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for our community health and well-being.*

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

BOD Meeting: 5/14/2026

FROM: Katharine Wylie, Agency Administrator

Agenda Item 6g)

SUBJECT: STAFF REPORT - FRAUD, WASTE & ABUSE POLICY (2026-18)

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Mendocino Coast Health Care District (MCHCD) Board of Directors **adopt the Fraud, Waste & Abuse Policy 2026-18**. This policy is designed to reinforce the District's commitment to ethical conduct, financial accountability, and regulatory compliance. It provides clear definitions, prevention strategies, and reporting mechanisms for suspected misconduct.

BACKGROUND

The MCHCD Board is dedicated to maintaining a workplace culture rooted in integrity and transparency. Policy 18 consolidates these principles into a formal framework to specifically address the risks associated with fraud, waste, and abuse in a healthcare district environment, establishes a common understanding of these terms and provides tools for prevention and reporting for all Board members, employees, volunteers, consultants, and contractors who have a business relationship with MCHCD. The policy reduces the likelihood of financial loss and legal liability, sets a high standard for ethical behavior for all District representatives, and demonstrates to the community that the District is a responsible steward of public funds and resources.

FISCAL IMPACT

Anticipated to be de minimis.

LEGAL & REGULATORY COMPLIANCE

Implementation of this policy aligns with governing federal, state, and local statutes, confirming that this health care district adheres to or surpasses established mandates for fiscal stewardship.