

Wealth & Honor

Caregiving Code of Honor

I (WE) PLEDGE TO RESPECT MY (OUR) PARENT(S) UNINHIBITED RIGHT TO POSSESS, CONTROL USE, AND DISTRIBUTE THEIR PROPERTY, AND TO MAINTAIN THEIR DIGNITY WHEN THEY CAN NO LONGER ACT FOR THEMSELVES.

MAINTAINING THEIR DIGNITY MEANS THAT WHEN MY PARENT(S) BECOME UNABLE TO CARE FOR THEMSELVES, I (WE) WILL DO EVERYTHING IN OUR POWER TO ENSURE THAT THE FOLLOWING NEEDS ARE PROVIDED:

Material

1. To the extent their personal resources will allow, I (We) shall ensure that my parent(s) shall have their material needs met to maintain them in their accustomed standard of living.
2. To the extent their personal resources are not enough, I (We) shall use my (our) personal resources, if possible, to provide for their material needs.
3. If neither their nor my (our) personal resources are enough to meet their material needs, I (we) shall seek any governmental or charitable resources to provide for their material needs.
4. If my (our) parents have an abundance of material wealth such that their resources are more than adequate to provide their material needs, I (we) shall not appropriate their resources for any other purpose that they have not provided for through their legal arrangements unless directed by their legal and financial advisors.

Physical

5. Hygiene – I (We) pledge to maintain my (our) parents' personal hygiene, dress, and grooming.
6. Medical – I (We) pledge that my (our) parent(s) shall receive prompt necessary and preventative medical and dental care.
7. Accessibility – I (We) will ensure that my (our) parent(s) have access to the necessary living areas of their housing or shall modify these areas to provide the access they require.

Emotional and Spiritual

8. I (We) recognize that positive reinforcement is vital for my (our) parents' emotional health. I (we) pledge to avoid negative stereotypes about older people, or to use critical, judgmental, and abusive language towards my (our) parent(s).

9. I (We) will welcome my (our) parents in social gatherings and will acknowledge the value of their presence.

10. To the extent that it is possible, I will be a peacemaker in my family and work towards harmonious relationships with my siblings and extended family.

11. I (We) will support and encourage my (our) parents' social interaction with friends and family, as well as ongoing participation in their house of worship or access to spiritual care.

12. I (We) pledge to physically visit my (our) parents as often as possible given the circumstances of where we live or other limiting factors. Where frequent personal visits are not practical, I (we) will substitute other forms of communication that is available to my (our) parents and for which they are comfortable using.

Agreed to this ____ day of _____, _____ by,
