

Fraud, Waste and Abuse

Northwood maintains a Compliance program to identify and prevent fraudulent and other unethical conduct and to take appropriate corrective actions upon detection of any such conduct.

How do I define Fraud, Waste and Abuse?

Fraud: Means an intentional deception or misrepresentation made by a person with the knowledge that the deception could result in some unauthorized benefit to himself or some other person. It includes any act that constitutes fraud under applicable Federal or State law.

Waste: Health care spending that can be eliminated without reducing the quality of care. Waste is considered the over-utilization of services or other practices that result in unnecessary costs.

Abuse: Improper behaviors or billing practices that create unnecessary costs. Fraud is distinguished from abuse in that, in the case of fraudulent acts, there is clear evidence that the acts were committed knowingly, willfully and intentionally or with reckless disregard. Fraud is considered a crime by the Federal Government in all 50 states.