

#### FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT

## HOMEWATCH INTERNATIONAL, INC.

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Homewatch International, Inc. is offering franchises for the operation of a business which offers companionship, personal care, complex personal care and nursing services provided by home health aides, personal care providers, certified nurse assistants, licensed practical nurses and registered nurses for seniors and clients of all ages.

The total investment necessary to begin operation of a HOMEWATCH CAREGIVERS franchised business ranges from \$77,750 to \$125,000. This includes \$43,000 to \$50,000 that must be paid to the franchisor.

This disclosure document summarizes certain provisions of your franchise agreement and other information in plain English. Read this disclosure document and all accompanying agreements carefully. You must receive this disclosure document at least 14 calendar days before you sign a binding agreement with, or make any payment to, the franchisor or an affiliate in connection with the proposed franchise sale. Note, however, that no governmental agency has verified the information contained in this document.

You may wish to receive your disclosure document in another format that is more convenient for you. To discuss the availability of disclosures in different formats, contact the Franchise Development Coordinator at Homewatch International, Inc., at 7100 E. Belleview Avenue, Suite 303, Greenwood Village, Colorado 80111, (303) 758-5111.

The terms of your contract will govern your franchise relationship. Do not rely on the disclosure document alone to understand your contract. Read all of your contract carefully. Show your contract and this disclosure document to an advisor, like a lawyer or accountant.

Buying a franchise is a complex investment. The information in this disclosure document can help you make up your mind. More information on franchising, such as "Buying a Franchise: A Consumer's Guide," which can help you understand how to use this disclosure document, is available from the Federal Trade Commission. You can contact the FTC at 1-877-FTC-HELP or by writing to the FTC at 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20580. You can also visit the FTC's home page at <a href="www.ftc.gov">www.ftc.gov</a> for additional information. Call your state agency or visit your public library for other sources of information on franchising.

There may also be laws on franchising in your state. Ask your state agencies about them.

#### **ISSUANCE DATE:**

**April 22, 2013** 



### STATE COVER PAGE

Your state may have a franchise law that requires a franchisor to register or file with a state franchise administrator before offering or selling in your state. REGISTRATION OF A FRANCHISE BY A STATE DOES NOT MEAN THAT THE STATE RECOMMENDS THE FRANCHISE OR HAS VERIFIED THE INFORMATION IN THIS DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT.

Call the state franchise administrator listed in <u>Exhibit A</u> for information about the franchisor or about franchising in your state.

MANY FRANCHISE AGREEMENTS DO NOT ALLOW YOU TO RENEW UNCONDITIONALLY AFTER THE INITIAL TERM EXPIRES. YOU MAY HAVE TO SIGN A NEW AGREEMENT WITH DIFFERENT TERMS AND CONDITIONS IN ORDER TO CONTINUE TO OPERATE YOUR BUSINESS. BEFORE YOU BUY, CONSIDER WHAT RIGHTS YOU HAVE TO RENEW YOUR FRANCHISE, IF ANY, AND WHAT TERMS YOU MIGHT HAVE TO ACCEPT IN ORDER TO RENEW.

Please consider the following RISK FACTORS before you buy this franchise:

- 1. THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT REQUIRES YOU TO RESOLVE DISPUTES WITH US BY ARBITRATION ONLY IN COLORADO. OUT OF STATE ARBITRATION MAY FORCE YOU TO ACCEPT A LESS FAVORABLE SETTLEMENT FOR DISPUTES. IT MAY ALSO COST YOU MORE TO ARBITRATE WITH US IN COLORADO THAN IN YOUR HOME STATE.
- 2. THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT STATES THAT COLORADO LAW GOVERNS THE AGREEMENT, AND THIS LAW MAY NOT PROVIDE THE SAME PROTECTIONS AND BENEFITS AS LOCAL LAW. YOU MAY WANT TO COMPARE THESE LAWS.
- 3. THE FRANCHISOR HAS MINIMUM PERFORMANCE STANDARDS THAT YOU MUST MAINTAIN. YOU MUST ATTAIN AND MAINTAIN MINIMUM ESTABLISHED AMOUNTS, OR YOUR TERRITORY SIZE MAY BE REDUCED OR YOUR FRANCHISE AGREEMENT TERMINATED. YOU MAY WANT TO CONSIDER THIS WHEN MAKING A DECISION TO PURCHASE THIS FRANCHISE OPPORTUNITY.
- 4. ILLINOIS RESIDENTS: THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT PERMITS THE FRANCHISEE TO ARBITRATE ONLY IN COLORADO, UNLESS SECTION 4 OF THE ILLINOIS FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE ACT REQUIRES THE FRANCHISEE TO ARBITRATE IN ILLINOIS. OUT OF STATE ARBITRATION MAY FORCE YOU TO ACCEPT A LESS FAVORABLE SETTLEMENT. IT MAY ALSO COST YOU MORE TO ARBITRATE IN COLORADO THAN IN ILLINOIS.
- 5. YOUR SPOUSE AND OTHER IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS MUST SIGN A NONDISCLOSURE AND NONCOMPETITION AGREEMENT WHICH REQUIRES THEM TO ADHERE TO THE NON-COMPETITION PROVISIONS OF THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT, BOTH DURING AND AFTER THE FRANCHISE TERM, WHETHER OR NOT THEY ARE INVOLVED IN THE OPERATION OF THE FRANCHISE.



# 6. THERE MAY BE OTHER RISKS CONCERNING THIS FRANCHISE.

We use the services of one or more franchise brokers or referral sources to assist us in selling our franchise. A franchise broker or referral source is our agent and represents us, and not you. We pay this person a fee for selling our franchise or referring you to us. You should be sure to do your own investigation of the franchise.

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