

## FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT



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The franchisee will operate in-home care agencies that provide various in-home non-medical and personal assistance services, primarily for elderly individuals, including care and companionship services, bathing, dressing, and grooming, light housekeeping, meal planning and preparation, running errands, medication reminders, and Alzheimer's and dementia care (the "Senior Helpers Home Care Business").

The estimated total initial investment necessary to begin operation of a Senior Helpers Home Care Business ranges from \$105,300 to \$144,300. This includes an initial fee of \$49,500 that you must pay to us.

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 Rob Cantrell, V.P. of Franchise Development, SH Franchising, LLC, 901 Dulaney Valley Road, Suite 700, Towson, MD 21204, (410) 337-5494.

The terms of your contract will govern your franchise relationship. Don't 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 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 issuance date of this Franchise Disclosure Document is April 30, 2019.

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## 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 administrators listed in Exhibit B 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.

## Risk factors:

- \*1. THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT PERMITS THE FRANCHISEE TO LITIGATE ONLY IN THE STATE IN WHICH THE FRANCHISOR MAINTAINS ITS PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS. THE FRANCHISOR IS CURRENTLY LOCATED IN MARYLAND. OUT-OF-STATE LITIGATION MAY FORCE YOU TO ACCEPT A LESS FAVORABLE SETTLEMENT FOR DISPUTES. IT MAY ALSO COST MORE TO LITIGATE WITH THE FRANCHISOR IN ITS STATE THAN IN YOUR HOME STATE.
- \*2. THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT STATES THAT MARYLAND 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 SALES PERFORMANCE STANDARDS THAT YOU MUST MAINTAIN. YOU MAY WANT TO CONSIDER THIS WHEN MAKING A DECISION TO PURCHASE THIS FRANCHISE OPPORTUNITY.
- YOU MUST MAKE ROYALTY AND ADVERTISING PAYMENTS BASED ON A 4. SPECIFIED ANNUAL SALES PERFORMANCE LEVEL, EVEN IF YOU HAVE NO EARNINGS. FAILURE TO MAKE THE PAYMENTS MAY RESULT IN TERMINATION OF YOUR FRANCHISE AND LOSS OF YOUR INVESTMENT.
- THERE MAY BE OTHER RISKS CONCERNING THIS FRANCHISE. 5.
- Local law may supersede these franchise agreement provisions. Certain states require the superseding provisions to appear in an addendum in this disclosure document (See Exhibits H and I).

We may use the services of one or more FRANCHISE BROKERS or referral sources to assist us in selling our franchises. A franchise broker or referral source 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 Date: See the next page for state effective dates.



## STATE EFFECTIVE DATES

The following states require that the Franchise Disclosure Document be registered or filed with the state, or be exempt from registration: California, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, North Dakota, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Virginia, Washington and Wisconsin.

This Franchise Disclosure Document is registered, on file or exempt from registration in the following states having franchise registration and disclosure laws, with the following effective dates:

STATES	EFFECTIVE DATE
California	Pending
Hawaii	
Illinois	Pending
Indiana	Pending
Maryland	Pending
Michigan	Pending
Minnesota	Pending
New York	Pending
North Dakota	Not Registered
Rhode Island	Not Registered
South Dakota	Not Registered
Virginia	Pending
Washington	Pending
Wisconsin	Pending

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