

## **CTBIDS Terms & Conditions**

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SERVICE CONTACT : [ctbidshelp@caringtransitions.com](mailto:ctbidshelp@caringtransitions.com)

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YOU SPECIFICALLY ACKNOWLEDGE AND AGREE THAT THEY ARE FAMILIAR WITH AND HEREBY WAIVE THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 1542 OF THE CALIFORNIA CIVIL CODE (AND SIMILAR PROVISIONS IN OTHER JURISDICTIONS) THAT PROVIDE THAT "A GENERAL RELEASE DOES NOT EXTEND TO CLAIMS THAT THE CREDITOR OR RELEASING PARTY DOES NOT KNOW OR SUSPECT TO EXIST IN HIS OR HER FAVOR AT THE TIME OF EXECUTING THE RELEASE AND THAT, IF KNOWN BY HIM OR HER, WOULD HAVE MATERIALLY AFFECTED HIS OR HER SETTLEMENT WITH THE DEBTOR OR RELEASED PARTY."

## **LEGAL DISPUTES**

**(A) PLEASE READ THIS SECTION CAREFULLY. IT AFFECTS YOUR RIGHTS AND WILL HAVE A SUBSTANTIAL IMPACT ON HOW CLAIMS YOU AND CARING TRANSITIONS AND ITS AFFILIATES, INCLUDING ITS FRANCHISOR, HAVE AGAINST EACH OTHER ARE RESOLVED. YOU ARE AGREEING TO GIVE UP ANY RIGHTS TO LITIGATE CLAIMS IN A COURT OR BEFORE**

A JURY, OR TO PARTICIPATE IN A CLASS ACTION OR REPRESENTATIVE ACTION WITH RESPECT TO A CLAIM. OTHER RIGHTS THAT YOU WOULD HAVE IF YOU WENT TO COURT MAY ALSO BE UNAVAILABLE OR MAY BE LIMITED IN ARBITRATION.

(B) FOR ALL MATTERS, DISPUTES, OR CLAIMS BETWEEN YOU AND CARING TRANSITIONS AND ITS AFFILIATES, INCLUDING ITS FRANCHISOR, THAT RELATE IN ANY WAY TO OR ARISE OUT OF YOUR USE OF THE CTBIDS WEBSITE OR TO THESE TERMS & CONDITIONS, WHETHER BASED IN CONTRACT, TORT, STATUTE, FRAUD, MISREPRESENTATION OR ANY OTHER LEGAL THEORY, INCLUDING ANY DISPUTE ABOUT THE INTERPRETATION OR APPLICATION OF THIS DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROVISION OR THE ENFORCEABILITY, REVOCABILITY OR VALIDITY OF THIS ARBITRATION PROVISION OR ANY PORTION OF THE ARBITRATION PROVISION (“DISPUTES”), WILL BE RESOLVED BY THE PROCESSES AND PROCEDURES DESCRIBED IN THIS SECTION, THROUGH FINAL AND BINDING ARBIGATION BEFORE A NEUTRAL ARBITRATOR INSTEAD OF IN A COURT BY A JUDGE OR JURY. EACH PARTY WAVED ITS RIGHTS TO A JURY TRIAL AND TO HAVE ANY DISPUTE ARISING OUT OF OR RELATED TO THE CTBIDS WEBSITE OR THESE TERMS & CONDITIONS RESOLVED IN COURT.

(C) Expiration of Claims. You agree that any dispute, claim, or cause of action you may have with respect to Caring Transitions or the CTBids Website must be commenced within 180 days after the date the dispute arose.

(D) Governing Law. You agree that: (i) the CTBids Website and these Terms & Conditions shall be deemed solely based in Ohio; and (ii) the services shall be deemed passive that do not give rise to personal jurisdiction over us, either specific or general, in jurisdictions other than Ohio. These Terms & Conditions shall be governed by the internal substantive laws of the State of Ohio, without giving effect to any choice or conflict of law provision or rule (whether of the State of Ohio or any other jurisdiction) that would cause the application of the laws of any jurisdiction other than those of the State of Ohio. The parties acknowledge that these Terms & Conditions evidence a transaction involving interstate commerce. Notwithstanding the preceding sentences with respect to the substantive law, any arbitration conducted pursuant to the terms of these Terms of Service shall be governed by the Federal Arbitration Act (9 U.S.C. §§ 1-16). The application of the United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods is expressly excluded.

(E) Arbitration Resolution and Agreement to Arbitrate. **READ THIS SECTION CAREFULLY BECAUSE IT REQUIRES THE PARTIES TO ARBITRATE THEIR DISPUTES AND LIMITS THE MANNER IN WHICH YOU CAN SEEK RELIEF FROM CARING TRANSITIONS.** You and Caring Transitions agree to resolve any Dispute, claim, or controversy (excluding any claims for injunctive or other equitable relief as provided below) by binding arbitration to be administered by the American Arbitration Association in Hamilton County, Ohio (unless the parties both expressly agree on another location) in accordance with the American Arbitration Association’s Commercial Arbitration Rules. Each of the parties to this Agreement hereby agrees and consents to such venue and waives any objection thereto. The arbitrability of any such dispute, claim or controversy shall likewise be determined in such arbitration. Such arbitration proceeding shall be conducted in as expedited a manner as is then permitted by the commercial arbitration rules (formal or informal) of the American Arbitration Association. Both the foregoing agreement of the parties to this agreement to arbitrate any and all such disputes, claims and controversies and the results, determinations, findings, judgments and/or awards rendered through any such arbitration shall be final and binding on the parties hereto and may be specifically enforced by legal proceedings. Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement relating to which state laws govern this Agreement, all issues relating to arbitrability or the enforcement of the agreement to arbitrate contained herein shall be governed by the Federal Arbitration Act (9 U.S.C. §§ 1 et seq.) and the federal common law of arbitration. Each party will be

responsible for paying any filing, administrative and arbitrator fees pursuant to and in accordance with AAA rules, and the award rendered by the arbitrator shall include costs of arbitration, reasonable attorneys' fees and reasonable costs for expert and other witnesses. Any judgment on the award rendered by the arbitrator may be entered in any court of competent jurisdiction.

Nothing in this paragraph shall be deemed as preventing Caring Transitions or its affiliates from seeking injunctive or other equitable relief from the courts as necessary to prevent the actual or threatened infringement, misappropriation, or violation of our data security, intellectual property rights or other proprietary rights. If an arbitrator or court decides that any part of this agreement to arbitrate is invalid or unenforceable, the other parts of this section shall still apply. If the value of the relief sought is \$10,000 or less, you or Caring Transitions may elect to have the arbitration conducted by telephone or based solely on written submissions, which election shall be binding on you and Caring Transitions subject to the arbitrator's discretion to require an in-person hearing, if the circumstances warrant. In cases where an in-person hearing is held, you and/or Caring Transitions may attend by telephone, unless the arbitrator requires otherwise.

You may elect to pursue your claim in small-claims court in Hamilton County, Ohio rather than arbitration if the amount in controversy is less than \$2,000 and you provide us with written notice of your intention do so within 60 days of the event giving rise to the claim. The arbitration or small-claims court proceeding will be limited solely to your individual dispute or controversy.

(F) Class Action/Jury Trial

**WITH RESPECT TO ALL PERSONS AND ENTITIES, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THEY HAVE OBTAINED OR USED THE CTBIDS WEBSITE FOR PERSONAL, COMMERCIAL OR OTHER PURPOSES, ALL CLAIMS MUST BE BROUGHT IN THE PARTIES INDIVIDUAL CAPACITIES, AND NOT AS A PLAINTIFF OR CLASS MEMBERS IN ANY PURPORTED CLASS ACTION, COLLECTIVE ACTION, PRIVATE ATTORNEY GENERAL ACTION OR OTHER REPRESENTATIVE PROCEEDING. THIS WAIVER APPLIES TO CLASS ARBITRATION, AND, UNLESS WE AGREE OTHERWISE, THE ARBITRATOR MAY NOT CONSOLIDATE MORE THAN ONE PERSON'S CLAIMS. YOU AGREE THAT, WITH RESPECT TO ALL PERSONS AND ENTITIES, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THEY HAVE BY AGREED TO THESE TERMS & CONDITIONS, YOU AND CARING TRANSITIONS ARE EACH WAIVING THE RIGHT TO TRIAL BY JURY OR TO PARTICIPATE IN A CLASS ACTION, COLLECTIVE ACTION PRIVATE ATTORNEY GENERAL ACTION, OR OTHER REPRESENTATIVE PROCEEDING OF ANY KIND. ALSO, THE ARBITRATOR MAY AWARD RELIEF (INCLUDING MONETARY, INJUNCTIVE, AND DECLARATORY RELIEF) ONLY IN FAVOR OF THE INDIVIDUAL PARTY SEEKING RELIEF AND ONLY TO THE EXTENT NECESSARY TO PROVIDE RELIEF NECESSITATED BY THAT PARTY'S INDIVIDUAL CLAIM. ANY RELIEF AWARDED CANNOT AFFECT OTHERS. IF A COURT DECIDED THAT APPLICABLE RELIEF PRECLUDES ENFORCEMENT OF ANY OF THIS PARAGRAPH'S LIMITATIONS AS TO A PARTICULAR CLAIM FOR RELIEF, THEN THAT CLAIM (AND ONLY THAT CLAIM) MUST BE SEVERED FROM THE ARBITRATION AND MAY BE BROUGHT IN COURT, SUBJECT TO YOUR AND CARING TRANSITIONS' RIGHT TO APPEAL THE COURT'S DECISION. ALL OTHER CLAIMS WILL BE ARBITRATED.**

g) Jurisdiction. Unless you and we agree otherwise, in the event that the agreement to arbitrate herein is found not to apply to you or to a particular claim or dispute, either as a result of a decision by the arbitrator or a court order, or for any actions for which we retain the right to seek injunctive or other equitable relief in a court of competent jurisdiction to prevent the actual or threatened infringement, misappropriation or violation of our copyrights, trademarks, trade secrets, patents, or other

intellectual property or proprietary rights as set forth in the provisions above, including any provisional relief required to prevent irreparable harm, you agree that any claim or dispute that has arisen or may arise between you and Caring Transitions must be resolved exclusively by a state or federal court located in Hamilton County, Ohio. You and Caring Transitions irrevocably agree to submit to the exclusive personal jurisdiction of the courts located within Hamilton County, Ohio for the purpose of litigating all such claims or disputes. You further agree that Hamilton County, Ohio is the proper forum for any appeals of an arbitration award or for trial court proceedings in the event that the arbitration provision below is found to be unenforceable. Use of the CT Website is unauthorized in any jurisdiction that does not give effect to all provisions of these Terms & Conditions, including without limitation this paragraph.

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#### **PAYMENT**

*Maintenance of Payment Information* — In order to place a bid, you must have valid payment information stored in your profile. By providing your credit/debit card information to Caring Transitions, you irrevocably authorize Caring Transitions to charge your primary card on file for the total purchase amount of any winning bid plus any fees associated with the purchase of the item, including but not limited to taxes, buyer's premium, shipping, packing and handling fees. You also agree and acknowledge that you will maintain valid payment information within your user profile so long as you maintain an account with Caring Transitions and that you are authorized to use the designated payment method. Caring Transitions reserves the right in its sole and absolute discretion to cancel listings or bids or suspend bidding privileges of any user not maintaining valid payment information. If your payment method fails or your account is past due, we may collect amounts owed by charging other payment methods on file with us, and/or retain collection agencies and legal counsel. In addition, you may be subject to late fees and interest in Caring Transitions' discretion which will not exceed the maximum amount permitted by applicable law.

*Payment Forms Accepted* — All invoices under five thousand dollars (\$5,000) will be automatically charged to the primary card on file in your user profile for the total amount. Purchases over five thousand dollars (\$5,000) will require an automatic charge of 10% of whatever the invoice total is.

Remaining payment for those invoices must be handled between you and the Seller; invoice must be paid in full before receiving a receipt for items won. If delivery or shipping is offered by Seller, then you must select your desired item receipt method on the receipt upon the close of the sale. A shipping or delivery invoice will be created and charges will be discussed between you and the Seller; a shipping or delivery invoice will be charged to your card on file and must be paid before receiving items. If you do not elect a fulfillment method and do not pick the item(s) up during the scheduled pickup time outlined on the Seller location Terms and Conditions or your Receipt, Caring Transitions reserves the right to charge your payment method on file for the greater of the total purchase price of the item plus any applicable handling and shipping charges and may ship the item to your address of record or may elect to charge a disposal/donation fee. You hereby expressly grant Caring Transitions the right to hold a winning item until confirmation of cleared funds has been received by Caring Transitions. Winning bidders with questions on payment should reference the “?” Knowledge Base or contact the Seller.

*Sales Tax* — All sales are subject to appropriate state sales and use tax laws, including, any state sales tax laws applicable to Seller. Tax exempt buyers must provide the appropriate state sales tax exemption certificate prior to the end of the sale. Upon acceptance and validation of such information by each location, your future purchases will not be taxed, provided that you are still eligible for tax exemption. You may be required to update certificates on file periodically as deemed necessary by the Seller. Caring Transitions reserves the right to charge uncollected sales tax in the event a state official determines a buyer supplied certificate was invalid or not applicable in that state. (The acceptance of a tax exemption certificate issued by another state or multi-state certificate varies from state to state ) <https://www.avalara.com/blog/en/north-america/2019/11/where-you-need-to-be-registered-to-get-an-exemption-certificate0.html>



## Where you can use state-issued exemption certificates

State-issued exemption and resale certificates can be found on a state tax authority's website. There are often different certificates for different situations or industries, as seen on the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance [Exemption Certificates for Sales Tax](#) page.

In instances where similar transactions routinely occur between a buyer and a seller, (e.g., a manufacturer buying parts from a supplier), a blanket or single certificate can usually be used. When there's a blanket certificate on file, sellers don't need to collect separate certificates for each transaction.

The states below accept exemption certificates from other states, but *only* if the purchaser *isn't* registered in the state where the sale occurs *and* is using a drop shipper\* that *is* registered in that state:

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| • Alabama  | • Michigan       | • Rhode Island   |
| • Arizona  | • Minnesota      |                  |
| • Arkansas | • Missouri       | • South Carolina |
| • Colorado | • Nebraska       |                  |
| • Georgia  | • Nevada         | • South Dakota   |
| • Idaho    | • New Jersey     |                  |
| • Illinois | • New Mexico     | • Texas          |
| • Indiana  | • New York       | • Utah           |
| • Iowa     | • North Carolina | • Vermont        |
| • Kansas   | • North Dakota   | • Virginia       |
| • Kentucky | • Ohio           | • Washington     |
| • Maine    | • Pennsylvania   | • West Virginia  |
|            |                  | • Wisconsin      |
|            |                  | • Wyoming        |

The following states also accept certificates from other states, but *only* if the product wasn't first-on-board in (aka, packaged and shipped from) that state:

- Connecticut
- Florida
- Louisiana

The following states (and district) do not accept certificates from other states, therefore transactions are always taxable:

- Maryland
- Hawaii
- Washington, D.C.

## Where you can use the MTC uniform certificate

The MTC multijurisdictional [Uniform Sales and Use Tax Exemption/Resale Certificate](#) was accepted by the states listed below as of 2019. However, since state requirements are subject to change, the MTC "**cannot guarantee**" that all of the states still accept this certificate. Furthermore, states may accept the uniform certificate only in certain situations or for certain transactions (e.g., for resales but not exempt sales).

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| • Alabama     | • Kentucky       | • Oklahoma       |
| • Arizona     | • Maine          | • Pennsylvania   |
| • Arkansas    | • Maryland       | • Rhode Island   |
| • California  | • Michigan       |                  |
| • Colorado    | • Minnesota      | • South Carolina |
| • Connecticut | • Missouri       |                  |
| • Florida     | • Nebraska       | • South Dakota   |
| • Georgia     | • Nevada         |                  |
| • Hawaii      | • New Jersey     | • Tennessee      |
| • Idaho       | • New Mexico     | • Texas          |
| • Illinois    | • North Carolina | • Utah           |
| • Iowa        | • North Dakota   | • Vermont        |
| • Kansas      | • North Dakota   | • Washington     |
|               | • Ohio           | • Wisconsin      |

Please note that some of the above states still require a reseller to be registered to collect sales tax in the state where the reseller makes the purchase. Others accept certificates containing another state's ID number. In Florida, for example, the certificate states that a selling dealer in Florida must include a resale authorization number from the Florida Department of Revenue. In Pennsylvania, the certificate must contain the purchaser's sales and use tax license number.

## Recap

So, which states will and won't accept an exemption certificate from you unless you're registered in that state? To recap:

3 states require a reseller to be registered in that state (i.e., they won't accept a certificate from an unregistered business): Hawaii, Maryland, and Washington, D.C. Therefore, all such sales taxable.

3 states accept another state's reseller number (another state's certificate) provided the items didn't originate in the nexus state: Connecticut, Florida, and Louisiana. In other words, Florida will accept another state's reseller number if it has proof of first-on-board that the item didn't originate in Florida.

4 states require a pass-through or they won't accept another state's certificate: California, Massachusetts, Mississippi, and Tennessee.

35 states accept an exemption certificate from another state provided the purchaser *isn't* registered in the state where the sale occurs *and is* using a drop shipper\* that *is* registered in that state: Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming. Certain restrictions may apply.

No matter what certificate is used to validate an exempt transaction, it must be kept as required by state law. Unvalidated exempt sales are a common cause of negative audit findings.

Learn more about when sales tax exemptions are needed in [this excellent article by Silvia Aguirre](#), the co-founder of Avalara CertCapture (hat tip to Silvia for helping with this post). And if you want to simplify exemption certificate management for your business, consider [automating it](#).

**Failure to Pay**— Any items not paid for due to a declined card on file (or for any other reason) in accordance with the Caring Transitions Terms and Conditions within the stated sale deadline will be forfeited by you. Caring Transitions reserves the right to charge any payment option you have on file and/or to report your account to collections for the combined total of the original invoice amount and any moving or disposal charges and you will be responsible for any charges incurred by Caring Transitions in collecting your payment. Caring Transitions also reserves the right to suspend your account.

## BID RETRACTION

All bids placed represent irrevocable offers to purchase that may not be withdrawn prior to the close of the auction. It is your sole responsibility not to submit erroneous bids. In the event that you submit an erroneous bid more than twenty-four (24) hours before the scheduled close of a sale, you may request a retraction with the Seller directly. Bid retractions are at the sole discretion of each individual Seller. Bid retraction requests will become part of your user history and are subject to account suspension. Under no circumstances will a bid retraction request be honored in the final twenty-four (24) hours of a sale.

Notwithstanding any of the foregoing, Caring Transitions reserves the right to cancel any bid at any time if, in our sole discretion, we determine an error was made or for any other reason we deem that necessitates a retraction.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

a) Changes to the Terms of Service. Caring Transitions reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to change, modify, add or remove any portion of the Terms & Conditions, in whole or in part, at any time. Your continued use of the CT Website after any changes to the Terms & Conditions are posted will be considered acceptance of those changes. Further, the policies applicable to our Services may be changed from time to time and changes take effect when we post the revised policies.

b) California Residents. If you are a California resident, in accordance with Cal. Civ. Code §1789.3, you may report complaints to the Complaint Assistance Unit of the Division of Consumer Services of the California Department of Consumer Affairs by contacting them in writing at 400 R Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, or by telephone at (800) 952-5210.

c) Notices to You. We may provide any notice to you under these Terms & Conditions by: (i) posting revised Terms & Conditions to the CT Website; or (ii) sending a notice to an email address you provide. Notices sent by email will be effective when we send the email and notices we provide by posting will be effective upon posting. It is your responsibility to keep your e-mail address current and keep us informed of any changes in your email or mailing address so that you continue to receive all communications without interruption. You hereby (i) consent to receive all communications from us in an electronic form; and (ii) agree that all terms and conditions, agreements, notices, documents, disclosures, and other communications that we provide to you electronically satisfy any legal requirement that such communications would satisfy if they were in writing. Your consent to receive communications and do business electronically, and our agreement to do so, applies to all of your interactions and transactions with us. The foregoing does not affect your non-waivable rights.

e) Relationship. No joint venture, partnership, employment, or agency relationship exists between you and Caring Transitions as a result of the Terms & Conditions or your use of the CT Website.

f) No Waiver. Any requested waiver of any provision of the Terms & Conditions must be made in writing and signed by an authorized representative of Caring Transitions specifically referencing the provision to be waived. The failure to enforce any right or provision of these Terms & Conditions will not constitute a waiver of future enforcement of that right or provision.

g) Cumulative Remedies. All rights and remedies provided to Caring Transitions are cumulative and not exclusive, and the exercise by Caring Transitions of any right or remedy does not preclude the exercise of any other rights or remedies that may now or subsequently be available at law, in equity, by statute, in any other agreement between the parties or otherwise.

h) Severability. If any term or provision of these Terms & Conditions is invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any jurisdiction, such invalidity, illegality or unenforceability shall not affect any other term or provision of these Terms & Conditions or invalidate or render unenforceable such term or provision in any other jurisdiction. Upon a determination that any term or provision is invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the court may modify these Terms & Conditions to effect the original intent of the parties as closely as possible in order that the transactions contemplated hereby be consummated as originally contemplated to the greatest extent possible.

i) Force Majeure. Neither Caring Transitions nor its affiliates will be liable or responsible to you, or be deemed to have defaulted or breached these Terms of Service, for any failure or delay in performance hereunder when and to the extent such failure or delay is caused by or results from acts or

circumstances beyond its reasonable control, including, without limitation, acts of God, flood, fire, earthquake, explosion, governmental actions, war, invasion or hostilities (whether war is declared or not), terrorist threats or acts, riot or other civil unrest, national emergency, revolution, insurrection, epidemic, lockouts, strikes or other labor disputes (whether or not relating to our workforce), shortages, delays, or other restrictions in supply chains or workforce/labor shortages, pandemic (including the COVID-19 pandemic), quarantine, breakdown of communication facilities, breakdown of web host, breakdown of internet service provider, natural catastrophes, governmental acts or omissions, changes in laws or regulations, or restraints or delays affecting carriers or inability or delay in obtaining supplies of adequate or suitable materials, materials or telecommunication breakdown or power outage. For the avoidance of doubt, neither Caring Transitions nor its affiliates are liable or responsible for any interruptions or outages of the Services due to technical issues outside of its reasonable control, including but not limiting to web hosts or service providers, that may lead to the interruption or interference with your ability to sell, bid, or buy items, or otherwise use the Services in any capacity.

j) Survival. The following Sections survive any termination of these Terms & Conditions: Payment, Fulfillment & Certain Fees, Disclaimer of Warranties, User Content, Indemnity, Limitation of Liability; Release, Legal Disputes, and Miscellaneous.

k) Assignment. You will not assign any of your rights or delegate any of your obligations under these Terms of Service without our prior written consent. Any purported assignment or delegation in violation of this paragraph is null and void. No assignment or delegation relieves you of any of your obligations under these Terms of Service. Caring Transitions may assign or transfer these Terms & Conditions and/or its rights and/or obligations hereunder.

l) Entire Agreement. These Terms & Conditions and any additional written agreement between you and Caring Transitions will be deemed the final and integrated agreement between you and Caring Transitions on the matters contained in these Terms & Conditions.