Responsibilities Chart**

Your Role (as Employer)	Employee's Role (as Employee)	ARIS Solutions' Role (as FMS Provider)
Select and hire an employee	Meet your requirements for hiring	Assist with paperwork, as needed
Schedule employees (staying within your authorized budget)	Complete required employment paperwork	Establish you as an employer
Train employees	Submit a background check	Establish your worker as your employee
Sign timesheets	Submit signed timesheets to	Conduct criminal background
Review employees job performance	ARIS	checks
Dismiss employees Establish clear boundaries	Respect employer's boundaries, rules and responsibilities	Provide payroll services Prepare and disburse payroll checks
Let your employee know what	Provide home care services to your employer as directed by	Pay employer taxes
the rules are and what their responsibilities are	your employer	Prepare year-end tax reports
Prevent fraud	Prevent fraud	Apply for and secure Workers Compensation insurance on behalf of the employer



## **Contact Information**

You can remove this page from the packet and post it somewhere prominent so you always have the information you need to contact the Veterans Program team.

ARIS Solutions-Veteran Program staff are available for support Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 4:00pm (EST) and can be reached at **866.970.3301** (toll free), our veteran dedicated email address: <a href="mailto:veteranpayroll@arissolutions.org">veteranpayroll@arissolutions.org</a> or our Website at <a href="https://www.arissolutions.org">www.arissolutions.org</a>

ARIS Solutions is not open on state or federal holidays.

Financial & Payroll Services for the Nonprofit Sector

VDC-EMPLOYER



Name \_\_\_\_\_

## **NAME OF EMPLOYER**

(Last)		(First)	(Mi	ddle)
Address(Street)	(Apt)	(City)	(State)	(Zip)
Phone ()	Email			
DOB//	Social Security Nu	mber		
GENDER				
FEIN (If previously issued)		_		
Relationship to Veteran				
<b>Veteran IS EMPLOYER</b> If <u>yes</u> please skip next section	YES on.	NO		
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VDC-EMPLOYER

(Rev. December 2019)

Application for Employer Identification Number (For use by employers, corporations, partnerships, trusts, estates, churches, government agencies, Indian tribal entities, certain individuals, and others.)

• Go to www.irs.gov/FormSS4 for instructions and the latest information.

OMB No. 1545-0003

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or pr		ity, state, and ZIP code (if foreign, see instructions) White River Jct., VT 05001	5b	City,	state, and ZIP code (if fore	ign, see instructions)	
Type or	6 C	ounty and state where principal business is located					
•	7a N	ame of responsible party			<b>7b</b> SSN, ITIN, or EIN		
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17	Indicat	te principal line of merchandise sold, specific construction and Community Based personal care to veteran participant.					
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## **Worker's Compensation Insurance**

Information on Worker's Compensation Insurance/frequently asked questions:

- All employers are required to obtain Worker's Compensation insurance before employees may begin to work.
  - Employers will be notified as soon as policy is in place.
- Worker's Compensation Insurance is an insurance policy which pays for the cost of an employee's medical expense and lost wages in the event of a work related injury.
- ARIS Solutions assists employers in obtaining a Worker's Compensation Policy.
- The cost for Worker's Compensation insurance can vary somewhat, most policies on average cost around \$1000 per year.
  - The exact cost is determined by the insurance company and depends upon the number of full or part time employees and the total annual wages to be paid in the year.
  - The cost of the policy is paid from the participant's budget and is broken down into equal monthly amounts.
    - ARIS Solutions pays the policy upfront and is repaid through the VA as billing is done each month.



## **VDC Maine Workers' Compensation Form**

Employer Legal Name:	
Employer Date of Birth:	
Veteran name (if different than Em	iployer name):
Relationship to Veteran: Spouse	e□Child□ Sibling□ Other (specify):
Employer FEIN #:	
Employer Phone:	
Street Address (where service is pr	ovided):
City, State, ZIP(where service is pr	ovided):
Estimated Number of Employees:	
Full Time:	Part Time:
Estimated Annual Payroll:	
Effective Date of Coverage (start d	late):
Employer Signature and Date:	

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION (continued)**

EXPLAIN ALL "YES" RESPONSES	Y/N
17. ANY OTHER INSURANCE WITH THIS INSURER?	
18. ANY PRIOR COVERAGE DECLINED / CANCELLED / NON-RENEWED IN THE LAST THREE (3) YEARS? (Missouri Applicants - Do not answer this question)	
19. ARE EMPLOYEE HEALTH PLANS PROVIDED?	
20. DO ANY EMPLOYEES PERFORM WORK FOR OTHER BUSINESSES OR SUBSIDIARIES?	
21. DO YOU LEASE EMPLOYEES TO OR FROM OTHER EMPLOYERS?	
22. DO ANY EMPLOYEES PREDOMINANTLY WORK AT HOME? If "YES", # of Employees:	
23. ANY TAX LIENS OR BANKRUPTCY WITHIN THE LAST FIVE (5) YEARS? (If "YES", please specify)	
24. ANY UNDISPUTED AND UNPAID WORKERS COMPENSATION PREMIUM DUE FROM YOU OR ANY COMMONLY MANAGED OR OWNED ENTERPRISES? IF YES, EXPLAIN INCLUDING ENTITY NAME(S) AND POLICY NUMBER(S).	

#### SIGNATURE

Copy of the Notice of Information Practices (Privacy) has been given to the applicant. (Not required in all states, contact your agent or broker for your state's requirements.)

Applicable in AL, AR, DC, LA, MD, NM, RI and WV: Any person who knowingly (or willfully)\* presents a false or fraudulent claim for payment of a loss or benefit or knowingly (or willfully)\* presents false information in an application for insurance is guilty of a crime and may be subject to fines and confinement in prison. \*Applies in MD Only.

**Applicable in CO:** It is unlawful to knowingly provide false, incomplete, or misleading facts or information to an insurance company for the purpose of defrauding or attempting to defraud the company. Penalties may include imprisonment, fines, denial of insurance and civil damages. Any insurance company or agent of an insurance company who knowingly provides false, incomplete, or misleading facts or information to a policyholder or claimant for the purpose of defrauding or attempting to defraud the policyholder or claimant with regard to a settlement or award payable from insurance proceeds shall be reported to the Colorado Division of Insurance within the Department of Regulatory Agencies.

**Applicable in FL and OK:** Any person who knowingly and with intent to injure, defraud, or deceive any insurer files a statement of claim or an application containing any false, incomplete, or misleading information is guilty of a felony (of the third degree)\*. \*Applies in FL Only.

Applicable in KS: Any person who, knowingly and with intent to defraud, presents, causes to be presented or prepares with knowledge or belief that it will be presented to or by an insurer, purported insurer, broker or any agent thereof, any written, electronic, electronic impulse, facsimile, magnetic, oral, or telephonic communication or statement as part of, or in support of, an application for the issuance of, or the rating of an insurance policy for personal or commercial insurance, or a claim for payment or other benefit pursuant to an insurance policy for commercial or personal insurance which such person knows to contain materially false information concerning any fact material thereto; or conceals, for the purpose of misleading, information concerning any fact material thereto commits a fraudulent insurance act.

Applicable in KY, NY, OH and PA: Any person who knowingly and with intent to defraud any insurance company or other person files an application for insurance or statement of claim containing any materially false information or conceals for the purpose of misleading, information concerning any fact material thereto commits a fraudulent insurance act, which is a crime and subjects such person to criminal and civil penalties (not to exceed five thousand dollars and the stated value of the claim for each such violation)\*. \*Applies in NY Only.

**Applicable in ME, TN, VA and WA:** It is a crime to knowingly provide false, incomplete or misleading information to an insurance company for the purpose of defrauding the company. Penalties (may)\* include imprisonment, fines and denial of insurance benefits. \*Applies in ME Only.

Applicable in NJ: Any person who includes any false or misleading information on an application for an insurance policy is subject to criminal and civil penalties.

**Applicable in OR:** Any person who knowingly and with intent to defraud or solicit another to defraud the insurer by submitting an application containing a false statement as to any material fact may be violating state law.

Applicable in PR: Any person who knowingly and with the intention of defrauding presents false information in an insurance application, or presents, helps, or causes the presentation of a fraudulent claim for the payment of a loss or any other benefit, or presents more than one claim for the same damage or loss, shall incur a felony and, upon conviction, shall be sanctioned for each violation by a fine of not less than five thousand dollars (\$5,000) and not more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), or a fixed term of imprisonment for three (3) years, or both penalties. Should aggravating circumstances [be] present, the penalty thus established may be increased to a maximum of five (5) years, if extenuating circumstances are present, it may be reduced to a minimum of two (2) years.

**Applicable in UT:** Any person who knowingly presents false or fraudulent underwriting information, files or causes to be filed a false or fraudulent claim for disability compensation or medical benefits, or submits a false or fraudulent report or billing for health care fees or other professional services is guilty of a crime and may be subject to fines and confinement in state prison.

THE UNDERSIGNED IS AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE APPLICANT AND REPRESENTS THAT REASONABLE INQUIRY HAS BEEN MADE TO OBTAIN THE ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON THIS APPLICATION. HE/SHE REPRESENTS THAT THE ANSWERS ARE TRUE, CORRECT AND COMPLETE TO THE BEST OF HIS/HER KNOWLEDGE.

## 2678 Employer/Payer Appointment of Agent

(Rev. August 2014) Department of the Treasury — Internal Revenue Service

Use this form if you want to request approval to have an agent file returns and make deposits or payments of employment or other withholding taxes or if you want to revoke an existing appointment.

• If you are an employer or payer who wants to request approval, complete Parts 1 and 2 and sign Part 2. Then give it to the agent. Have the agent complete Part 3 and sign it.

For IRS use:					

OMB No. 1545-0748

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# Form **8821**

(Rev. January 2021)

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

## **Tax Information Authorization**

▶ Go to www.irs.gov/Form8821 for instructions and the latest information.
 ▶ Don't sign this form unless all applicable lines have been completed.
 ▶ Don't use Form 8821 to request copies of your tax returns or to authorize someone to represent you. See instructions.

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For IRS Use Only
Received by:
Name
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1 Taxpayer information. Taxpaye	er must sign and date this form o	on line 6.	
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		Daytime telephone num	ber Plan number (if applicable)
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Print Name		Title	(if applicable)

### MAINE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR Bureau of Unemployment Compensation 47 State House Station Augusta ME 04333-0047

## **POWER OF ATTORNEY**

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## **Power of Attorney**

Maine Revenue Services P.O. Box 1060 Augusta, ME 04332-1060

Revised: 5/2019

**READ INSTRUCTIONS** attached before completing this form. The filing of this form automatically revokes all earlier powers of attorney on file with Maine Revenue Services for the same tax type and years/periods.

If you previously submitted copy of the POA you wou		- '	-		r POA revoked, check here and attach a	
PART I: POWER OF	F ATTORNEY					
1. Taxpayer information	ı (taxpayer(s) must s	sign and date this	form in Section	on 5 below)		
Taxpayer's name					Taxpayer ID Number (SSN or EIN)	
Spouse's name (if you filed a )	joint return and both spou	ses are appointing the	same representa	tive)	Spouse's SSN	
(Mailing address)				City, state, zip		
Country (if not United States)		Telephone number	er	Email address (d	optional)	
2. Representative inform	mation					
Primary representative name	е		Firm or compar	ny name		
Mailing address		<u> </u>	City, state, zip			
Country (if not United States)		Telephone numbe	r	Email address (optional)		
Alternate representative nan	me		Firm or compar	ny name		
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Tax Type	Specific Yea			Type	ee instructions for additional limitations.  Specific Years/Periods	
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☐ Corporate Income Tax						
☐ Withholding						
☐ Sales and Use Tax						

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#### 5. Taxpayer signature

Signature

I certify, under penalty of perjury, that I am the taxpayer identified in section 1 above, or if signing as a corporate officer, that I am a partner, member, manager, or fiduciary acting on behalf of the taxpayer, that I have the authority to execute this POA.

Date

Print name (and title, if applicable)

Spouse's	signature	e (required if listed above)	Print name	Date
PART II:	DECLA	RATION OF REPRES	SENTATIVE	
-	-	enalty of perjury, that I am:		
Primary <i>A</i>	Alternate			
		A member in good standi	ng of the bar of the highest court of the follow	ving jurisdiction:
		Duly qualified to practice	as a certified public accountant in the followi	ng jurisdiction:
		An enrolled agent under	J.S. Department of Treasury Circular 230	
		A bona fide officer of the	taxpayer's organization	
		A full-time employee of the	e taxpayer	
		A member of the taxpaye	r's immediate family	
		A fiduciary of the taxpaye	r	
		Other (explain):		
Signature – Primary Representative			Print name (and title, if applicable)	Date
Signature	– Alterna	ite Representative	Print name (and title, if applicable)	Date

FORMS NOT SIGNED, DATED, OR OTHERWISE INCOMPLETE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

## **Instructions**

#### **General Information**

Use Form 2848-ME to authorize an individual to represent you before Maine Revenue Services ("MRS"). Signing this Power of Attorney ("POA") form authorizes MRS to communicate with and provide your confidential information to the individual you name as your representative.

Unless you limit the authority (see section 4), your representative will be authorized to perform any and all acts you can perform, including, but not limited to: receiving your confidential information; agreeing to tax adjustments; signing settlement agreements; and making otherwise binding decisions on your behalf with regard to the tax matters covered by the POA.

#### **Limited Power of Attorney Form 2848-L**

If you want your representative to communicate with and receive confidential information from MRS, but you do <u>not</u> want that person to act on your behalf, please fill out Form 2848-ME-L ("Limited Power of Attorney") instead.

#### Revocation

Filing Form 2848-ME will automatically revoke any earlier POA's on file with MRS that cover the <u>same tax types</u> and <u>same years/periods</u>.

#### Example 1:

On 5/1/2017, you authorize Jane Doe to represent you for individual income tax for 2015. On 10/1/2017, you authorize Jim Jones to represent you for individual income tax for 2016. Both POA's are valid.

#### Example 2:

On 5/1/2017, you authorize Jane Doe to represent you for individual income tax for 2015. On 10/1/2017, you authorize Jim Jones to represent you for sales and use tax for 2015. Both POA's will be valid.

#### Example 3:

On 5/1/2017, you authorize Jane Doe to represent you for individual income tax for 2015. On 10/1/2017, you authorize Jim Jones to represent you for individual income tax for years 2015-2018. Filing the POA for Jim Jones will automatically revoke the POA for Jane Doe.

If you do <u>not</u> want a prior POA automatically revoked, you must check the box at the top of the form and attach a copy of the prior POA you would like to remain in effect.

Other requests to revoke a POA must be in writing and must be signed by the taxpayer.

#### PART I – Power of Attorney

#### Section 1 – Taxpayer information

The Taxpayer's identification number may be a social security number ("SSN") or employer identification number ("EIN") depending on the type of taxpayer. Please fill out the taxpayer information section accurately and completely. Note: By providing an email address, you authorize MRS to communicate your confidential information via email to the address provided.

#### Section 2 - Representative information

Form 2848-ME allows you to authorize one or more representatives. Representatives <u>must</u> be individuals, i.e., you cannot name a firm as your representative but you can name a person or persons at the firm. Note: By providing an email address, you authorize MRS to communicate your confidential information via email to the address provided.

#### Section 3 - Notices and communications

MRS may send copies of notices and other communications relating to the tax matters authorized in section 4 only to the <u>primary representative</u>. Many notices, particularly computer-generated notices, will be sent only to the taxpayer and not to the representative.

#### Section 4 – Authority of representatives

This section allows you to specify which tax matters are covered by the POA and what authority you are granting your representative. By default, your representative will have <u>full authority</u> to receive your confidential information and to perform <u>any and all acts</u> you can perform in connection with the matters described in section 4. However, your authorized representative may not delegate their authority to another individual. If you wish to limit your representative's authority, please <u>specifically</u> describe the limitation.

For this form to be valid, you must select both the tax type and years/periods covered by the POA. If no tax type is selected, the POA will not be accepted.

You may list current, prior, or future years/periods. You must use specific periods. General references such as "All Years" will <u>not</u> be accepted.

Note: MRS will <u>not</u> accept a POA for future years/period which begin more than three years from the date the POA is received by MRS.

#### Section 5 – Taxpayer signature

You must sign, print your name, and date the POA for it to be valid. If you filed a joint return and both spouses are appointing the same representative, both spouses must sign. POA forms must be <a href="https://pnames.com/handsigned.">handsigned.</a>

If you are signing on behalf of the taxpayer, please include your title—e.g., a "CEO" signing on behalf of a corporate taxpayer. You may be asked by MRS to verify your identity and/or provide evidence of authority to sign the POA.

#### PART II – Declaration of Representatives

Your representative must indicate their relationship to you and sign and date the form. The POA must be signed by the representative to be valid.

#### **Submitting Completed POA Form**

Completed POA forms should be mailed to MRS at the address at the top of the form. Completed POA forms may also be faxed or emailed to the MRS division responsible for the tax type covered by the POA. For fax/email contact info for the specific divisions, visit our website at: <a href="https://www.maine.gov/revenue/about/contact">www.maine.gov/revenue/about/contact</a>.



## PROGRAM INTEGRITY and FRAUD PREVENTION

Maintaining and improving program integrity is one of the most important aspects of the Veteran Directed Program. Program integrity including fraud prevention is critical to sustaining this program model. Participants, authorized representatives, and providers are vital to preventing fraud and maintaining program integrity.

Fraud and abuse with funds from the Veteran's Administration can cost billions of dollars each year, diverting funds that could otherwise be used for additional services or to assist more people that need care. As a participant, authorized representative, care provider or recipient of funds, you must comply with all State and Federal laws and prevent misuse or fraud of any funds within this programs. Honesty and integrity are expected of all who participate in the Veteran Directed Program.

## Examples of Fraud and Abuse Include

- Submitting timesheets for services not actually provided
- Approving/authorizing hours that employees didn't actually work
- Recording more time or stating different times than you actually work
- Changing hours on a timesheet after it has been approved
- Not providing the services the veteran needs
- Falsifying a worker's compensation claim
- Falsifying or misrepresentation on applications or documentation
- Billing for services while in the hospital or other care facility
- Submitting twice for the same service
- Requiring an employee to "share" their paycheck with the employer

#### Results

Fraud is a felony conviction that can lead to substantial penalties, including imprisonment of up to ten years, or a fine of up to \$1,000 or an amount equal to twice the amount of assistance or benefits wrongfully obtained, or both. If convicted of fraud you may be excluded for a minimum of five years from any employment with a program or facility that receives Medicaid funding.

#### REPORTING

If you suspect or know of fraud or abuse occurring, it is your duty and responsibility to report this immediately to the Area Agency on Aging and the Veteran's Administration. Or call ARIS Solutions at 866.970.3301 and the proper people will be contacted.



## **Employer/Authorized Representative Background Checks**

Effective February 1, 2024 any new Employer of Record or Authorized Representative whom is other than the Veteran, are required to undergo and pass a background check in accordance with the Veterans Administration (VA) and state polices as specified by the VDC provided to be designated as a Veteran's representative.

Per VA policy, any representative candidate who has a felony for fraud, abuse or exploitation for an individual may be not authorized as a representative for a Veteran.

Examples of Disqualifying Events as a Result of a Background Check would include:

- 1. A misdemeanor conviction against any individual that involves:
  - a. Physical or sexual assault;
  - b. Violence or exploitation;
  - c. Child pornography;
  - d. Threatening or reckless conduct;
  - e. Theft;
  - f. Fraud;
  - g. Driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol;
  - h. Any other conduct that represents evidence of behavior that could endanger the safety or well-being of an individual.
- 2. A conviction of a felony against an individual.
- 3. Additional factors considered in determining suitability may include, but not limited to:
  - a. Relevance of the crime to the position sought;
  - b. The nature of the work and/or activity to be performed;
  - c. Time elapsed since the conviction;
  - d. Age of the candidate at the time of the offense;
  - e. The number of offenses;
  - f. Whether the individual has pending charges;
  - g. Any relevant evidence of rehabilitation or lack thereof;
  - h. Any other relevant information, including information submitted by the individual or requested by the hiring authority.

## Employer/Authorized Representative Background Check Release Form

Veteran Directed Care Program

Care Coordinator			AAA		
\	/eteran De	mogra	phic Information		
Last Name:			First Name:		
Home Phone:	Cell Phone:			ID#	(Last 4 SS#):
Is Veteran using a Representative?	Yes	No	(If no, skip Autho	rized	Representative Information)
Authorize	d Represen	tative	Demographic Info	orma	tion
Full Name (If also a POA please attac	n documenta	ntion):			
Alias/Maiden Name (if more than one	):				
Home Phone Number:	Cell Ph	one:			Work Phone:
Address:					
Address outside of state within 5 year	s:				
Date of Birth:		Full S	ocial Security Numbe	er:	
By signing below, I am consenting to a understand that ARIS Solutions will converted will be made aware of all find exclusions will eliminate me from converted AS so, I authorize ARIS Solutions to perform these background check(s) will be a	onduct backg lings and tha sideration as	round of tany finds the Ventucler The Ventuc	checks on behalf of tonding on the list of potential teran's employer or background check(s	he Ve progra Autho	teran. I understand that the m background check prized Representative.
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Signatures:					
Employer/Authorized Representative	:			Date:	
Veteran:				Date:	:



## **Employer Confirmation of Receipt**

I,, ha and Fraud Prevention" documents provided by A	ave read the "Program Integrity  ARIS Solutions.
I understand and accept my role or my designate employer in the Veteran Directed Program empl	ted representative's role as an
I acknowledge that I am the employer of any enprovide home health care service in the Veteran model.	• •
I understand I am responsible for hiring, firing, employees, as well as, maintaining program intefraud.	
I understand and acknowledge that as a FMS act as the employer of any employee I may cho	
Signed,	
Signature of Employer	 Date



## FRAUD & ABUSE STATEMENT

Fraud is defined as recklessly or purposefully making false statements or representations to obtain some benefit or payment that you would not be entitled to without those statements or facts. These acts may be committed either for the person's own benefit or for the benefit of someone else. In other words, fraud includes the obtaining of something of value through misrepresentation or concealment of facts. Fraud is committed when a person or business deceives or distorts facts or information to get something they would not be otherwise entitled to. Fraud can range from a solo act to a broad-based operation by an institution or a group. Anyone can commit fraud.

#### Examples of Medicaid/Veteran Administration Fraud include, but are not limited to:

- Knowingly and/or purposefully filling out an employee timesheet incorrectly for hours or services that were not provided during the times listed or on the day listed;
- Knowingly and/or purposefully allowing the Vendor F/EA FMS-Support Broker entity to bill Medicaid/Veteran Administration for services that were not provided;
- Knowingly and/or purposefully using the Veteran's budget for any other purpose than what has been approved in the Veteran's service plan.
- Knowingly and/or purposefully allowing an employee to document services or hours that were not provided.
- Knowingly and/or purposefully submitting invoices to the Vendor F/EA FMS-Support Broker entity for goods and services that were not provided.
- Knowingly and/or purposefully having the Vendor F/EA FMS-Support Broker entity pay an employee or vendor for goods and/or services actually provided by someone else. (This is also tax fraud.)
- Knowingly and/or purposefully making a "side deal" with an employee to split their pay check with the Veteran or his/her representative. (This is also tax fraud).
- Knowingly or purposefully withholding information from authorities during an investigation
- Knowingly and/or purposely having the Vendor F/EA FMS-Support Broker entity pay for an approved good included in the Veteran's budget, and then return the approved good to get the cash or use it for something else that has not been approved.

Abuse is defined as practices that are inconsistent with sound fiscal, business, or medical practices, and result in an unnecessary cost to Medicaid/Veteran Administration and other programs, or in reimbursement for services that are not medically necessary or fail to meet professionally recognized standards for health care. It also includes recipient practices that result in unnecessary costs to the Medicaid/Veteran Administration program.

### Examples of Medicaid/Veteran Administration Abuse include:

- Making errors when filling out the employee's timesheet and not immediately reporting the error to the Vendor F/EA FMS-Support Broker entity to remedy the situation.
- Being late in handing in Veteran/representative-employer related paperwork to the Vendor F/EA FMS-Support Broker entity.

#### The difference between Fraud and Abuse

Fraud is anything intentionally, purposefully or recklessly done to get something for your own benefit that you normally would not be entitled to. Abuse is anything that wasn't done intentionally or purposefully but was still completed incorrectly for your own benefit and not immediately reported.

Medicaid/Veteran Administration Fraud and Abuse is a crime against all taxpayers and is both a state and federal offense. All reports or allegations of fraud and abuse within the Veteran Directed Home and Community Based Services Program will be referred to the Veteran's Administration for possible criminal investigation. Veteran's suspected of Medicaid/Veteran Administration Fraud or Abuse also face termination from the Veteran Directed Home and Community Based Services Program.

Veteran's Signature	Date
Authorized Representative Signature	Date
FMS Provider Signature	Date

## HIPAA NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES & AGREEMENT

This notice describes how medical information about you may be used and disclosed and how we may obtain access to this information. <u>Please review it carefully & keep for your records</u>.

#### DEFINITION OF MEDICAL INFORMATION

When <u>ARIS Solutions/ VDC Program</u> refers to medical information, we mean protected health information (PHI). PHI is information that is individually identifiable health information including demographic information collected.

#### USES AND DISCLOSURES OF PHI

Health Care Operations- Your medical information may be used and disclosed in connection with our health care operational including:

- Case management and care coordination.
- Quality assessment and improvement activities and protocol assessment.
- Reviewing the competence or qualifications of health care professionals, evaluating provider performance, conducting training programs, accreditation, certification activities, and credentialing activities.
- Conducting legal services, compliance programs, fraud and abuse detection
- Business planning and development.

#### Additional disclosures-PHI may be disclosed;

- To another entity that has relationship with the organization for their health care operations relating to quality improvement and assessment activities, reviewing competence or qualifications of health care professionals.
- To other entities that assist us in conducting our health care operations.

We will not disclose your medical information to those persons or entities unless they agree to keep it protected.



## HIPAA NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES & AGREEMENT continued...

### For the Public Benefit- as authorized by law for the following purposes:

- As required by law
- For public health activities, including disease and vital statistic reporting, FDA oversight, and for work related illness or injury
- To health oversight agencies
- *In response to court and administrative orders*
- To avert a serious threat to health and human safety

Your written authorization is required for all other uses and disclosures of your PHI. You may revoke your authorization at any time. However, your revocation will not affect any use or disclosure you permitted to your revocation.

#### **YOUR RIGHTS**

Access to your information — You have the right to inspect or obtain a copy of the medical information about you that is contained in a "designated record set". The organization may ask you to submit your request in writing.

Accounting of disclosures – You have the right to receive a list of instances in which we or our associates disclosed your PHI for purposes other than health care operations or those authorized by you.

**Confidential Communication** – You have the right to request that we communicate with you about your PHI by a different means or at a different location. You make this request in writing.

Amending your PHI – You have the right to request that we amend your PHI contained in the "designated record set" if it is not correct or complete. We may require that this request be in writing.

Complaints – You have the right to file a complaint if you believe your privacy rights have been violated. You may file this complaint with ARIS Solutions/ VDC Program and/or the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services. All complaints to ARIS Solutions/ VDC Program must be made in writing. We support your right to protect your PHI.

\*\*PLEASE KEEP THIS FOR YOUR RECORDS\*\*

Signature of Employer

## HIPAA NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES & AGREEMENT

\*PLEASE SIGN/DATE & RETURN TO ARIS SOLUTIONS\*

At <u>ARIS Solutions/ VDC Program</u>, we respect the confidentiality of your medical information and will protect information in a responsible manner. We have a privacy program in place that meets the requirements of HIPAA, the government legislation that sets standards for the privacy of medical information.

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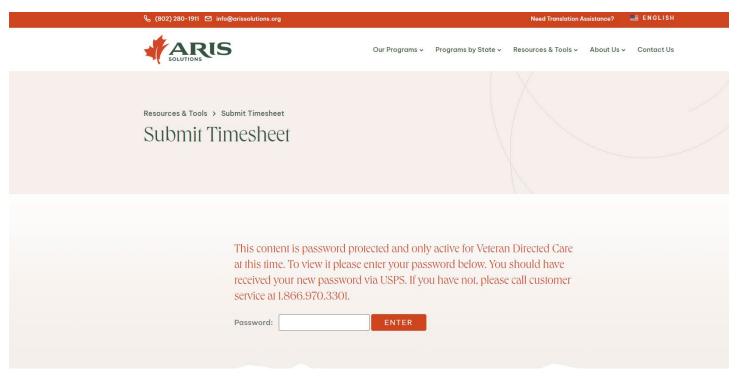
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VDC-EMPLOYER

If you utilize the **Timesheet Submission Portal**, you can find it under the "Resources and Tools" tab on the home page. Please note it now requires a case sensitive password that we have provided below:



Once you click on "Timesheet Submission Portal" you will be brought to this screen:



Your password will be:

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Then, enter your first and last name and upload the timesheet file. You will receive a unique submission number for that timesheet. Record this number. If you are unsure if the file was successfully submitted, we can be reached at 1.866.970.3301.

## **Electronic Timesheets Agreement**

#### I. **About The Electronic Timesheets Module**

- a. The Electronic Timesheets Module is a web-based interface through which Consumers, Employers, Employees, and Fiscal Intermediary staff can respectively view relevant timesheet information.
- b. Consumers, Employers and Employees will be able to use the system to both submit and approve timesheets electronically for payment by the Fiscal Intermediary.
- c. A Consumer is not required to have an Employer in order to use the system. But in cases where a Consumer does have an Employer and the Consumer approves the Employer to have access to the Electronic Timesheets Submission Interface, both the Consumer and his/her Employer will have identical abilities to enter and approve timesheets for payment. If the Consumer does not feel comfortable with the electronic interface, the Employer has the ability to handle all of the Consumer's timesheet submission and approval responsibilities.

#### **Terms and Conditions** II.

By signing below, you are agreeing to the following Terms and Conditions:

- a. The Consumer and/or his/her Employer and the Employee must have valid e-mail addresses that they access frequently.
- b. The Consumer, his/her Employer (if applicable) and the Employee agree to use the Electronic Timesheets Submission Interface as a method of submitting timesheets.
  - i. Signing this Agreement does not require you to only use the Electronic Timesheets Submission Interface. Other methods of submitting time, such as faxing or mailing, are still acceptable.
- c. A timesheet may not be submitted electronically if the Consumer and the Employee have not both signed and agreed to use the Electronic Timesheets Submission Interface via this Agreement.
  - i. If the Consumer approves their Employer to use the system, then the Employer must also sign this Agreement.
- d. An individual Electronic Timesheets Agreement is required for each Consumer/Employee relationship that chooses to use the Electronic Timesheets Submission Interface.
  - i. This is true even if the Consumer or Employee is already using the Electronic Timesheets Submission Interface in another Consumer/Employee relationship.

Program: veteran Direct Care		
Veteran Name:	Veteran E-mail:	
Employer Name:	Employer E-mail:	
Employee Name:	Employee E-mail:	
Veteran Signature:	Date:	
Employer Signature:	Date:	
Employee Signature:	Date:	

\*\* Note all fields in RED are required. Forms not completed in full will be returned.

#### **About the Electronic Timesheets Module**

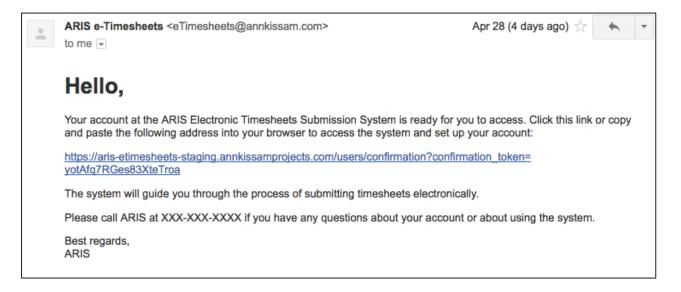
The Electronic Timesheets Module is a web-based interface through which Consumers, Employers, Representatives and Employees can respectively enter and view relevant timesheet information.

## **Electronic Timesheets Agreement**

In order to use the Electronic Timesheets Submission interface, a Consumer, their Representative or Employer (if applicable) and their Employee must sign an Electronic Timesheets Agreement which states that they both have valid e-mail addresses, and agree to use the electronic timesheets submission interface as a method of submitting time.

## **Getting Started**

- 1. An admin will create a user for the Consumer, Employer, Employee and Representative (if applicable).
- 2. The Consumer, Employer, Employee and Representative (if applicable) will each receive an e-mail alerting them that their account has been set up, and instructions for activating this account. Each user will click a one-time login link that expires after access to set up a password.



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3. Each user will be prompted to accept the Terms of Service, and set up a password for their account.

Electronic timesheets user						
Terms of Service	USE OF USER ID AND PASSWORD:					
	1. If you register and/or set up an account on the Electronic Timesheets System Interface, you will be solely responsible for maintaining the confidentiality of your Registration Information. You may not authorize others to use your Registration Information. You may not sub-license, transfer, sell or assign your Registration Information and/or this Agreement to any third party. Any attempt to do so will be null and void and shall be considered a material breach of this Agreement.					
	2. You are solely responsible for all usage or activity on your account including, but not limited to, use of the account by any person who uses your Registration Information, with or without authorization, or who has access to any computer on which your account resides or is accessible.					
	3. If you have reason to believe that your account is no longer secure (for example, in the event of a loss, theft or unauthorized disclosure or use of your Personal Identifiable Information stored on the Electronic Timesheets System Interface), you must promptly change the affected Registration Information by using the appropriate update mechanism on the Electronic Timesheets System Interface, if available, or notify ARIS.					
Please set your password for your	account here.					
New Password						
Confirm Password						
$\longrightarrow$	I have read and accept the above terms of service.					
	Submit					

4. Once each user accepts the Terms of Service and creates a password, he or she may start using the system.

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Time sheets are due on Mondays by 11:59pm Eastern Standard Time Due dates do not change if they fall on a holiday.

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2	1/14/2024	1/27/2024	1/29/2024	2/2/2024
3	1/28/2024	2/10/2024	2/12/2024	2/16/2024
4	2/11/2024	2/24/2024	2/26/2024	3/1/2024
5	2/25/2024	3/9/2024	3/11/2024	3/15/2024
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11	5/19/2024	6/1/2024	6/3/2024	6/7/2024
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15	7/14/2024	7/27/2024	7/29/2024	8/2/2024
16	7/28/2024	8/10/2024	8/12/2024	8/16/2024
17	8/11/2024	8/24/2024	8/26/2024	8/30/2024
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19	9/8/2024	9/21/2024	9/23/2024	9/27/2024
20	9/22/2024	10/5/2024	10/7/2024	10/11/2024
21	10/6/2024	10/19/2024	10/21/2024	10/25/2024
22	10/20/2024	11/2/2024	11/4/2024	11/8/2024
23	11/3/2024	11/16/2024	11/18/2024	11/22/2024
24	11/17/2024	11/30/2024	12/2/2024	12/6/2024
25	12/1/2024	12/14/2024	12/16/2024	12/20/2024
26	12/15/2024	12/28/2024	12/30/2024	1/3/2025
27	12/29/2024	1/11/2025	1/13/2025	1/17/2025
28	1/12/2025	1/25/2025	1/27/2025	1/31/2025

Time sheets, reimbursements, employee paperwork and check requests received by the ARIS Solutions office after the due dates posted above will be processed with the next pay period.

Send to: Questions?
ARIS Solutions Veterans Department

PO Box 4409 1.866.970.3301

White River Junction, VT 05001 https://arissolutions.org/submit-timesheet/

FAX: 1.802.295.9812

## **Veteran Directed Care Program Timesheet- Maine**

EMPLOYEE			LAST FOUR DIGITS OF SS #						
Veteran Name:									
Please Enter								<u> </u>	
Date	Start Time	A M	P M	End Time	A M	P M	Service Code	# of Hours Worked	
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Mail timesheets to: ARIS Solutions- Veteran Dept. PO Box 4409 White River Jct., VT 05001 Secure Fax: 1.802.295.9812 Secure Portal: https://arissolutions.org/submit-timesheet/



**VD-HCBS** Resource

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## WHAT EMPLOYERS NEED TO KNOW

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## How to Protect Yourself and Your Worker: A Guide for Employers

Being an employer brings not only rights but also responsibilities. This guide describes a few important issues that every employer should know about.

## Maintaining a Safe Workplace

It is important to keep your home safe for your employee. Slips and falls are a common cause of injuries, so you should clean up or warn your employee of spills and wet surfaces, and keep stairs and flooring in good repair. If you have pets in your home, make sure they cannot bite or scratch your employee.

## **Making Hiring and Firing Decisions**

#### **Terminating Employees**

Do not hesitate to terminate an employee who does not meet your needs. Most employment relationships are considered employment "at will," which means you can terminate an employee for any reason or no reason at all, so long as your reason is not discriminatory, retaliatory (see discussion below) or otherwise unlawful.

## **Avoiding Promises about the Length of Employment**

To avoid a claim for breach of contract, do not make any promises to your employee that you will keep him employed for a certain period of time or that you would only fire him for a specific reason. Remember that a contract does not always have to be in writing to be legally binding. Spoken statements and promises can sometimes create legal obligations.

#### **Avoiding Illegal Discrimination and Retaliation**

In many states it is illegal to discriminate against employees based on certain factors, which can include race, color, religion, sex, national origin, marital status, sexual orientation. This means that you must not hire, fire, or harass employees based on such factors. While your employee is with you, be careful not to express any personal opinions that could be interpreted as discriminatory. Even if you are in your own home, the home is considered a workplace while your employee is there, and workplace discrimination and harassment are prohibited by law.

Do not allow friends or family to behave in ways that could be considered discriminatory or harassing towards your employee. As the employer, you could be held responsible for their behavior if you allow it to continue.

Sexual harassment is also illegal. It includes unwelcome sexual advances that can be physical or verbal, such as offensive comments or gestures that create a hostile environment. Remember that the harasser can be someone other than the employer, such as a guest visiting your home or someone who lives with you.

It is also illegal to fire employees in retaliation for reporting a crime or irregularity. For example, if an employee believes that an employer is misusing Medicaid funds and reports it to the authorities, it would be illegal to fire the employee in retaliation.

## **Providing References for Former Employees**

Be careful when talking about your reasons for terminating employees, because you could risk a claim of discrimination or defamation (saying things about the employee who harms them). If you are asked for a reference about a former employee and cannot provide a positive one, it is safest not to provide a reference at all.

# What Family Members and Authorized Representatives Need to Know

### Your Duty as Representative

In participant-directed programs, usually the participant (the person receiving services) is the employer. It is not unusual, however, for the participant to be unable or unwilling to serve as the employer. In those cases, the participant will designate a "representative" to serve as the employer. If you are designated as an authorized representative, you have a *fiduciary* duty to the participant. "Fiduciary" means you must always act in the best interest of the participant and not in your own interest. Program funds must always be spent for the participant's benefit, not your own benefit.

#### Hiring and Training Employees

If the participant is likely to injure himself or others, you have a duty to warn employees of the risk and instruct them how to best handle it. Make sure to hire only employees who can deal with situations that arise. Ask them to confirm that they understand the risks and are willing and able to handle them.

If you are a parent, you must exercise reasonable care to control your minor child as best as you can, even if you are not listed as an authorized representative for the child. It is important to hire employees who are able to deal with any risks they may encounter when caring for your child. You should warn employees ahead of time of risks, and explain how to best handle situations that may to come up.

### **Mandatory Reporter Duty**

As an authorized representative, you may have a legal duty to report to the authorities if you suspect or notice that the participant is being abused by a family member, an employee, or some other person. Many states have "mandatory reporter" laws that could require you to report abuse of a child, an elderly adult or a person with a disability. You may have a duty to report the abuse even if the abuser is a member of your own family or the participant's family.

## **Worker's Compensation Insurance**

It is important to maintain a worker's compensation insurance policy, because such insurance will pay for claims if an employee is injured on the job.

If an employee is injured while at work, the employer is liable even if the injury is not the employer's fault. For example, if your employee drives to the grocery store on your behalf and is injured when a careless driver hits her car, the employee could ask you for compensation even though you could not have prevented the accident. This is because employers have to compensate employees for injuries sustained on the job. A worker's compensation insurance policy will pay for such claims.

## **Liability Insurance**

Worker's compensation will pay when your employee is injured, but what happens when someone else is injured? As an employer you may be liable when your employee injures someone else, even if the injury is not your fault. For example, if your employee causes a car accident while driving you to an appointment and injures a third party, the third party could sue you because your employee caused the accident while on the job.

Employment-related claims like wrongful termination, discrimination, or defamation are another source of liability that is not covered by worker's compensation insurance.

Some homeowner's, renter's, or liability insurance policies will cover such claims. However the terms of insurance policies vary, so you should read the terms and consult with an insurance agent before you start your participant direction program. You may consider an addition to your homeowner's or renter's policy, or a separate liability insurance policy, to be covered for liability risks related to domestic employees.