

MEDI-CAL COUNTY INMATE PROGRAM AGREEMENT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

1. Intent of Agreement

This Reimbursement for Administrative Costs for the Medi-Cal Inmate Program (MCIP) Agreement (Agreement) is intended to reimburse the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) for its administrative costs associated with the MCIP as further detailed below and in Schedule A attached hereto.

2. Parties

The parties to this Agreement are DHCS and the City and County of San Francisco (County).

3. Authority

- A. DHCS is the single state agency responsible for administering the California Medical Assistance Program (Medi-Cal), including MCIP, pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code section 14100.1.
- B. This Agreement is authorized by Welfare and Institutions Code sections 14053.7 and 14053.8 and Penal Code section 5072.

4. Term of the Agreement

The term of this Agreement shall be from July 1, 2020 through and including June 30, 2023.

5. Definitions.

- A. The term "Certified Public Expenditure Process" or "CPE Process" means the process established for Medi-Cal under state law (including but not limited to Welfare and Institutions Code section 14166.1, et seq.), the California Medi-Cal State Plan, and approved Medicaid demonstration projects and waivers through which public Medi-Cal providers claim Federal Financial Participation (FFP) for allowable expenditures.
- B. The term "days" as used in this Agreement shall mean calendar days unless specified otherwise.
- C. The term "Demonstration Project" means the California Medi-Cal 2020 Demonstration, Number 11-W-00193/9, as approved by CMS effective beginning December 30, 2015 and any successor demonstration projects.

- D. The term “Designated Public Hospital” is defined as set forth in the Demonstration Project, and codified in state law at Welfare and Institutions Code section 14184.10, subdivision (f) pursuant to SB 815 (2016), and may be modified from time to time.
- E. The term “Inmate” as used in this Agreement includes persons identified in Welfare and Institutions Code sections 14053.7(e)(2)(A) and 14053.8(k) “Juvenile Inmate,” and Government Code sections 26605.6(a) “Prisoner,” 26605.7(a) “Prisoner” and (d)(1) “Probationer,” and 26605.8 “Prisoner” and “Probationer.”
- F. The term “MCIP” or “Medi-Cal County Inmate Program” contains the following three components: the Adult County Inmate Program (ACIP), as authorized in state law pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code section 14053.7 and Penal Code section 5072, the Juvenile County Ward Program (JCWP), as authorized in Welfare and Institutions Code section 14053.8, and the County Compassionate Release Program (CCRP) and County Medical Probation Program (CMPP), as authorized by Government Code sections 26605.6, 26605.7, and 26605.8.
- G. “MCIP Administrative Services” means the administrative services provided by DHCS personnel for the administration of MCIP.
- H. “Medi-Cal provider” means, any individual, partnership, group association, corporation, institution, or entity and the officer, directors, owners, managing employees or agents of any partnership, group association, corporation, institution, or entity that provides services, goods, supplies, or merchandise, directly or indirectly, to a Medi-Cal beneficiary, and that has been enrolled in the Medi-Cal program.
- I. The State Fiscal Year (SFY) begins on July 1st of each calendar year and ends on June 30th in the subsequent calendar year.

6. Maximum Payable Amount

The amount that the County shall be obligated to pay for MCIP administrative services rendered under this Agreement shall not exceed its share of the nonfederal share of DHCS administrative costs. The maximum payable amount the County shall be obligated to pay for services rendered under this Agreement shall not exceed **\$21,504.33** which shall be based on a methodology specified in Addendum A.

- A. The maximum payable amount shall be further subject to the allocated State Fiscal Year’s (SFY’s) annual limits not to exceed:

\$6,821.36 for July 1, 2020, through and including June 30, 2021

\$7,162.42 for July 1, 2021, through and including June 30, 2022

\$7,520.55 for July 1, 2022, through and including June 30, 2023

For future contract periods not covered under this Agreement, the maximum payable amount shall be determined through a new Agreement or an amendment to this Agreement.

7. Contact Persons

Any notice, request, demand, or other communication required or permitted hereunder, shall be deemed to be properly given when furnished in writing to the following:

A. In the case of the County to:

Grant Colfax, Director
City and County of San Francisco
1001 Potrero Avenue, Bldg 10, Room 1511
San Francisco, CA 94110

Or to such person or address as the County may furnish in writing to DHCS.

B. In the case of DHCS to:

California Department of Health Care Services
Local Governmental Financing Division
County Based Claiming & Inmate Services Section
Attn: Inmate Medi-Cal Claiming Unit
1501 Capitol Avenue, MS 4603
P.O. Box 997436
Sacramento, CA 95899-7436

Or to such person or address as DHCS may, from time to time, furnish in writing or to the County.

8. Payment Terms and Invoicing

A. General Terms

1. DHCS shall submit a quarterly invoice to the County for the County's apportioned share of the nonfederal share of the MCIP administrative services for the period billed.
2. The County shall pay DHCS for the County's apportioned share of the non-federal share of MCIP administrative services which shall be based on a methodology specified in Addendum A within 60 days of receipt of an invoice.
3. Failure by the County to timely pay DHCS shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement, which at DHCS' discretion, may result in termination of

both this Agreement and the MCIP Evergreen Provider Agreement (PA) by DHCS. The County may cure such breach by rendering payment of the amount owed to DHCS three days prior to the termination of this Agreement or the PA.

4. The County shall not make payments for any invoice or portion thereof exceeding the respective maximum payable amount. Payment for any MCIP administrative services rendered by DHCS exceeding the respective maximum payable amount shall require an amendment. If the County fails to execute a retroactive amendment to the maximum payable amount under this Agreement, DHCS shall terminate both the Agreement and the PA.
5. Payments shall be sent to DHCS at the following address, or such other address as DHCS may specify in writing:

California Department of Health Care Services
Local Governmental Financing Division
County Based Claiming & Inmate Services Section
Attn: Inmate Medi-Cal Claiming Unit
1501 Capitol Avenue, MS 4603
P.O. Box 997436
Sacramento, CA 95899-7436

9. DHCS Responsibilities

A. MCIP Administrative Services

1. DHCS shall administer MCIP and this Agreement for the purpose of claiming federal reimbursement for MCIP services. It is understood by both parties that other administrative activities remain the responsibility of the County.
2. DHCS shall maintain accounting records for personnel services at a level of detail as described in Schedule A. Additionally, these records must identify any equipment and all related operating expenses.
3. DHCS shall submit to the County a quarterly invoice for the County's apportioned share of the nonfederal share of MCIP administrative services based on Addendum A. The quarterly invoice for reimbursement shall identify the following summarized categories of DHCS' costs for the allocated SFY period billed: salary, benefits, operating expenses, and total costs. Costs shall be multiplied by one minus the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) applicable to such administrative costs subject to the limit on the amount reimbursable by the County. The maximum payable amount shall not exceed the County's apportioned share, which shall be based on a methodology specified in Addendum A.

B. General Responsibilities

1. Should the scope of work for this Agreement conflict with DHCS' responsibilities under federal Medicaid law, those responsibilities shall take precedence.
2. DHCS' cessation of any activities due to federal Medicaid responsibilities does not relinquish the obligation of the County to reimburse DHCS for administrative costs incurred by DHCS in connection with this Agreement for periods in which the County participated in MCIP.
3. DHCS agrees to provide to the County, or any federal or state department with monitoring or reviewing authority, access and the right to examine its applicable records and documents for compliance with relevant federal and state statutes, regulations, and this Agreement.

10. County Responsibilities

A. MCIP Administrative Services

1. As a condition of participation, the County accepts responsibility for reimbursing DHCS for the County's apportioned share of the nonfederal share of costs of MCIP administrative services based on Addendum A.
2. The County shall reimburse DHCS its allotted portion of the nonfederal share of funding allocated for compensation, associated operating expenses, equipment, and travel costs for no more than 3.50 full-time equivalent (FTE) positions composed of: one-half (0.50) FTE Staff Service Manager I, one (1) FTE Health Program Specialist I, one (1) FTE Staff Services Analyst/Associate Governmental Program Analyst, one-half (0.50) FTE Attorney, and one-half (0.50) FTE Accounting Officer, to be established and housed at DHCS, to support the reported expenditures submission process for obtaining federal reimbursement under this Agreement.
3. If a County does not participate in MCIP or does not abide by the terms of this Agreement, the County remains responsible for arranging for and paying for medical care for its MCIP eligible beneficiaries.

B. General Responsibilities

1. Upon compliance with all applicable provisions of this Agreement and applicable laws, the County may send its MCIP eligible beneficiaries to Medical providers to receive MCIP services.

2. The County shall reimburse DHCS pursuant to Paragraph A with funds from the County's General Fund, or from any other funds allowed under federal law and regulation.
3. In the event of a federal deferral or disallowance applicable to MCIP expenditures, the County shall provide all documents requested by DHCS within fourteen days.

11. Amendments

Amendments to this Agreement shall be in writing signed by the parties to this Agreement, and, if required by state law, by approval of the California Department of General Services. Notwithstanding the previous sentence, any changes made to the contact persons identified in Article 5 may be made by written communication, e-mail to the other contact person or persons and without formal amendment.

12. Termination and Agreement Disputes

- A. This Agreement may be terminated by either party upon written notice given at least 30 days prior to the termination date. Notice shall be addressed to the respective parties as identified in Article 5. The County shall remain obligated after the termination date to pay for all MCIP administrative costs incurred by DHCS for periods in which the County participated in the MCIP.
- B. This Agreement shall terminate upon cessation of the MCIP. The County shall remain obligated after the termination date to pay for all of the County's apportioned share of MCIP administrative costs incurred by DHCS for periods in which the County participated in MCIP
- C. Termination of this Agreement will automatically terminate the County's MCIP Evergreen PA.

13. General Provisions

- A. Indemnification. It is agreed that the County shall defend, hold harmless, and indemnify DHCS, its officers, employees, and agents from any and all reported expenditures, liability, loss, or expense (including reasonable attorney fees) for injuries or damage to any person, any property, or both which arise out of the terms and conditions of this Agreement and the negligent or intentional acts or omissions of the County, its officers, employees, or agents.
- B. Severability. If any term, condition, or provision of this Agreement is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, void, or unenforceable, the remaining provisions will nevertheless continue in full force and effect, and shall not be affected, impaired or invalidated in any way. Notwithstanding the previous sentence, if a decision by a court of competent jurisdiction invalidates, voids,

or renders unenforceable a term, condition, or provision in this Agreement that is included in the purpose of this Agreement then the parties to this Agreement shall either amend this Agreement pursuant to Article 9, or it shall be terminated pursuant to Article 10.

- C. Records. DHCS and the County shall maintain and preserve all records relating to this Agreement for a period of three years from DHCS' receipt of the last payment of FFP, or until three years after all audit findings are resolved, whichever is later. This does not limit any responsibilities of DHCS or the County provided for elsewhere in this Agreement, or in state or federal law.
- D. Compliance with Applicable Laws. All parties performance under this Agreement shall be in accordance with all applicable federal and state laws, including, but not limited to:
1. The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended;
 2. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended;
 3. Title XIX of the Social Security Act;
 4. Welfare and Institutions Code section 14000 et seq.;
 5. Government Code section 53060;
 6. The California Medicaid State Plan;
 7. Applicable laws and regulations related to licensure, certification, confidentiality of records, quality assurance, and nondiscrimination;
 8. The Policy and Procedure Letters, and similar instructions, published with regulatory authority;
 9. Government Code sections 26605.6, 26605.7, and 26605.8;
 10. Penal Code section 5072;
 11. 42 Code of Federal Regulations; and,
 12. Applicable sections of the California Code of Regulations.
- E. Controlling Law and Venue. The validity of this Agreement and its terms or provisions, as well as the rights and duties of the parties hereunder, the interpretation and performance of this Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of California. Venue for any action brought concerning this Agreement shall be in any county in which the Attorney General maintains an office.

F. Integration Clause.

1. This Agreement and any exhibits and addendums attached hereto shall constitute the entire Agreement among the parties to it pertaining to the implementation of MCIP and supersedes any prior or contemporaneous understanding or agreement with respect to the subject matter of this Agreement.
2. Notwithstanding Subparagraph G.1., DHCS Form 9098 or DHCS Form 6208 (whichever is applicable) is incorporated by reference into this Agreement if the County has a DHCS Form 9098 or DHCS Form 6208 on record. Notwithstanding Subparagraph G.1., the terms of the DHCS Form 9098 or DHCS Form 6208 control to the extent there is a conflict with this Agreement, except for Article 10 of this Agreement. If the DHCS Form 9098 or DHCS Form 6208 does not address a matter addressed by this Agreement, then this Agreement controls.

G. Conformance Clause. Any provision of this Agreement in conflict with present or future governing authorities is hereby amended to conform to those authorities and such amended provisions supersede any conflicting provisions in this Agreement. The governing authorities include, but are not limited to the authorities listed in Article 11.E.

H. Waiver. No covenant, condition, duty, obligation, or undertaking made a part of this Agreement shall be waived except by amendment of the Agreement by the parties hereto, and forbearance or indulgence in any other form or manner by either party in any regard whatsoever shall not constitute a waiver of the covenant, condition, duty, obligation, or undertaking to be kept, performed, or discharged by the other party to which the same may apply; and, until performance or satisfaction of all covenants, duties, obligations, or undertakings is complete, the party shall have the right to invoke any remedy available under this Agreement, or under law, notwithstanding such forbearance or indulgence.

I. Third Party Benefit. None of the provisions of this Agreement are or shall be construed as for the benefit of, or enforceable by, any person not a party to this Agreement.

J. Conflict of Interest. The County is subject to the Medi-Cal Conflict of Interest Law, as applicable and set forth in Welfare and Institutions Code section 14022 and Article 1.1 (commencing with Welfare and Institutions Code section 14047), and implemented pursuant to 22 California Code of Regulations, section 51466.

K. Budget Contingency Clause. If funding associated with MCIP for any SFY is reduced by the State Budget Act DHCS shall have the option to cancel this Agreement, with no liability occurring to the State.

- L. Confidentiality. The County shall comply with the applicable confidentiality requirements as specified in Section 1902(a)(7) of the Social Security Act; 42 Code of Federal Regulations, part 431.300; Welfare and Institutions Code section 14100.2; and 22 California Code of Regulations, section 51009; and, the Business Associates Agreement attached and hereby incorporated by reference.

The signatories to this Agreement represent and warrant that they have full and binding authority to the commitments contained herein on behalf of their respective entity.

City and County of San Francisco

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES
Contracts Section**

Signature: _____

Name: Carrie Talbot _____

Title: SSMI, Contracts Section _____

Date: _____

**SCHEDULE A
SCOPE OF WORK**

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES (DHCS)

DHCS agrees to:

1. Calculate the actual costs for administrative accounting, policy development, and data processing maintenance activities, including the indirect costs related to the MCIP program provided by its staff, which is in accordance with the provisions of Section 1903(w) of the Social Security Act and 42 Code of Federal Regulations, part 433, subpart B.
2. Lead the development, implementation, and administration for the MCIP.
3. Submit claims for Federal Financial Participation (FFP) based on Certified Public Expenditures (CPE) from participating MCIP counties.
4. On an annual basis, submit any necessary materials to the federal government to provide assurances that claims for FFP will include only those expenditures that are allowable under federal law.
5. Maintain accounting records to a level of detail that identifies the actual expenditures incurred for personnel services including salary or wages, benefits, and overhead costs for DHCS' staff. Additionally, these records will identify any equipment and all related operating expenses applicable to these positions. Records should include, but not be limited to general expense, rent and supplies for identified staff and managerial staff working specifically on activities or assignments directly related to the MCIP.
6. Ensure that an appropriate audit trail exists within DHCS' records and accounting system and maintain expenditure data as indicated in this Agreement.
7. Designate a person to act as liaison with the County for issues arising from this Agreement. This person shall be identified to the County's contact person for this Agreement.
8. Provide a written response to the County's contact person within 30 days of receiving a written request for information related to the MCIP.
9. Provide the County with accounting, program technical assistance, and training related to the MCIP.
10. Maintain an invoice tracking system for MCIP and provide a report on a quarterly basis.

11. Establish an annual MCIP administrative cost based on Addendum A.
12. Invoice the County on a quarterly basis for administrative costs.

ADDENDUM A: MCIP Administrative Costs

The MCIP Administrative Contract is a three-year contract. At the beginning of each calendar year, counties have the opportunity to inform DHCS of their intent to continue participation in MCIP for the upcoming State Fiscal Year (SFY) by completing the MCIP Letter of Intent (LOI).

The methodology for calculating each county's nonfederal share of administrative costs was developed by DHCS in consultation with the California State Association of Counties, County Health Executives Association of California, California Association of Public Hospitals and Health Systems, and the California State Sheriffs' Association. The nonfederal share of administrative costs allocated to each county is based on the following:

- 1) 30% of the total administrative costs will be distributed evenly to participating counties over 50,000 in population. *
- 2) 70% of the total administrative costs will be allocated to participating counties pro-rata based on population. *

**Population data will be obtained from the California Department of Finance, Demographic Estimates*

To account for a cost of living adjustment on a yearly basis after the initial SFY of the current Agreement, DHCS will include a year over year growth factor of 5% to the maximum payable amount of the annual administrative cost for each subsequent SFY. DHCS will invoice participating counties for the nonfederal share of administrative costs quarterly after the close of the previous quarter based on actual administrative costs per the methodology above.

General Terms and Conditions (GTC 04/2017)

EXHIBIT C

1. APPROVAL: This Agreement is of no force or effect until signed by both parties and approved by the Department of General Services, if required. Contractor may not commence performance until such approval has been obtained.
2. AMENDMENT: No amendment or variation of the terms of this Agreement shall be valid unless made in writing, signed by the parties and approved as required. No oral understanding or Agreement not incorporated in the Agreement is binding on any of the parties.
3. ASSIGNMENT: This Agreement is not assignable by the Contractor, either in whole or in part, without the consent of the State in the form of a formal written amendment.
4. AUDIT: Contractor agrees that the awarding department, the Department of General Services, the Bureau of State Audits, or their designated representative shall have the right to review and to copy any records and supporting documentation pertaining to the performance of this Agreement. Contractor agrees to maintain such records for possible audit for a minimum of three (3) years after final payment, unless a longer period of records retention is stipulated. Contractor agrees to allow the auditor(s) access to such records during normal business hours and to allow interviews of any employees who might reasonably have information related to such records. Further, Contractor agrees to include a similar right of the State to audit records and interview staff in any subcontract related to performance of this Agreement. (Gov. Code §8546.7, Pub. Contract Code §10115 et seq., CCR Title 2, Section 1896).
5. INDEMNIFICATION: Contractor agrees to indemnify, defend and save harmless the State, its officers, agents and employees from any and all claims and losses accruing or resulting to any and all contractors, subcontractors, suppliers, laborers, and any other person, firm or corporation furnishing or supplying work services, materials, or supplies in connection with the performance of this Agreement, and from any and all claims and losses accruing or resulting to any person, firm or corporation who may be injured or damaged by Contractor in the performance of this Agreement.
6. DISPUTES: Contractor shall continue with the responsibilities under this Agreement during any dispute.
7. TERMINATION FOR CAUSE: The State may terminate this Agreement and be relieved of any payments should the Contractor fail to perform the requirements of this Agreement at the time and in the manner herein provided. In the event of such termination the State may proceed with the work in any manner deemed proper by the State. All costs to the State shall be deducted from any sum due the Contractor under this Agreement and the balance, if any, shall be paid to the Contractor upon demand.

8. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR: Contractor, and the agents and employees of Contractor, in the performance of this Agreement, shall act in an independent capacity and not as officers or employees or agents of the State.
9. RECYCLING CERTIFICATION: The Contractor shall certify in writing under penalty of perjury, the minimum, if not exact, percentage of post-consumer material as defined in the Public Contract Code Section 12200, in products, materials, goods, or supplies offered or sold to the State regardless of whether the product meets the requirements of Public Contract Code Section 12209. With respect to printer or duplication cartridges that comply with the requirements of Section 12156(e), the certification required by this subdivision shall specify that the cartridges so comply (Pub. Contract Code §12205).
10. NON-DISCRIMINATION CLAUSE: During the performance of this Agreement, Contractor and its subcontractors shall not deny the contract's benefits to any person on the basis of race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical disability, mental disability, medical condition, genetic information, marital status, sex, gender, gender identity, gender expression, age, sexual orientation, or military and veteran status, nor shall they discriminate unlawfully against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical disability, mental disability, medical condition, genetic information, marital status, sex, gender, gender identity, gender expression, age, sexual orientation, or military and veteran status. Contractor shall insure that the evaluation and treatment of employees and applicants for employment are free of such discrimination. Contractor and subcontractors shall comply with the provisions of the Fair Employment and Housing Act (Gov. Code §12900 et seq.), the regulations promulgated thereunder (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 2, §11000 et seq.), the provisions of Article 9.5, Chapter 1, Part 1, Division 3, Title 2 of the Government Code (Gov. Code §§11135-11139.5), and the regulations or standards adopted by the awarding state agency to implement such article. Contractor shall permit access by representatives of the Department of Fair Employment and Housing and the awarding state agency upon reasonable notice at any time during the normal business hours, but in no case less than 24 hours' notice, to such of its books, records, accounts, and all other sources of information and its facilities as said Department or Agency shall require to ascertain compliance with this clause. Contractor and its subcontractors shall give written notice of their obligations under this clause to labor organizations with which they have a collective bargaining or other agreement. (See Cal. Code Regs., tit. 2, §11105.)

Contractor shall include the nondiscrimination and compliance provisions of this clause in all subcontracts to perform work under the Agreement.

11. CERTIFICATION CLAUSES: The CONTRACTOR CERTIFICATION CLAUSES contained in the document CCC 04/2017 are hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of this Agreement by this reference as if attached hereto.
12. TIMELINESS: Time is of the essence in this Agreement.

13. COMPENSATION: The consideration to be paid Contractor, as provided herein, shall be in compensation for all of Contractor's expenses incurred in the performance hereof, including travel, per diem, and taxes, unless otherwise expressly so provided.
14. GOVERNING LAW: This contract is governed by and shall be interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of California.
15. ANTITRUST CLAIMS: The Contractor by signing this agreement hereby certifies that if these services or goods are obtained by means of a competitive bid, the Contractor shall comply with the requirements of the Government Codes Sections set out below.
 - a. The Government Code Chapter on Antitrust claims contains the following definitions:
 - 1) "Public purchase" means a purchase by means of competitive bids of goods, services, or materials by the State or any of its political subdivisions or public agencies on whose behalf the Attorney General may bring an action pursuant to subdivision (c) of Section 16750 of the Business and Professions Code.
 - 2) "Public purchasing body" means the State or the subdivision or agency making a public purchase. Government Code Section 4550.
 - b. In submitting a bid to a public purchasing body, the bidder offers and agrees that if the bid is accepted, it will assign to the purchasing body all rights, title, and interest in and to all causes of action it may have under Section 4 of the Clayton Act (15 U.S.C. Sec. 15) or under the Cartwright Act (Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 16700) of Part 2 of Division 7 of the Business and Professions Code), arising from purchases of goods, materials, or services by the bidder for sale to the purchasing body pursuant to the bid. Such assignment shall be made and become effective at the time the purchasing body tenders final payment to the bidder. Government Code Section 4552.
 - c. If an awarding body or public purchasing body receives, either through judgment or settlement, a monetary recovery for a cause of action assigned under this chapter, the assignor shall be entitled to receive reimbursement for actual legal costs incurred and may, upon demand, recover from the public body any portion of the recovery, including treble damages, attributable to overcharges that were paid by the assignor but were not paid by the public body as part of the bid price, less the expenses incurred in obtaining that portion of the recovery. Government Code Section 4553.
 - d. Upon demand in writing by the assignor, the assignee shall, within one year from such demand, reassign the cause of action assigned under this part if the assignor has been or may have been injured by the violation of law for which the cause of action arose and (a) the assignee has not been injured thereby, or (b) the assignee declines to file a court action for the cause of action. See Government Code Section 4554.

16. CHILD SUPPORT COMPLIANCE ACT: For any Agreement in excess of \$100,000, the contractor acknowledges in accordance with Public Contract Code 7110, that:
 - a. The contractor recognizes the importance of child and family support obligations and shall fully comply with all applicable state and federal laws relating to child and family support enforcement, including, but not limited to, disclosure of information and compliance with earnings assignment orders, as provided in Chapter 8 (commencing with section 5200) of Part 5 of Division 9 of the Family Code; and
 - b. The contractor, to the best of its knowledge is fully complying with the earnings assignment orders of all employees and is providing the names of all new employees to the New Hire Registry maintained by the California Employment Development Department.
17. UNENFORCEABLE PROVISION: In the event that any provision of this Agreement is unenforceable or held to be unenforceable, then the parties agree that all other provisions of this Agreement have force and effect and shall not be affected thereby.
18. PRIORITY HIRING CONSIDERATIONS: If this Contract includes services in excess of \$200,000, the Contractor shall give priority consideration in filling vacancies in positions funded by the Contract to qualified recipients of aid under Welfare and Institutions Code Section 11200 in accordance with Pub. Contract Code §10353.
19. SMALL BUSINESS PARTICIPATION AND DVBE PARTICIPATION REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:
 - a. If for this Contract Contractor made a commitment to achieve small business participation, then Contractor must within 60 days of receiving final payment under this Contract (or within such other time period as may be specified elsewhere in this Contract) report to the awarding department the actual percentage of small business participation that was achieved. (Govt. Code § 14841.)
 - b. If for this Contract Contractor made a commitment to achieve disabled veteran business enterprise (DVBE) participation, then Contractor must within 60 days of receiving final payment under this Contract (or within such other time period as may be specified elsewhere in this Contract) certify in a report to the awarding department: (1) the total amount the prime Contractor received under the Contract; (2) the name and address of the DVBE(s) that participated in the performance of the Contract; (3) the amount each DVBE received from the prime Contractor; (4) that all payments under the Contract have been made to the DVBE; and (5) the actual percentage of DVBE participation that was achieved. A person or entity that knowingly provides false information shall be subject to a civil penalty for each violation. (Mil. & Vets. Code § 999.5(d); Govt. Code § 14841.)

20. LOSS LEADER: If this contract involves the furnishing of equipment, materials, or supplies then the following statement is incorporated: It is unlawful for any person engaged in business within this state to sell or use any article or product as a "loss leader" as defined in Section 17030 of the Business and Professions Code. (PCC 10344(e).)

Contractor Certification Clauses

CCC 04/2017

CERTIFICATION

I, the official named below, CERTIFY UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY that I am duly authorized to legally bind the prospective Contractor to the clause(s) listed below. This certification is made under the laws of the State of California.

Contractor/Bidder Firm Name (Printed)	Federal ID Number
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By (Authorized Signature)

Printed Name and Title of Person Signing

Date Executed	Executed in the County of
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CONTRACTOR CERTIFICATION CLAUSES

1. **STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE:** Contractor has, unless exempted, complied with the nondiscrimination program requirements. (Gov. Code §12990 (a-f) and CCR, Title 2, Section 11102) (Not applicable to public entities.)

2. **DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE REQUIREMENTS:** Contractor will comply with the requirements of the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1990 and will provide a drug-free workplace by taking the following actions:

a. Publish a statement notifying employees that unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession or use of a controlled substance is prohibited and specifying actions to be taken against employees for violations.

b. Establish a Drug-Free Awareness Program to inform employees about:

- 1) the dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;
- 2) the person's or organization's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;
- 3) any available counseling, rehabilitation and employee assistance programs; and,
- 4) penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations.

c. Every employee who works on the proposed Agreement will:

- 1) receive a copy of the company's drug-free workplace policy statement; and,

2) agree to abide by the terms of the company's statement as a condition of employment on the Agreement.

Failure to comply with these requirements may result in suspension of payments under the Agreement or termination of the Agreement or both and Contractor may be ineligible for award of any future State agreements if the department determines that any of the following has occurred: the Contractor has made false certification, or violated the certification by failing to carry out the requirements as noted above. (Gov. Code §8350 et seq.)

3. NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD CERTIFICATION: Contractor certifies that no more than one (1) final unappealable finding of contempt of court by a Federal court has been issued against Contractor within the immediately preceding two-year period because of Contractor's failure to comply with an order of a Federal court, which orders Contractor to comply with an order of the National Labor Relations Board. (Pub. Contract Code §10296) (Not applicable to public entities.)

4. CONTRACTS FOR LEGAL SERVICES \$50,000 OR MORE- PRO BONO REQUIREMENT: Contractor hereby certifies that Contractor will comply with the requirements of Section 6072 of the Business and Professions Code, effective January 1, 2003.

Contractor agrees to make a good faith effort to provide a minimum number of hours of pro bono legal services during each year of the contract equal to the lessor of 30 multiplied by the number of full time attorneys in the firm's offices in the State, with the number of hours prorated on an actual day basis for any contract period of less than a full year or 10% of its contract with the State.

Failure to make a good faith effort may be cause for non-renewal of a state contract for legal services, and may be taken into account when determining the award of future contracts with the State for legal services.

5. EXPATRIATE CORPORATIONS: Contractor hereby declares that it is not an expatriate corporation or subsidiary of an expatriate corporation within the meaning of Public Contract Code Section 10286 and 10286.1, and is eligible to contract with the State of California.

6. SWEATFREE CODE OF CONDUCT:

a. All Contractors contracting for the procurement or laundering of apparel, garments or corresponding accessories, or the procurement of equipment, materials, or supplies, other than procurement related to a public works contract, declare under penalty of perjury that no apparel, garments or corresponding accessories, equipment, materials, or supplies furnished to the state pursuant to the contract have been laundered or produced in whole or in part by sweatshop labor, forced labor, convict labor, indentured labor under penal sanction, abusive forms of child labor or exploitation of children in sweatshop labor, or with the benefit of sweatshop labor, forced labor, convict labor, indentured labor under penal sanction, abusive forms of child labor or exploitation of children in sweatshop labor. The contractor further declares under penalty of perjury that they adhere to the Sweatfree Code of Conduct as set forth on the California Department of Industrial Relations website located at www.dir.ca.gov, and Public Contract Code Section 6108.

b. The contractor agrees to cooperate fully in providing reasonable access to the contractor's records, documents, agents or employees, or premises if reasonably

required by authorized officials of the contracting agency, the Department of Industrial Relations, or the Department of Justice to determine the contractor's compliance with the requirements under paragraph (a).

7. DOMESTIC PARTNERS: For contracts of \$100,000 or more, Contractor certifies that Contractor is in compliance with Public Contract Code section 10295.3.

8. GENDER IDENTITY: For contracts of \$100,000 or more, Contractor certifies that Contractor is in compliance with Public Contract Code section 10295.35.

DOING BUSINESS WITH THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

The following laws apply to persons or entities doing business with the State of California.

1. CONFLICT OF INTEREST: Contractor needs to be aware of the following provisions regarding current or former state employees. If Contractor has any questions on the status of any person rendering services or involved with the Agreement, the awarding agency must be contacted immediately for clarification.

Current State Employees (Pub. Contract Code §10410):

1). No officer or employee shall engage in any employment, activity or enterprise from which the officer or employee receives compensation or has a financial interest and which is sponsored or funded by any state agency, unless the employment, activity or enterprise is required as a condition of regular state employment.

2). No officer or employee shall contract on his or her own behalf as an independent contractor with any state agency to provide goods or services.

Former State Employees (Pub. Contract Code §10411):

1). For the two-year period from the date he or she left state employment, no former state officer or employee may enter into a contract in which he or she engaged in any of the negotiations, transactions, planning, arrangements or any part of the decision-making process relevant to the contract while employed in any capacity by any state agency.

2). For the twelve-month period from the date he or she left state employment, no former state officer or employee may enter into a contract with any state agency if he or she was employed by that state agency in a policy-making position in the same general subject area as the proposed contract within the 12-month period prior to his or her leaving state service.

If Contractor violates any provisions of above paragraphs, such action by Contractor shall render this Agreement void. (Pub. Contract Code §10420)

Members of boards and commissions are exempt from this section if they do not receive payment other than payment of each meeting of the board or commission, payment for preparatory time and payment for per diem. (Pub. Contract Code §10430 (e))

2. LABOR CODE/WORKERS' COMPENSATION: Contractor needs to be aware of the provisions which require every employer to be insured against liability for Worker's Compensation or to undertake self-insurance in accordance with the provisions, and

Contractor affirms to comply with such provisions before commencing the performance of the work of this Agreement. (Labor Code Section 3700)

3. AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT: Contractor assures the State that it complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability, as well as all applicable regulations and guidelines issued pursuant to the ADA. (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.)

4. CONTRACTOR NAME CHANGE: An amendment is required to change the Contractor's name as listed on this Agreement. Upon receipt of legal documentation of the name change the State will process the amendment. Payment of invoices presented with a new name cannot be paid prior to approval of said amendment.

5. CORPORATE QUALIFICATIONS TO DO BUSINESS IN CALIFORNIA:

a. When agreements are to be performed in the state by corporations, the contracting agencies will be verifying that the contractor is currently qualified to do business in California in order to ensure that all obligations due to the state are fulfilled.

b. "Doing business" is defined in R&TC Section 23101 as actively engaging in any transaction for the purpose of financial or pecuniary gain or profit. Although there are some statutory exceptions to taxation, rarely will a corporate contractor performing within the state not be subject to the franchise tax.

c. Both domestic and foreign corporations (those incorporated outside of California) must be in good standing in order to be qualified to do business in California. Agencies will determine whether a corporation is in good standing by calling the Office of the Secretary of State.

6. RESOLUTION: A county, city, district, or other local public body must provide the State with a copy of a resolution, order, motion, or ordinance of the local governing body which by law has authority to enter into an agreement, authorizing execution of the agreement.

7. AIR OR WATER POLLUTION VIOLATION: Under the State laws, the Contractor shall not be: (1) in violation of any order or resolution not subject to review promulgated by the State Air Resources Board or an air pollution control district; (2) subject to cease and desist order not subject to review issued pursuant to Section 13301 of the Water Code for violation of waste discharge requirements or discharge prohibitions; or (3) finally determined to be in violation of provisions of federal law relating to air or water pollution.

8. PAYEE DATA RECORD FORM STD. 204: This form must be completed by all contractors that are not another state agency or other governmental entity.

Exhibit X
Business Associate Addendum

1. This Agreement has been determined to constitute a business associate relationship under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) and its implementing privacy and security regulations at 45 Code of Federal Regulations, Parts 160 and 164 (collectively, and as used in this Agreement)
2. The term “Agreement” as used in this document refers to and includes both this Business Associate Addendum and the contract to which this Business Associate Agreement is attached as an exhibit, if any.
3. For purposes of this Agreement, the term “Business Associate” shall have the same meaning as set forth in 45 CFR section 160.103.
4. The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) intends that Business Associate may create, receive, maintain, transmit or aggregate certain information pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, some of which information may constitute Protected Health Information (PHI) and/or confidential information protected by Federal and/or state laws.
 - 4.1 As used in this Agreement and unless otherwise stated, the term “PHI” refers to and includes both “PHI” as defined at 45 CFR section 160.103 and Personal Information (PI) as defined in the Information Practices Act at California Civil Code section 1798.3(a). PHI includes information in any form, including paper, oral, and electronic.
 - 4.2 As used in this Agreement, the term “confidential information” refers to information not otherwise defined as PHI in Section 4.1 of this Agreement, but to which state and/or federal privacy and/or security protections apply.
5. Contract (however named elsewhere in this Agreement) is the Business Associate of DHCS acting on DHCS's behalf and provides services or arranges, performs or assists in the performance of functions or activities on behalf of DHCS, and may create, receive, maintain, transmit, aggregate, use or disclose PHI (collectively, “use or disclose PHI”) in order to fulfill Business Associate’s obligations under this Agreement. DHCS and Business Associate are each a party to this Agreement and are collectively referred to as the “parties.”
6. The terms used in this Agreement, but not otherwise defined, shall have the same meanings as those terms in HIPAA. Any reference to statutory or regulatory language shall be to such language as in effect or as amended.
7. **Permitted Uses and Disclosures of PHI by Business Associate.** Except as otherwise indicated in this Agreement, Business Associate may use or disclose PHI only to perform functions, activities or services specified in this Agreement on behalf of DHCS, provided that such use or disclosure would not violate HIPAA if done by DHCS.
 - 7.1 **Specific Use and Disclosure Provisions.** Except as otherwise indicated in this Agreement, Business Associate may use and disclose PHI if necessary for the proper management and administration of the Business Associate or to carry out the legal responsibilities of the Business Associate. Business Associate may disclose PHI for this purpose if the disclosure is required by law, or the Business Associate obtains reasonable assurances from the person to whom the information is disclosed that it will be held confidentially and used or further disclosed only as required by law or for the purposes for which it was disclosed to the person, and the person notifies the Business Associate of any instances of which it is aware that the confidentiality of the information has been breached.
8. **Compliance with Other Applicable Law**

- 8.1** To the extent that other state and/or federal laws provide additional, stricter and/or more protective (collectively, more protective) privacy and/or security protections to PHI or other confidential information covered under this Agreement beyond those provided through HIPAA, Business Associate agrees:
- 8.1.1** To comply with the more protective of the privacy and security standards set forth in applicable state or federal laws to the extent such standards provide a greater degree of protection and security than HIPAA or are otherwise more favorable to the individuals whose information is concerned; and
- 8.1.2** To treat any violation of such additional and/or more protective standards as a breach or security incident, as appropriate, pursuant to Section 18. of this Agreement.
- 8.2** Examples of laws that provide additional and/or stricter privacy protections to certain types of PHI and/or confidential information, as defined in Section 4. of this Agreement, include, but are not limited to the Information Practices Act, California Civil Code sections 1798-1798.78, Confidentiality of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Patient Records, 42 CFR Part 2, Welfare and Institutions Code section 5328, and California Health and Safety Code section 11845.5.
- 8.3** If Business Associate is a Qualified Service Organization (QSO) as defined in 42 CFR section 2.11, Business Associate agrees to be bound by and comply with subdivisions (2)(i) and (2)(ii) under the definition of QSO in 42 CFR section 2.11.

9. Additional Responsibilities of Business Associate

9.1 Nondisclosure. Business Associate shall not use or disclose PHI or other confidential information other than as permitted or required by this Agreement or as required by law.

9.2 Safeguards and Security.

9.2.1 Business Associate shall use safeguards that reasonably and appropriately protect the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of PHI and other confidential data and comply, where applicable, with subpart C of 45 CFR Part 164 with respect to electronic protected health information, to prevent use or disclosure of the information other than as provided for by this Agreement. Such safeguards shall be, at a minimum, at Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) Publication 199 protection levels.

9.2.2 Business Associate shall, at a minimum, utilize an industry-recognized security framework when selecting and implementing its security controls, and shall maintain continuous compliance with its selected framework as it may be updated from time to time. Examples of industry-recognized security frameworks include but are not limited to

9.2.2.1 NIST SP 800-53 – National Institute of Standards and Technology Special Publication 800-53

9.2.2.2 FedRAMP – Federal Risk and Authorization Management Program

9.2.2.3 PCI – PCI Security Standards Council

9.2.2.4 ISO/IEC 27002 – International Organization for Standardization / International Electrotechnical Commission standard 27002

9.2.2.5 IRS PUB 1075 – Internal Revenue Service Publication 1075

9.2.2.6 HITRUST CSF – HITRUST Common Security Framework

9.2.3 Business Associate shall maintain, at a minimum, industry standards for transmission and storage of PHI and other confidential information.

- 9.2.4 Business Associate shall apply security patches and upgrades, and keep virus software up-to-date, on all systems on which PHI and other confidential information may be used.
- 9.2.5 Business Associate shall ensure that all members of its workforce with access to PHI and/or other confidential information sign a confidentiality statement prior to access to such data. The statement must be renewed annually.
- 9.2.6 Business Associate shall identify the security official who is responsible for the development and implementation of the policies and procedures required by 45 CFR Part 164, Subpart C.

9.3 Business Associate's Agent. Business Associate shall ensure that any agents, subcontractors, subawardees, vendors or others (collectively, "agents") that use or disclose PHI and/or confidential information on behalf of Business Associate agree to the same restrictions and conditions that apply to Business Associate with respect to such PHI and/or confidential information.

10. Mitigation of Harmful Effects. Business Associate shall mitigate, to the extent practicable, any harmful effect that is known to Business Associate of a use or disclosure of PHI and other confidential information in violation of the requirements of this Agreement.

11. Access to PHI. Business Associate shall make PHI available in accordance with 45 CFR section 164.524.

12. Amendment of PHI. Business Associate shall make PHI available for amendment and incorporate any amendments to protected health information in accordance with 45 CFR section 164.526.

13. Accounting for Disclosures. Business Associate shall make available the information required to provide an accounting of disclosures in accordance with 45 CFR section 164.528.

14. Compliance with DHCS Obligations. To the extent Business Associate is to carry out an obligation of DHCS under 45 CFR Part 164, Subpart E, comply with the requirements of the subpart that apply to DHCS in the performance of such obligation.

15. Access to Practices, Books and Records. Business Associate shall make its internal practices, books, and records relating to the use and disclosure of PHI on behalf of DHCS available to DHCS upon reasonable request, and to the federal Secretary of Health and Human Services for purposes of determining DHCS' compliance with 45 CFR Part 164, Subpart E.

16. Return or Destroy PHI on Termination; Survival. At termination of this Agreement, if feasible, Business Associate shall return or destroy all PHI and other confidential information received from, or created or received by Business Associate on behalf of, DHCS that Business Associate still maintains in any form and retain no copies of such information. If return or destruction is not feasible, Business Associate shall notify DHCS of the conditions that make the return or destruction infeasible, and DHCS and Business Associate shall determine the terms and conditions under which Business Associate may retain the PHI. If such return or destruction is not feasible, Business Associate shall extend the protections of this Agreement to the information and limit further uses and disclosures to those purposes that make the return or destruction of the information infeasible.

17. Special Provision for SSA Data. If Business Associate receives data from or on behalf of DHCS that was verified by or provided by the Social Security Administration (SSA data) and is subject to an agreement between DHCS and SSA, Business Associate shall provide, upon request by DHCS, a list of all employees and agents and employees who have access to such data, including employees and agents of its agents, to DHCS.

18. Breaches and Security Incidents. Business Associate shall implement reasonable systems for the discovery and prompt reporting of any breach or security incident, and take the following steps:

18.1 Notice to DHCS.

18.1.1 Business Associate shall notify DHCS **immediately** upon the discovery of a suspected breach or security incident that involves SSA data. This notification will be provided by email upon discovery of the breach. If Business Associate is unable to provide notification by email, then Business Associate shall provide notice by telephone to DHCS.

18.1.2 Business Associate shall notify DHCS **within 24 hours by email** (or by telephone if Business Associate is unable to email DHCS) of the discovery of:

18.1.2.1 Unsecured PHI if the PHI is reasonably believed to have been accessed or acquired by an unauthorized person;

18.1.2.2 Any suspected security incident which risks unauthorized access to PHI and/or other confidential information;

18.1.2.3 Any intrusion or unauthorized access, use or disclosure of PHI in violation of this Agreement; or

18.1.2.4 Potential loss of confidential data affecting this Agreement.

18.1.3 Notice shall be provided to the DHCS Program Contract Manager (as applicable), the DHCS Privacy Office, and the DHCS Information Security Office (collectively, "DHCS Contacts") using the DHCS Contact Information at Section 18.6. below.

Notice shall be made using the current DHCS "Privacy Incident Reporting Form" ("PIR Form"; the initial notice of a security incident or breach that is submitted is referred to as an "Initial PIR Form") and shall include all information known at the time the incident is reported. The form is available online at

<http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/formsandpubs/laws/priv/Pages/DHCSBusinessAssociatesOnly.aspx>.

Upon discovery of a breach or suspected security incident, intrusion or unauthorized access, use or disclosure of PHI, Business Associate shall take:

18.1.3.1 Prompt action to mitigate any risks or damages involved with the security incident or breach; and

18.1.3.2 Any action pertaining to such unauthorized disclosure required by applicable Federal and State law.

18.2 Investigation. Business Associate shall immediately investigate such security incident or confidential breach.

18.3 Complete Report. To provide a complete report of the investigation to the DHCS contacts within ten (10) working days of the discovery of the security incident or breach. This "Final PIR" must include any applicable additional information not included in the Initial Form. The Final PIR Form shall include an assessment of all known factors relevant to a determination of whether a breach occurred under HIPAA and other applicable federal and state laws. The report shall also include a full, detailed corrective action plan, including its implementation date and information on mitigation measures taken to halt and/or contain the improper use or disclosure. If DHCS requests information in addition to that requested through the PIR form, Business Associate shall make reasonable efforts to provide DHCS with such information. A "Supplemental PIR" may be used to submit revised or additional information after the Final PIR is submitted. DHCS will review and approve or disapprove Business Associate's determination of whether a breach occurred, whether the security incident or breach is reportable to the appropriate entities, if individual notifications are required, and Business Associate's corrective action plan.

18.3.1 If Business Associate does not complete a Final PIR within the ten (10) working day timeframe, Business Associate shall request approval from DHCS within the ten (10) working day timeframe of a new submission timeframe for the Final PIR.

18.4 Notification of Individuals. If the cause of a breach is attributable to Business Associate or its agents, Business Associate shall notify individuals accordingly and shall pay all costs of such notifications, as well as all costs associated with the breach. The notifications shall comply with applicable federal and state law. DHCS shall approve the time, manner and content of any such notifications and their review and approval must be obtained before the notifications are made.

18.5 Responsibility for Reporting of Breaches to Entities Other than DHCS. If the cause of a breach of PHI is attributable to Business Associate or its subcontractors, Business Associate is responsible for all required reporting of the breach as required by applicable federal and state law.

18.6 DHCS Contact Information. To direct communications to the above referenced DHCS staff, the Contractor shall initiate contact as indicated here. DHCS reserves the right to make changes to the contact information below by giving written notice to Business Associate. These changes shall not require an amendment to this Agreement.

DHCS Program Contract Manager	DHCS Privacy Office	DHCS Information Security Office
See the Scope of Work exhibit for Program Contract Manager information. If this Business Associate Agreement is not attached as an exhibit to a contract, contact the DHCS signatory to this Agreement.	Privacy Office c/o: Office of HIPAA Compliance Department of Health Care Services P.O. Box 997413, MS 4722 Sacramento, CA 95899-7413 Email: incidents@dhcs.ca.gov Telephone: (916) 445-4646	Information Security Office DHCS Information Security Office P.O. Box 997413, MS 6400 Sacramento, CA 95899-7413 Email: incidents@dhcs.ca.gov

19. Responsibility of DHCS. DHCS agrees to not request the Business Associate to use or disclose PHI in any manner that would not be permissible under HIPAA and/or other applicable federal and/or state law.

20. Audits, Inspection and Enforcement

20.1 From time to time, DHCS may inspect the facilities, systems, books and records of Business Associate to monitor compliance with this Agreement. Business Associate shall promptly remedy any violation of this Agreement and shall certify the same to the DHCS Privacy Officer in writing. Whether or how DHCS exercises this provision shall not in any respect relieve Business Associate of its responsibility to comply with this Agreement.

20.2 If Business Associate is the subject of an audit, compliance review, investigation or any proceeding that is related to the performance of its obligations pursuant to this Agreement, or is the subject of any judicial or administrative proceeding alleging a violation of HIPAA, Business Associate shall promptly notify DHCS unless it is legally prohibited from doing so.

21. Termination

21.1 Termination for Cause. Upon DHCS' knowledge of a violation of this Agreement by Business Associate, DHCS may in its discretion:

21.1.1 Provide an opportunity for Business Associate to cure the violation and terminate this Agreement if Business Associate does not do so within the time specified by DHCS; or

21.1.2 Terminate this Agreement if Business Associate has violated a material term of this Agreement.

21.2 Judicial or Administrative Proceedings. DHCS may terminate this Agreement if Business Associate is found to have violated HIPAA, or stipulates or consents to any such conclusion, in any judicial or administrative proceeding.

22. Miscellaneous Provisions

22.1 Disclaimer. DHCS makes no warranty or representation that compliance by Business Associate with this Agreement will satisfy Business Associate's business needs or compliance obligations. Business Associate is solely responsible for all decisions made by Business Associate regarding the safeguarding of PHI and other confidential information.

22.2. Amendment.

22.2.1 Any provision of this Agreement which is in conflict with current or future applicable Federal or State laws is hereby amended to conform to the provisions of those laws. Such amendment of this Agreement shall be effective on the effective date of the laws necessitating it, and shall be binding on the parties even though such amendment may not have been reduced to writing and formally agreed upon and executed by the parties.

22.2.2 Failure by Business Associate to take necessary actions required by amendments to this Agreement under Section 22.2.1 shall constitute a material violation of this Agreement.

22.3 Assistance in Litigation or Administrative Proceedings. Business Associate shall make itself and its employees and agents available to DHCS at no cost to DHCS to testify as witnesses, or otherwise, in the event of litigation or administrative proceedings being commenced against DHCS, its directors, officers and/or employees based upon claimed violation of HIPAA, which involve inactions or actions by the Business Associate.

22.4 No Third-Party Beneficiaries. Nothing in this Agreement is intended to or shall confer, upon any third person any rights or remedies whatsoever.

22.5 Interpretation. The terms and conditions in this Agreement shall be interpreted as broadly as necessary to implement and comply with HIPAA and other applicable laws.

22.6 No Waiver of Obligations. No change, waiver or discharge of any liability or obligation hereunder on any one or more occasions shall be deemed a waiver of performance of any continuing or other obligation, or shall prohibit enforcement of any obligation, on any other occasion.