



**APPLICANT INQUIRY RELEASE**

In connection with, and for the duration of my employment (or independent contract for services) with Hospice Touch (Company), I understand that investigative background inquiries are to be made by Company or its third-party designee on myself including consumer, criminal, driving, and other reports. These reports will include information as to my creditworthiness, character, work habits, performance and experience along with reasons for termination of past employment from previous employers. These reports and records will be used for the purposes of making hiring decisions or investigating certain incidents. Further, I understand that you will be requesting information from various federal, state and other agencies which maintain records concerning my past activities relating to my driving, credit, criminal, civil and other experiences as well as claims involving me in the files of insurance companies. The aforementioned reports, records and information are hereinafter referred to as "Background Information".

To the extent such inquiries and requests of Background Information constitute "Consumer Reports" under the Fair Credit Reporting Act, 15 U.S.C. §1681 *et seq.*, then such inquiries and requests of information shall be in compliance with the Fair Credit Reporting Act, 15 U.S.C. §1681 *et seq.* (the "FCRA"), to the extent applicable. Pursuant to Section 606(b) of the FCRA, I may make a written request to you within days of the date of this release to make a complete and accurate disclosure of the nature and scope of any investigation which may be governed by the FCRA. You will make the disclosure in writing mailed, or otherwise delivered, to me not later than five (5) days after the date you receive my request for such a disclosure. If a decision not to employ, continue employment, or contract for services is contemplated because of the contents of a Consumer Report governed by the FCRA, then pursuant to Section 604(b)(3), I will receive a free copy of such Consumer Report and a summary of my rights as a consumer under the FCRA, a copy of which is attached hereto.

I understand and agree that the Background Information is of material importance to Company and that if I have given any false information, or I have omitted any material facts under any circumstances, I may not be hired, or if hired, I may be discharged immediately upon discovery of such false statements or omissions, regardless of how much time has passed between the date of my hire and the discovery of such misrepresentations, in the sole and absolute discretion of Company.

I hereby request that all references listed on my application, or the custodians of the Background Information, give all information concerning my previous employment and/or pertinent information they may have, personal or otherwise, to Company and I hereby consent to the release of such Background Information and release all such parties from all liability for any damage that may result from the furnishing of same to Company or third party designee.

I authorize, without reservation, any party or agency contracted by Company to furnish the above mentioned information:

**PLEASE PRINT**

(First)	(Middle)	(Last)	(Maiden Name or Alias)
Current Address:			
City	State	Zip	
Date of Birth	Social Security Number		
Driver's License Number			State Issued
Applicant's Signature			Date

\_\_\_\_\_ **California, Minnesota & Oklahoma Applicants Only:** Please check here to have a copy of your consumer report sent directly to you by Credential Check at the address listed above.



## **NOTICE OF CONSUMER RIGHTS UNDER THE FAIR CREDIT REPORTING ACT**

*Para informacion en espanol, visite [www.ftc.gov/credit](http://www.ftc.gov/credit) o escribe a la FTC Consumer Response Center, Room 130-A 600 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20580.*

### **A Summary of Your Rights under the Fair Credit Reporting Act**

The federal Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA) promotes the accuracy, fairness, and privacy of information in the files of consumer reporting agencies. There are many types of consumer reporting agencies, including credit bureaus and specialty agencies (such as agencies that sell information about check writing histories, medical records, and rental history records). Here is a summary of your major rights under the FCRA. **For more information, including information about additional rights, go to [www.ftc.gov/credit](http://www.ftc.gov/credit) or write to: Consumer Response Center, Room 130-A, Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20580.**

- **You must be told if information in your file has been used against you.** Anyone who uses a credit report or another type of consumer report to deny your application for credit, insurance, or employment – or to take another adverse action against you – must tell you, and must give you the name, address, and phone number of the agency that provided the information.
- **You have the right to know what is in your file.** You may request and obtain all the information about you in the files of a consumer reporting agency (your “file disclosure”). You will be required to provide proper identification, which may include your Social Security number. In many cases, the disclosure will be free. You are entitled to a free file disclosure if:
  - a person has taken adverse action against you because of information in your credit file;
  - you are the victim of identify theft and place a fraud alert in your file;
  - your file contains inaccurate information as a result of fraud;
  - you are on public assistance;
  - you are unemployed but expect to apply for employment within 60 days.

In addition, by September 2005 all consumers will be entitled to one free disclosure every 12 months upon request from each nationwide credit bureau and from nationwide specialty consumer reporting agencies. See <http://www.ftc.gov/credit> for additional information.

- **You have the right to ask for a credit score.** Credit scores are numerical summaries of your credit-worthiness based on information from credit bureaus. You may request a credit score from consumer reporting agencies that create scores or distribute scores used in residential real property loans, but you will have to pay for it. In some mortgage transactions, you will receive credit score information for free from the mortgage lender.
- **You have the right to dispute incomplete or inaccurate information.** If you identify information in your file that is incomplete or inaccurate, and report it to the consumer reporting agency, the agency must investigate unless your dispute is frivolous. See [www.ftc.gov/credit](http://www.ftc.gov/credit) for an explanation of dispute procedures.
- **Consumer reporting agencies must correct or delete inaccurate, incomplete, or unverifiable information.** Inaccurate, incomplete or unverifiable information must be removed or corrected, usually within 30 days. However, a consumer reporting agency may continue to report information it has verified as accurate.
- **Consumer reporting agencies may not report outdated negative information.** In most cases, a consumer reporting agency may not report negative information that is more than seven years old, or bankruptcies that are more than 10 years old.
- **Access to your file is limited.** A consumer reporting agency may provide information about you only to people with a valid need -- usually to consider an application with a creditor, insurer, employer, landlord, or other business. The FCRA specifies those with a valid need for access.



- **You must give your consent for reports to be provided to employers.** A consumer reporting agency may not give out information about you to your employer, or a potential employer, without your written consent given to the employer. Written consent generally is not required in the trucking industry. For more information, go to [www.ftc.gov/credit](http://www.ftc.gov/credit).
- **You may limit “prescreened” offers of credit and insurance you get based on information in your credit report.** Unsolicited “prescreened” offers for credit and insurance must include a toll-free phone number you can call if you choose to remove your name and address from the lists these offers are based on. You may opt-out with the nationwide credit bureaus at 1-888-567-8688.
- **You may seek damages from violators.** If a consumer reporting agency, or, in some cases, a user of consumer reports or a furnisher of information to a consumer reporting agency violates the FCRA, you may be able to sue in state or federal court.
- **Identity theft victims and active duty military personnel have additional rights.** For more information, visit [www.ftc.gov/credit](http://www.ftc.gov/credit).

**States may enforce the FCRA and many states have their own consumer reporting laws. In some cases, you may have more rights under state law. For more information, contact your state or local consumer protection agency or your state Attorney General. Federal enforcers are:**

<b>TYPE OF BUSINESS:</b>	<b>CONTACT:</b>
Consumer reporting agencies, creditors and others not listed below	Federal Trade Commission: Consumer Response Center - FCRA Washington, DC 20580 1-877-382-4357
National banks, federal branches/agencies of foreign banks (word "National" or initials "N.A." appear in or after bank's name)	Office of the Comptroller of the Currency Compliance Management, Mail Stop 6-6 Washington, DC 20219 800-613-6743
Federal Reserve System member banks (except national banks, and federal branches/agencies of foreign banks)	Federal Reserve Board Division of Consumer & Community Affairs Washington, DC 20551 202-452-3693
Savings associations and federally chartered savings banks (word "Federal" or initials "F.S.B." appear in federal institution's name)	Office of Thrift Supervision Consumer Complaints Washington, DC 20552 800-842-6929
Federal credit unions (words "Federal Credit Union" appear in institution's name)	National Credit Union Administration 1775 Duke Street Alexandria, VA 22314 703-519-4600
State-chartered banks that are not members of the Federal Reserve System	Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Consumer Response Center, 2345 Grand Avenue, Suite 100 Kansas City, Missouri 64108-2638 1-877-275-3342
Air, surface, or rail common carriers regulated by former Civil Aeronautics Board or Interstate Commerce Commission	Department of Transportation , Office of Financial Management Washington, DC 20590 202-366-1306
Activities subject to the Packers and Stockyards Act, 1921	Department of Agriculture Office of Deputy Administrator - GIPSA Washington, DC 20250 202-720-7051