

Title: Antitrust Policy	
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I. POLICY PURPOSE:

To ensure monitoring of organization activities in order to prevent violations of the antitrust laws. Tarrant County ENA Chapter of the Texas Emergency Nurses Association (TCENA) will adhere to federal and state antitrust laws and regulations applicable to 501(c)(3) organizations, not engaging in any activity that may result in an unreasonable restraint of trade.

II. POLICY BACKGROUND/DEFINITIONS:

Antitrust laws are also referred to as “competition laws” and are statutes developed by the government to protect consumers from predatory business practices by ensuring that fair competition exists in an open market economy and seeks to make businesses compete fairly.

Under federal and state antitrust laws, the TCENA may be held liable for action that constitutes a restraint of trade.

III. PROTOCOL/PROCEDURE:

1. TCENA exercises extreme caution regarding its business decisions and does not engage in any activity that may result in an unreasonable restraint of trade.
2. TCENA bases business decisions on stated, reasonable criteria that are applied objectively, considers all potential vendors, and documents the basis for decisions.
3. TCENA consults legal counsel in advance of all new programs or changes in existing programs that have potential antitrust implications. The TCENA Board of Directors will approve all new programs or changes in existing programs that may have potential antitrust implications.
4. Minutes of all TCENA Chapter meetings will accurately reflect the business conducted and reflect compliance with antitrust laws.
5. Any TCENA member with concerns regarding antitrust should immediately contact the TCENA President, with initial or follow up communication in writing. The TCENA President will speak with legal counsel about concerns as warranted.

Approved by TCENA Board of Directors on January 26, 2024

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