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**Subject:** Regional Compliance Officers Responsibilities

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I. **PURPOSE:** To describe the responsibilities of the Regional Compliance Officer (RCO).

II. **DEFINITIONS:**

**Chief Compliance and Privacy Officer (CCPO):** HHSC employee with primary responsibility for the operation of the Corporate Compliance Program.

**Regional Compliance Officer (RCO):** Position established at each of HHSC's regions with responsibility for the oversight of regional compliance operations.

III. **POLICY:**

A. Each region in HHSC shall establish a position (Regional Compliance Officer) with the primary responsibility for the operation and managing compliance related training, investigations, education, and monitoring of compliance-related activities at the regional level. Such position shall be established as per the bylaws and procedures of the Region and report to the Regional Chief Executive Officer or other senior regional leader.

B. RCOs will work closely with the Chief Compliance and Privacy Officer to administer the HHSC Corporate Compliance Program at the regional level.

C. The Chief Compliance and Privacy Officer shall assist the RCOs in the operation of their regional compliance programs and provide support and leadership for their programs.

D. RCO will follow any established regional policies as passed by the Regional Board of Directors. In addition, the RCO will develop and implement any necessary regional procedures and policies to receive compliance-related complaints, concerns, and investigations.

IV. **APPLICABILITY:** This policy shall apply to all the regions of HHSC.

V. **AUTHORITIES:** HHSC Corporate Compliance Plan (CMP0001), HHSC Corporate Bylaws.