

## FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT



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Franchisor franchises the right to own and operate businesses offering personal care and companion care services and medical services provided by healthcare personnel, including registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, certified nursing assistants, home health aides, personal care aides and companions to seniors and other adults with chronic or acute illnesses under the mark "Qualicare."

The total initial investment necessary to begin operation of a Qualicare Business is \$65,800 to \$149,450. This includes the \$42,200 to \$47,200 that must be paid to Franchisor prior to opening.

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 our corporate office at 28290 Franklin Road, Southfield, MI 48034, via telephone at (888) 561-0616 or by emailing franchise@qualicare.com.

The terms of your Franchise Agreement will govern your franchise relationship. Don't rely on the Disclosure Document alone to understand your contracts. Read all of your contracts carefully. Show your contracts and this Disclosure Document to an advisor, like a lawyer or an 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 "A Consumer's Guide to Buying a Franchise," 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, D.C. 20580. You can also visit the FTC's home page at www.ftc.gov 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.

The Issue Date of this Franchise Disclosure Document ("FDD") is: September 11, 2015.



## 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 Exhibit A to this Franchise Disclosure Document for information about the franchisor, about other franchisors, 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 MEDIATION, AT OUR OPTION, ONLY IN DELAWARE. OUT-OF-STATE MEDIATION MAY FORCE YOU TO ACCEPT A LESS FAVORABLE SETTLEMENT FOR DISPUTES. IT MAY ALSO COST YOU MORE TO MEDIATE WITH US IN DELAWARE THAN IN YOUR OWN STATE.
- 2. THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT PERMITS THE FRANCHISEE TO ARBITRATE WITH US ONLY IN WILMINGTON, DELAWARE. OUT-OF-STATE ARBITRATION MAY FORCE YOU TO ACCEPT A LESS FAVORABLE SETTLEMENT FOR DISPUTES. IT MAY ALSO COST MORE TO ARBITRATE WITH US IN DELAWARE THAN IN YOUR HOME STATE.
- 3. THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT STATES THAT IT IS GOVERNED BY DELAWARE LAW. THIS LAW MAY NOT PROVIDE THE SAME PROTECTIONS AND BENEFITS AS LOCAL LAW. YOU MAY WANT TO COMPARE THESE LAWS.
- 4. SPOUSE(S) OF FRANCHISE OWNERS MUST EXECUTE A PERSONAL GUARANTY MAKING SUCH SPOUSE(S) JOINTLY AND SEVERALLY LIABLE FOR ALL OBLIGATIONS OF THE FRANCHISEE WHETHER OR NOT SUCH SPOUSE(S) ARE INVOLVED IN THE OPERATION OF THE FRANCHISED BUSINESS. THIS REQUIREMENT PLACES THE PERSONAL ASSETS OF THE FRANCHISE OWNER(S) AND SPOUSE(S) AT RISK.
- 5. IF YOU FAIL TO ACHIEVE THE MINIMUM ANNUAL GROSS SALES REQUIREMENT, WE MAY EITHER TERMINATE YOUR FRANCHISE AGREEMENT OR GRANT ADDITIONAL FRANCHISES WITHIN YOUR LOCAL TERRITORY TO THIRD PARTIES.
- 6. THERE MAY BE OTHER RISKS CONCERNING THIS FRANCHISE.

We may 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 <u>our</u> agent and represents us, 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.

[Effective Dates for this Franchise Disclosure Document in the Registration States are Listed on the Following Page.]



## **STATE EFFECTIVE DATES – 2015**

CALIFORNIA	NOT REGISTERED
FLORIDA	NOT REGISTERED
HAWAII	NOT REGISTERED
ILLINOIS	NOT REGISTERED
INDIANA	NOT REGISTERED
MARYLAND	NOT REGISTERED
MICHIGAN	NOT REGISTERED
MINNESOTA	NOT REGISTERED
NEW YORK	NOT REGISTERED
NORTH DAKOTA	NOT REGISTERED
RHODE ISLAND	NOT REGISTERED
SOUTH DAKOTA	NOT REGISTERED
UTAH	NOT REGISTERED
VIRGINIA	NOT REGISTERED
WASHINGTON	NOT REGISTERED
WISCONSIN	NOT REGISTERED

In all other states, the effective date of this Franchise Disclosure Document is the Issuance Date of: September 11, 2015.

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