Joint Commission Policy Statement

Action Staffing Solutions is committed to providing a higher standard of service and to the delivery of safe, quality patient care. Action Staffing Solutions complies with the Joint Commission's Standards for Healthcare Staffing Services. As our customer, you can have confidence that the processes within Action Staffing Solutions support that the supplemental staff working in your organization have met the requirements established by the Joint Commission. To assure compliance with the Joint Commission Standards for Healthcare Staffing Services, Action Staffing Solutions provides the customer a written description of the following service features.

1. Subcontractors

Action Staffing Solutions will not engage subcontractors to provide Assigned Employees unless agreed to in advance by the customer.

2. Floating

Assigned Employees may only be placed in assignments that match the job description for which Action Staffing Solutions, assigns them; if an Assigned Employee is asked to float to another department with the customer, the department must be a like department or unit and the float employee must have demonstrated previous competency and have the appropriate certifications, credentials for that department/unit. Assigned Employees should only be floated to areas of comparable clinical diagnoses and acuities.

3. Competency Review

It is the responsibility of Action Staffing Solutions, to conduct and finalize the preemployment assessment of the Assigned Employee's competence based on the techniques, procedures, technology and skills needed to provide care, treatment and services to the populations served by the customer upon completion of Action Staffing Solutions orientation.

It shall be the responsibility of the customer to cooperate in a review or evaluation of each Assigned Employee, relative to the employee's ability to perform specific job functions upon completion of employee's assignment or shift. Action Staffing Solutions relies on the customer's feedback in order to accurately assess and reassess the competence of the Assigned Employee on an ongoing basis based on the customer's report of clinical performance.

4. Orientation of Employees

Action Staffing Solutions will provide all new employees with an orientation to the company's policies and procedures. It shall be the responsibility of customer to orient assigned employees to the facility and its rules and regulations and to acquaint them with the facility policies and procedures, including dress code, physical layout and equipment and to validate competency and ability of Assigned Employee to properly use equipment.

5. Employees and Independent Contractors

As the provider of staffing services, Action Staffing Solutions will be the employer of Assigned Employees and shall not by reason of their temporary assignment with the customer through Action Staffing Solutions become employees of the customer. At its sole discretion Action Staffing Solutions reserves the right to utilize Independent Contractors in addition to its employees, to assist in the provision of all agreed upon Healthcare Supplemental Staffing services.

6. Incident, Error, Tracking System

Upon notification of Incidents and or Errors, Action Staffing Solutions, shall document and track all unexpected incidents, including errors, sentinel events and other events, such as injuries and safety hazards related to the care and services provided, utilizing its data gathering tools. Information gathered tracked and analyzed is to shared and reported appropriately to customers, regulatory bodies and the Joint Commission as required.

7. Communicating Occupational Safety Hazards/Events

It shall be the responsibility of the customer to notify Action Staffing Solutions, within 24 hours of the event; any competency issues, incidents, and/or complaints related to the Assigned Employee and/or Action Staffing Solutions, Customer agrees to initiate communication with Action Staffing Solutions, whenever an incident/injury report related to the Assigned Employee is completed

8. Requirements for Staff Specified

The requirements of staff sent to the customer by Action Staffing Solutions are to be determined by the customer as part of the written agreement between the two parties. It is Action Staffing Solutions, 's obligation to comply with the requirements of the customer by supplying staff that have the documented competencies, credentials, health screening and experience to satisfy the requirements specified by the customer in order to deliver safe care to the population being served.

9. Staff Matching Requirements

Action Staffing Solutions shall verify the Assigned Employee's licensure, certification, education and work experience to assure they are competent and possess the skills and experience that match requirements for the assignment. Matching the Assigned Employee's licensure, certification, education and work experience to assure they are competent and possess the skills and experience matching the specified requirements of the assignment may include the use of new grad practitioners for Allied personnel and **non-licensed** nursing personnel such as sitters, caregivers and nursing assistants, it may also include licensed nursing personnel upon the request or approval of the customer.

10. Conflicts of Interest

Action Staffing Solutions to the best of its ability identifies conflicts of interest. Action Staffing Solutions discloses all conflicts of interest to its clients. Action Staffing Solutions annually reviews its relationships and its healthcare providers' relationships with vendors, clients, competitors and regulatory entities to determine conflicts of interest.

When conflicts of interest arise Action Staffing Solutions discloses this conflict of interest when appropriate to whichever client may be involved or affected. Action Staffing Solutions, enforces that internal employees of Action Staffing Solutions, are not permitted to maintain additional employment, accept gifts (other than those of nominal value) or to allow payment on their behalf of any travel, living or entertainment expense by any person or organization currently doing business with or seeking to conduct business with Action Staffing Solutions, , unless approved by the client involved or potentially involved.

11. Reporting

If you would like to contact Action Staffing Solutions to report concerns about the quality or safety of patient care provided by one of our employees please contact our corporate office at (970) 667-4202

If you have concerns that have not been addressed by Action Staffing Solutions you are encouraged to contact The Joint Commission by –

- <u>https://www.jointcommission.org/resources/patient-safety-topics/report-a-patient-safety-concern-or-complaint/</u>
- 1-800-994-6610
- <u>Complaint@jointcommission.org</u>

Action Staffing Solutions stands by our commitment to the highest quality of care possible and will take no retaliatory or disciplinary action against those reporting safety or quality of care concerns.