



GEORGIA DEPARTMENT  
OF COMMUNITY HEALTH

# Private Home Care Provider Program



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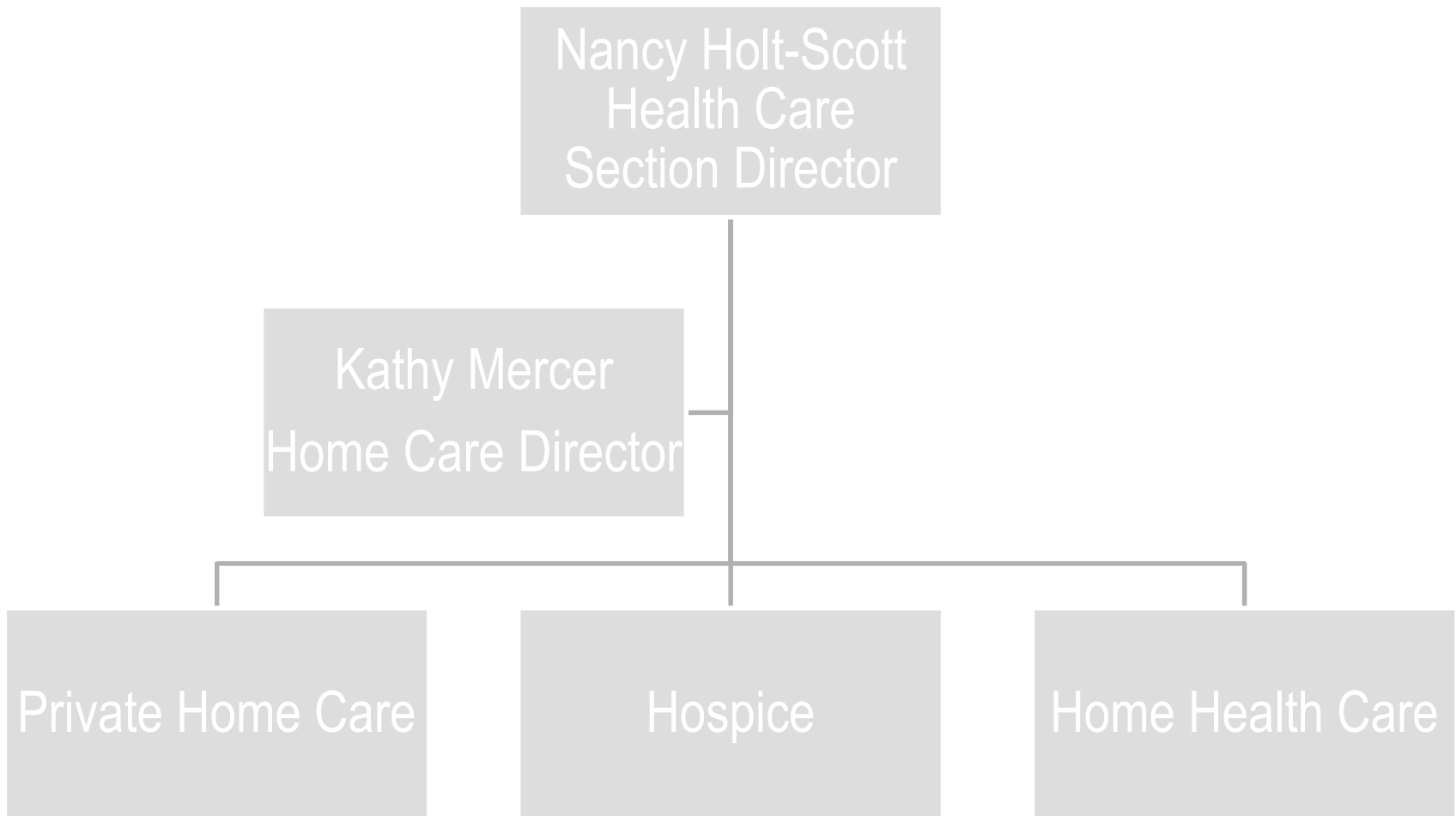
# Mission

## The Georgia Department of Community Health

We will provide access to affordable, quality health care to Georgians through effective planning, purchasing and oversight.

*We are dedicated to a healthy Georgia.*

# Home Care Unit



# Private Home Care 2016

**“Private home care services” means those items and services provided at a patient’s residence that involve direct care to that patient and includes, without limitation, any or all of the following:**

- 1. nursing services, provided that such services, can only be provided by a person licensed as a Registered Professional Nurse or Licensed Practical Nurse in accordance with applicable professional licensing statues and associated rules;**
- 2. personal care tasks; and**
- 3. companion or sitter tasks**

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- **“Personal care tasks” means assistance with bathing, toileting, grooming, shaving, dental care, dressing, and eating; and may include but are not limited to proper nutrition, home management, housekeeping tasks, ambulation and transfer, and medically related activities including the taking of vital signs only in conjunction with the above tasks**
- **Please note personal care tasks for healthy and nondisabled individuals are not regulated under these rules. Also tasks are not considered personal care tasks if the client needs only a reminder and can perform the tasks independently. However, clients who need close supervision and/or multiple verbal prompts and/or physical guidance through the performance of the task to adequately complete the task may be considered as receiving personal care services.**

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**“ Companion or sitter tasks” mean the following tasks which are provided to elderly, handicapped, or convalescing individuals; transport and escort services; meal preparation and serving; and household tasks essential to cleanliness and safety. Companion or sitter tasks could also include reading or socializing with the client while providing watchful oversight.**

**Please note sitter services provided for health non-disabled individuals such as babysitting services for children, are not regulated by these rules.**

**Companion or sitter services does not include any “hands on” services.**

**A business that provides only housekeeping services which could be provided with or without the client present and do not include any component for contact or oversight with the client, would not require licensure under these rules.**

# Private Home Care 2016

**111-8-65-.05(1) No private home care provider shall operate without a license or provisional license issued by the department**

**111-8-65-.05(1)(a) A license shall be issued and renewed periodically by the department upon a provider's compliance with the rules and shall remain in force and effect until the license expires or is suspended, revoked or limited.**

**Please note licenses are renewed yearly. License holders must submit and update application annually and pay the required annual fees prior to the expiration of the license. If the license expires, the program will be considered to be operating without a license and may be subject to higher renewal fees and/or adverse action.**

# Private Home Care 2016

**Effective October 3, 2016 all new applications for licensure as a PHCP, renewals and change requests such as change of ownership, change of address, change in the governing body, business name change and administrator name changes will be completed online by submitting an HFRD application via the public web portal. Instructions and resource information will be provided on the department's website @[www.dch.georgia.gov](http://www.dch.georgia.gov)**



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# Resources

**Department of Community Health**

**[www.dch.georgia.gov](http://www.dch.georgia.gov)**

**Link Healthcare Facility Regulation  
Division**

