



FMS MEMBERSHIP GUIDING PRINCIPLES

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Responsibilities of FMS Members

1. FMS members will embrace the philosophy of participant direction and self-determination
2. FMS members will represent the highest ethical standards
3. FMS members will educate and be a resource for stakeholders about participant-directed programs
4. FMS members will support the expansion and sustainability of participant direction to new and existing programs
5. FMS members will identify and develop solutions for common issues faced by all stakeholders to improve service delivery
6. FMS members recognize that there are certain core deliverables and best practices for all FMS providers

Responsibilities of the NRCPDS

1. The NRCPDS will convene the FMS membership in service to its mission to infuse participant-directed options in all home and community-based services
2. The NRCPDS will support efforts to strengthen the FMS industry, thereby expanding the availability of participant direction
 - a. The NRCPDS is limited from lobbying on behalf of the FMS industry in accordance with their 501(c)(3) status
3. The NRCPDS will provide education and information to benefit the larger FMS membership
 - a. The goal is to “raise all ships,” not to individually benefit one provider at the expense of another
4. The NRCPDS will treat all members equally and not promote one member over another