

# Children's of Alabama Compliance Corner

## **Professional Boundaries – A New Policy**

We at Children's of Alabama, along with our patients and their families, are grateful for the compassionate care our employees provide. We realize that caring for our patients is a very emotional job, particularly when long-term care is involved.

Because it is sometimes hard to realize that our emotions have begun to overshadow our professional responsibilities, we have created a *Professional Boundaries* policy that will serve as a reminder of the ethical guidelines to which healthcare professionals should adhere.

The policy, located in Lucidoc, offers examples of warning signs, potential situations that could cause professional boundaries to be crossed, and how to manage them.

Please review this new policy to help protect the relationship between you and your patient should these circumstances ever occur.

As always, your dedication to the patients of Children's is greatly appreciated.

***Do The Right Thing***

*(even when no one is watching)*