

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



**ITEM: 3.28  
(ID # 18823)**

**MEETING DATE:**  
Tuesday, April 26, 2022

**FROM :** HUMAN RESOURCES:

**SUBJECT:** HUMAN RESOURCES: Approve the Service Agreement with Health Management Systems, Inc. for Exclusive Care Third Party Liability (TPL) Recovery Services for five (5) years with the option to renew for one additional five-year period; All Districts. [\$1,000,000, 100% Recovered Funds from Exclusive Care Premiums]

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the Service Agreement with Health Management Systems, Inc. for Exclusive Care Third Party Liability (TPL) Recovery Services for a total aggregate amount up to \$500,000 for five (5) years through December 31, 2026 with the option to renew for one additional five-year period for an additional \$500,000, totaling up to \$1,000,000 through December 31, 2031; and
2. Authorize the Chair of the Board to sign three (3) copies of the Agreement, and the Clerk to retain one and return two to Human Resources for distribution; and
3. Authorize the Purchasing Agent, in accordance with Ordinance No. 459, based on the availability of fiscal funding, and approved as to form by County Counsel to: Sign amendments that exercise the options of the agreement including modifications of the statement of work that stay within the intent of the Agreement.

**ACTION:**



Brenda Diederichs, Assistant CEO / Human Resources Director 4/15/2022

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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

On motion of Supervisor Spiegel seconded by Supervisor Jeffries and duly carried, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Jeffries, Spiegel, Perez, and Hewitt  
Nays: None  
Absent: Washington  
Date: April 26, 2022  
xc: HR

Kecia R. Harper  
Clerk of the Board

By:   
Deputy

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<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>	<b>Current Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Next Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Total Cost:</b>	<b>Ongoing Cost</b>
<b>COST</b>	\$ 50,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$
<b>NET COUNTY COST</b>	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$
<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS:</b> Exclusive Care member premiums			<b>Budget Adjustment:</b> No	
			<b>For Fiscal Year:</b> 2022/2032	

**C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:** Approve

**BACKGROUND:**

**Summary**

In 1999, the Board of Supervisors established the County's self-funded Exclusive Provider Option (EPO) health plan, Exclusive Care, to provide a value health plan option to the employees of Riverside County and their families.

In order to protect the overall plan integrity for all members, the health plan contains a number of financial controls. One of these measures is Third Party Liability (TPL) recovery which provides recovery of benefits paid if the insured receives reimbursement for the same injury or illness from a third party.

On September 13, 2011 (Agenda Item 3.64), the Board approved an agreement with Health Management Systems, Inc. (HMS) to perform TPL recovery services on a contingent fee basis. Performing recovery work on a contingent fee guarantees a return on investment for the County. HMS is only paid a small fixed monthly fee and a percentage of the recovery returned to the County.

**Prev. Agn. Ref.:** 09/13/11 3.64; 09/24/13 3.39; 08/18/15 3.37

**Impact on Residents and Businesses**

There is no expected impact on residents or businesses as these services simply ensure liability is distributed to the rightful parties, and any net recoveries are applied towards reducing member premiums.

**Additional Fiscal Information**

These services result in net revenue to the County.

Since 2011, HMS has recovered nearly \$1.5 million in revenue for the Exclusive Care plan. These gains occur sporadically, with recovered amounts ranging from as little as \$20,000 in some years and up to \$550,000 in others.

The County will pay HMS a fixed fee of \$1,400 per month plus 25% of the recovered amounts for these recovery services. Total annual costs are estimated to range from \$20,000 to



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\$150,000 annually depending on amounts recovered. Total net revenue to the Exclusive Care plan is estimated at \$9,600 to \$400,000 annually.

Due to the sporadic nature of recoveries and the associated fees as a percentage of the recovered amounts, this contract is being set for \$100,000 per year for five years, with option to renew an additional five years, for a total contract value of \$1,000,000 over ten years. Expenditure of the full contract amount would result in net revenues of \$2,496,000 to Exclusive Care.

**Contract History and Price Reasonableness**

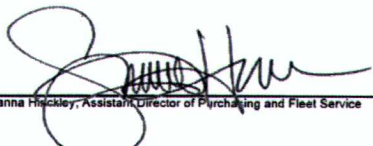
County Purchasing on behalf of Exclusive Care, released a Request for Proposal (RFP #HRARC-039) in late 2010 for TPL recovery services, mailing solicitations to four vendors and advertising on the County's internet site. Health Management Systems, Inc. was selected with a fully contingent fee of 25% of any recoveries, which is the industry standard. The agreement was subsequently renewed through 2021.

The Purchasing Department on behalf of the Human Resources Department issued Request for Proposal (RFP) #HRARC-089 on October 20, 2021. The notification was sent to ten vendors and advertised publicly on the Purchasing website RivcoPRO portal. Two responses to the solicitation were received. On December 21, 2021 a Request for Clarification and Best and Final Offer was issued. The second bidder ended up responding that the subrogation type work is out of their scope and they represent hospitals and healthcare providers and representing a health plan might present a conflict. HMS responded, clarifying their response and lowering their initial proposal by \$100 a month.

The County finds the 25% contingency and \$1,400 monthly fixed fee reasonable considering when the County expanded its health plan offerings to include those from CalPERS in 2020 it resulted in a decrease in membership and potential recoveries.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

**Attachment A**      Service Agreement HMS TPL

  
Suzanna Hackley, Assistant Director of Purchasing and Fleet Service

4/13/2022

  
Cynthia M. Gurzel, Chief Deputy County Counsel

4/13/2022

**SERVICE AGREEMENT**  
**for**  
**EXCLUSIVE CARE**  
**THIRD PARTY LIABILITY (TPL) RECOVERY SERVICES**  
**between**  
**COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE**  
**and**  
**HEALTH MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS, INC.**



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This Service Agreement is made and entered into this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2022 by and between **Health Management Systems, Inc., a New York corporation**, (herein referred to as "CONTRACTOR"), and the COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, a political subdivision of the State of California, (herein referred to as "COUNTY"). COUNTY and CONTRACTOR are collectively referred to herein as the "Parties", and individually as the "Party". The Parties agree as follows:

**1. Description of Services**

**1.1** CONTRACTOR shall provide all services as outlined and specified in Exhibit A, Scope of Work, at the prices stated in Exhibit B, Payment Provisions, in accordance with Attachment I, HIPAA Business Associate Agreement.

**1.2** CONTRACTOR represents that it has the skills, experience, and knowledge necessary to perform under this Agreement and the COUNTY relies upon this representation. CONTRACTOR shall perform to the satisfaction of the COUNTY and in conformance to and consistent with the highest standards of firms/professionals in the same discipline in the State of California.

**1.3** CONTRACTOR affirms that it is fully apprised of all of the work to be performed under this Agreement; and the CONTRACTOR agrees it can properly perform this work at the prices stated in Exhibit B. CONTRACTOR is not to perform services or provide products outside of the Agreement.

**1.4** Acceptance by the COUNTY of the CONTRACTOR's performance under this Agreement does not operate as a release of CONTRACTOR's responsibility for full compliance with the terms of this Agreement.

**2. Period of Performance**

**2.1** This Agreement shall be effective upon signature of this Agreement by both Parties and continues in effect through **December 31, 2026**, unless terminated earlier, with the option to renew for one additional five-year period through December 31, 2031. The County also reserves the right to exercise an option to temporarily extend the Agreement term for up to one hundred eighty (180) calendar days, for any reason.

**2.2** CONTRACTOR shall commence performance upon signature of this Agreement by both Parties and shall diligently and continuously perform thereafter. The Riverside County Board of Supervisors is the only authority that may obligate the County for a non-cancelable multi-year agreement.

**3. Compensation**

**3.1** The COUNTY shall pay the CONTRACTOR for services performed, products provided and expenses incurred in accordance with the terms of Exhibit B, Payment Provisions. Maximum payments by COUNTY to CONTRACTOR shall not exceed **an aggregate amount of \$500,000 for five years** including all expenses. The COUNTY is not responsible for any fees or costs incurred above or beyond the contracted



amount and shall have no obligation to purchase any specified amount of services or products. Unless otherwise specifically stated in Exhibit B, COUNTY shall not be responsible for payment of any of CONTRACTOR's expenses related to this Agreement.

**3.2** No price increases will be permitted during the first year of this Agreement. All price decreases (for example, if CONTRACTOR offers lower prices to another similarly situated governmental entity in California) will automatically be extended to the COUNTY. The COUNTY requires written proof satisfactory to COUNTY of cost increases prior to any approved price adjustment. After the first year of the award, a minimum of 30-days advance notice in writing is required to be considered and approved by COUNTY. No retroactive price adjustments will be considered. Any price increases must be stated in a written amendment to this Agreement. The net dollar amount of profit will remain firm during the period of the Agreement. Annual increases shall not exceed the **percentage change in Consumer Price Index- All Consumers, All Items - Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario, CA for the immediately preceding twelve (12) month period January through January** and be subject to satisfactory performance review by the COUNTY and approved (if needed) for budget funding by the Board of Supervisors.

**3.3** CONTRACTOR shall be paid only in accordance with an invoice submitted to COUNTY by CONTRACTOR within fifteen (15) days from the last day of each calendar month, and COUNTY shall pay the invoice thirty (30) calendar days from the invoice date. Payment shall be made to CONTRACTOR only after services have been rendered or delivery of materials or products, and acceptance has been made by COUNTY (with such acceptance not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed), unless otherwise stated in Exhibit B, Payment Provisions. Prepare invoices in duplicate. For this Agreement, send the original and duplicate copies of invoices to:

**Riverside County Human Resources**  
**4080 Lemon Street 7<sup>th</sup> Floor**  
**Riverside, CA 92501**  
[HRFinance@rivco.org](mailto:HRFinance@rivco.org)

- a) Each invoice shall contain a minimum of the following information: invoice number and date; remittance address; bill-to and ship-to addresses of ordering department/division; Agreement number (**HRARC-91840-003-12/26**); quantities; item descriptions, unit prices, extensions, sales/use tax if applicable, and an invoice total.
- b) Invoices shall be rendered monthly in arrears, unless otherwise stated in Exhibit B.

**3.4** The COUNTY obligation for payment of this Agreement beyond the current fiscal year end is contingent upon and limited by the availability of COUNTY funding from which payment can be made. In the State of California, Government agencies are not allowed to pay excess interest and late charges, per Government Code, section 926.10. No legal liability on the part of the COUNTY shall arise for payment beyond June 30 of each calendar year unless funds are made available for such payment. In the event that



such funds are not forthcoming for any reason, COUNTY shall immediately notify CONTRACTOR in writing; and this Agreement shall be deemed terminated, have no further force, and effect.

**4. Alteration or Changes to the Agreement**

**4.1** The Board of Supervisors and the COUNTY Purchasing Agent and/or his or her designee is the only authorized COUNTY representatives who may at any time, by written order, alter this Agreement. If any such alteration causes an increase or decrease in the cost of, or the time required for the performance under this Agreement, an equitable adjustment shall be made in the Agreement price or delivery schedule, or both, and the Agreement shall be modified by written amendment accordingly.

**4.2** Any claim by the CONTRACTOR for additional payment related to this Agreement shall be made in writing by the CONTRACTOR within 30 days of when the CONTRACTOR has or should have notice of any actual or claimed change in the work, which results in additional and unanticipated cost to the CONTRACTOR. If the COUNTY Purchasing Agent decides that the facts provide sufficient justification, the COUNTY Purchasing Agent may authorize additional payment to the CONTRACTOR pursuant to the claim. Nothing in this section shall excuse the CONTRACTOR from proceeding with performance of this Agreement even if there has been a change.

**5. Termination**

**5.1.** COUNTY may terminate this Agreement without cause upon thirty (30) days written notice served upon the CONTRACTOR stating the extent and effective date of termination.

**5.2** CONTRACTOR may, after the first year of this Agreement and upon ninety (90) days written notice to the COUNTY terminate this Agreement due to documented additional and unanticipated cost to the CONTRACTOR if COUNTY Purchasing Agent and CONTRACTOR are unable to agree upon an equitable adjustment.

**5.3** COUNTY may, upon five (5) days written notice terminate this Agreement for CONTRACTOR's default, if CONTRACTOR refuses or fails to comply with the terms of this Agreement or fails to make progress that may endanger performance and does not immediately cure such failure within fifteen (15) business days after receipt of such notice. In the event of such termination, the COUNTY may proceed with the work in any manner deemed proper by COUNTY.

**5.4** After receipt of the notice of termination, CONTRACTOR shall:

- (a) Continue with the work in good faith until the date specified in the notice of termination and then stop all work under the Agreement; and
- (b) Transfer to COUNTY and deliver in the manner as directed by COUNTY any materials, reports, or other products which, if the Agreement had been completed or continued, would have been required to be furnished to COUNTY.



- 5.5** If notice of termination includes a transition close-out period, CONTRACTOR shall:
- (a) Continue delivering services in all geographic areas currently served in Riverside County until notified otherwise; and
  - (b) Assist the County in the orderly transition and transfer of all collaborations and committees to the County and subsequent Contractor(s); and
  - (c) Return, in a timely manner, all County files and information deemed necessary by the County for use in subsequent contracting activities without additional cost to the County or the new Contractor(s); and
  - (d) Reasonably cooperate with the County during a transition close-out period to ensure orderly and seamless delivery of services.

**5.6** After termination, COUNTY shall make payment only for CONTRACTOR's performance up to the date of termination in accordance with this Agreement.

**5.7** CONTRACTOR's rights under this Agreement shall terminate (except for fees accrued prior to the date of termination) upon dishonesty or a willful or material breach of this Agreement by CONTRACTOR; or in the event of CONTRACTOR's unwillingness or inability for any reason whatsoever to perform the terms of this Agreement. In such event, CONTRACTOR shall not be entitled to any further compensation under this Agreement.

**5.8** If the Agreement is federally or State funded, CONTRACTOR cannot be debarred from the System for Award Management (SAM). CONTRACTOR must notify the COUNTY immediately of a debarment. Reference: System for Award Management (SAM) at <https://www.sam.gov> for Central Contractor Registry (CCR), Federal Agency Registration (FedReg), Online Representations and Certifications Application (ORCA), and Excluded Parties List System (EPLS) (<http://www.epls.gov>) (Executive Order 12549, 7 CFR Part 3017, 45 CFR Part 76, and 44 CFR Part 17). The System for Award Management (SAM) is the Official U.S. Government system that consolidated the capabilities of CCR/FedReg, ORCA, and EPLS.

**5.9** The rights and remedies of COUNTY provided in this section shall not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or this Agreement.

## **6. Ownership/Use of Contract Deliverables**

The CONTRACTOR agrees that all items tangible or intangible produced by CONTRACTOR for which CONTRACTOR has been compensated by COUNTY pursuant to this Agreement and in performance of the services specified in Exhibit A ("Deliverables") shall be the sole property of the COUNTY. The Deliverables exclude pre-existing CONTRACTOR intellectual property. The Deliverables may be used by the COUNTY for any purpose that the COUNTY deems to be appropriate, including, but not limit to,



duplication and/or distribution within the COUNTY or to third Parties. CONTRACTOR agrees not to release or circulate in whole or part such Deliverables without prior written authorization of the COUNTY.

**7. Conduct of Contractor**

**7.1** The CONTRACTOR covenants that it presently has no interest, including, but not limited to, other projects or contracts, and shall not acquire any such interest, direct or indirect, which would conflict in any manner or degree with CONTRACTOR's performance under this Agreement. The CONTRACTOR further covenants that no person or subcontractor having any such interest shall be employed or retained by CONTRACTOR under this Agreement. The CONTRACTOR agrees to inform the COUNTY of all the CONTRACTOR's interests, if any, which are or may be perceived as incompatible with the COUNTY's interests.

**7.2** The CONTRACTOR shall not, under circumstances which could be interpreted as an attempt to influence the recipient in the conduct of his/her duties, accept any gratuity or special favor from individuals or firms with whom the CONTRACTOR is doing business or proposing to do business, in accomplishing the work under this Agreement.

**7.3** The CONTRACTOR or its employees shall not offer gifts, gratuity, favors, and entertainment directly or indirectly to COUNTY employees.

**8. Inspection of Service; Quality Control/Assurance**

**8.1** All performance (which includes services, workmanship, materials, supplies and equipment furnished or utilized in the performance of this Agreement) shall be subject to inspection and test by the COUNTY or other regulatory agencies at all times. The CONTRACTOR shall provide adequate cooperation to any inspector or other COUNTY representative to permit him/her to determine the CONTRACTOR's conformity with the terms of this Agreement. If any services performed by CONTRACTOR are not materially in conformance with the terms of this Agreement, the COUNTY shall have the right to require the CONTRACTOR to re-perform the services in conformance with the terms of the Agreement at no additional cost to the COUNTY. When the services performed cannot be corrected, the COUNTY shall have the right to: (1) require the CONTRACTOR promptly take all necessary steps to ensure future performance in conformity with the terms of the Agreement; and/or (2) reduce the Agreement price to reflect the reduced value of the services performed. If CONTRACTOR fails to promptly remedy a material defect or to take the necessary action to ensure future performance in conformity with the terms of the Agreement, the COUNTY may terminate this Agreement for default and charge to CONTRACTOR costs incurred by the COUNTY because of the CONTRACTOR's failure to perform.

**8.2** CONTRACTOR shall establish adequate procedures for self-monitoring and quality control and assurance to ensure proper performance under this Agreement; and shall permit a COUNTY



representative or other regulatory official to monitor, assess, or evaluate CONTRACTOR's performance under this Agreement at any time, upon reasonable notice to the CONTRACTOR.

**9. Independent Contractor/Employment Eligibility**

**9.1** The CONTRACTOR is, for purposes relating to this Agreement, an independent contractor and shall not be deemed an employee of the COUNTY. It is expressly understood and agreed that the CONTRACTOR (including its employees, agents, and subcontractors) shall in no event be entitled to any benefits to which COUNTY employees are entitled, including but not limited to overtime, any retirement benefits, worker's compensation benefits, and injury leave or other leave benefits. There shall be no employer-employee relationship between the Parties; and CONTRACTOR shall hold COUNTY harmless from any and all claims that may be made against COUNTY based upon any contention by a third-party that an employer-employee relationship exists by reason of this Agreement. It is further understood and agreed by the Parties that CONTRACTOR in the performance of this Agreement is subject to the control or direction of COUNTY merely as to the results to be accomplished and not as to the means and methods for accomplishing the results.

**9.2** CONTRACTOR warrants that it shall make its best effort to fully comply with all federal and state statutes and regulations regarding the employment of aliens and others and to ensure that employees performing work under this Agreement meet the citizenship or alien status requirement set forth in federal statutes and regulations. CONTRACTOR shall obtain, from all employees performing work hereunder, all verification and other documentation of employment eligibility status required by federal or state statutes and regulations including, but not limited to, the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, 8 U.S.C. §1324 et seq., as they currently exist and as they may be hereafter amended. CONTRACTOR shall retain all such documentation for all Covered Individuals, for the period prescribed by the law. "Covered Individuals" are CONTRACTOR's employees performing work under this Agreement.

**9.3** Ineligible Person shall be any individual or entity who: Is currently excluded, suspended, debarred or otherwise ineligible to participate in the federal health care programs; or has been convicted of a criminal offense related to the provision of health care items or services and has not been reinstated in the federal health care programs after a period of exclusion, suspension, debarment, or ineligibility.

**9.4** CONTRACTOR shall screen prospective Covered Individuals prior to hire or engagement. CONTRACTOR shall not hire or engage any Ineligible Person to provide services directly relative to this Agreement. CONTRACTOR shall screen all current Covered Individuals within sixty (60) days of execution of this Agreement to ensure that they have not become Ineligible Persons unless CONTRACTOR has performed such screening on same Covered Individuals under a separate agreement with COUNTY within the past six (6) months. Covered Individuals shall be required to disclose to CONTRACTOR immediately any debarment, exclusion or other event that makes the Covered Individual an Ineligible Person.



CONTRACTOR shall notify COUNTY within five (5) business days after it becomes aware if a Covered Individual providing services directly relative to this Agreement becomes debarred, excluded or otherwise becomes an Ineligible Person.

**9.5** CONTRACTOR acknowledges that Ineligible Persons are precluded from providing federal and state funded health care services by contract with COUNTY in the event that they are currently sanctioned or excluded by a federal or state law enforcement regulatory or licensing agency. If CONTRACTOR becomes aware that a Covered Individual has become an Ineligible Person, CONTRACTOR shall remove such individual from responsibility for, or involvement with, COUNTY business operations related to this Agreement.

**9.6** CONTRACTOR shall notify COUNTY within five (5) business days if a Covered Individual or entity is currently excluded, suspended or debarred, or is identified as such after being sanction screened. Such individual or entity shall be promptly removed from participating in any activity associated with this Agreement.

**10. Subcontract for Work or Services**

No contract shall be made by the CONTRACTOR with any other party for furnishing any of the work or services under this Agreement without the prior written approval of the COUNTY; but this provision shall not require the approval of contracts of employment between the CONTRACTOR and personnel assigned under this Agreement, or for Parties named in the proposal and agreed to under this Agreement.

**11. Disputes**

**11.1** The Parties shall attempt to resolve any disputes amicably at the working level. If that is not successful, the dispute shall be referred to the senior management of the Parties. Any dispute relating to this Agreement, which is not resolved by the Parties, shall be decided by the COUNTY's Purchasing Department's Compliance Contract Officer who shall furnish the decision in writing. The decision of the COUNTY's Compliance Contract Officer shall be final and conclusive unless determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to have been fraudulent, capricious, arbitrary, or so grossly erroneous to imply bad faith. The CONTRACTOR shall proceed diligently with the performance of this Agreement pending the resolution of a dispute.

**11.2** Prior to the filing of any legal action related to this Agreement, the Parties shall be obligated to attend a mediation session in Riverside County before a neutral third-party mediator. A second mediation session shall be required if the first session is not successful. The Parties shall equally share the cost of the mediations.



**12. Licensing and Permits**

CONTRACTOR shall comply with all State or other licensing requirements, including but not limited to Penal Code section 11102.1, and any applicable provisions of the Business and Professions Code. All licensing requirements shall be met at the time proposals are submitted to the COUNTY. CONTRACTOR warrants that it has all necessary permits, approvals, certificates, waivers and exemptions necessary for performance of this Agreement as required by the laws and regulations of the United States, the State of California, the County of Riverside and all other governmental agencies with jurisdiction, and shall maintain these throughout the term of this Agreement.

**13. Use by Other Political Entities**

The CONTRACTOR agrees to extend the same pricing, terms, and conditions as stated in this Agreement to each and every political entity, special district, and related non-profit entity in California. It is understood that other entities shall make purchases in their own name, make direct payment, and be liable directly to the CONTRACTOR; and COUNTY shall in no way be responsible to CONTRACTOR for other entities' purchases.

**14. Non-Discrimination**

CONTRACTOR shall not discriminate in the provision of services, allocation of benefits, accommodation in facilities, or employment of personnel on the basis of ethnic group identification, race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical handicap, medical condition, marital status or sex in the performance of this Agreement; and, to the extent they shall be found to be applicable hereto, shall comply with the provisions of the California Fair Employment and Housing Act (Gov. Code 12900 et. seq), the Federal Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352), the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. §1210 et seq.) and all other applicable laws or regulations.

**15. Records and Documents**

CONTRACTOR shall make available, upon written request by any duly authorized Federal, State, or COUNTY agency, a copy of this Agreement and such books, documents and records as are necessary to certify the nature and extent of the CONTRACTOR's costs related to this Agreement. All such books, documents and records shall be maintained by CONTRACTOR for at least five years following termination of this Agreement and be available for audit by the COUNTY. CONTRACTOR shall provide to the COUNTY reports and information related to this Agreement as requested by COUNTY.

**16. Confidentiality**

**16.1** The CONTRACTOR shall not use for personal gain or make other improper use of privileged or confidential information which is acquired in connection with this Agreement. The term "privileged or confidential information" includes but is not limited to: unpublished or sensitive technological or scientific



information; medical, personnel, or security records; anticipated material requirements or pricing/purchasing actions; COUNTY information or data which is not subject to public disclosure; COUNTY operational procedures; and knowledge of selection of contractors, subcontractors or suppliers in advance of official announcement.

**16.2** The CONTRACTOR shall protect from unauthorized disclosure names and other identifying information concerning persons receiving services pursuant to this Agreement, except for general statistical information not identifying any person. The CONTRACTOR shall not use such information for any purpose other than carrying out the CONTRACTOR's obligations under this Agreement. The CONTRACTOR shall promptly transmit to the COUNTY all third-party requests for disclosure of such information. The CONTRACTOR shall not disclose, except as otherwise specifically permitted by this Agreement or authorized in advance in writing by the COUNTY, any such information to anyone other than the COUNTY. For purposes of this paragraph, identity shall include, but not be limited to, name, identifying number, symbol, or other identifying particulars assigned to the individual, such as finger or voice print or a photograph.

**16.3** The CONTRACTOR is subject to and shall operate in compliance with all relevant requirements contained in the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), Public Law 104-191, enacted August 21, 1996, and the related laws and regulations promulgated subsequent thereto. Please refer to Attachment I of this Agreement.

**17. Administration/Contract Liaison**

The COUNTY Purchasing Agent, or designee, shall administer this Agreement on behalf of the COUNTY. The Purchasing Department is to serve as the liaison with CONTRACTOR in connection with this Agreement.

**18. Notices**

All correspondence and notices required or contemplated by this Agreement shall be delivered to the respective Parties at the addresses set forth below and are deemed submitted two days after their deposit in the United States mail, postage prepaid:

**COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE**

**Riverside County Human Resources  
4080 Lemon Street 7<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Riverside, CA 92501  
Attn: HR Finance  
Email: [HRFinance@rivco.org](mailto:HRFinance@rivco.org)**

**CONTRACTOR**

**Health Management Systems, Inc.  
5615 High Point Drive  
Irving, TX 75038  
Attn: Krista Foster  
Email: [krista.foster@gainwelltechnologies.com](mailto:krista.foster@gainwelltechnologies.com)  
With copy to:  
Attn: Legal Department  
Email: [legal@gainwelltechnologies.com](mailto:legal@gainwelltechnologies.com)**



**19. Force Majeure**

If either Party is unable to comply with any provision of this Agreement due to causes beyond its reasonable control, and which could not have been reasonably anticipated, such as acts of God, acts of war, civil disorders, or other similar acts, such Party shall not be held liable for such failure to comply.

**20. EDD Reporting Requirements**

In order to comply with child support enforcement requirements of the State of California, the COUNTY may be required to submit a Report of Independent Contractor(s) form **DE 542** to the Employment Development Department. The CONTRACTOR agrees to furnish the required data and certifications to the COUNTY within 10 days of notification of award of Agreement when required by the EDD. This data will be transmitted to governmental agencies charged with the establishment and enforcement of child support orders. Failure of the CONTRACTOR to timely submit the data and/or certificates required may result in the contract being awarded to another contractor. In the event a contract has been issued, failure of the CONTRACTOR to comply with all federal and state reporting requirements for child support enforcement or to comply with all lawfully served Wage and Earnings Assignments Orders and Notices of Assignment shall constitute a material breach of Agreement. If CONTRACTOR has any questions concerning this reporting requirement, please call (916) 657-0529. CONTRACTOR should also contact its local Employment Tax Customer Service Office listed in the telephone directory in the State Government section under "Employment Development Department" or access their Internet site at [www.edd.ca.gov](http://www.edd.ca.gov).

**21. Hold Harmless/Indemnification**

**21.1** CONTRACTOR shall indemnify and hold harmless the County of Riverside, its Agencies, Districts, Special Districts and Departments, their respective directors, officers, Board of Supervisors, elected and appointed officials, employees, agents and representatives (individually and collectively hereinafter referred to as Indemnitees) from any liability whatsoever by a third party, based or asserted upon any services of CONTRACTOR, its officers, employees, subcontractors, agents or representatives (individually and collectively hereinafter referred to as Indemnitors) arising out of or in any way relating to performance of this Agreement by Indemnitors, including but not limited to property damage, bodily injury, or death, or any other element of any kind or nature. CONTRACTOR shall defend, at its sole expense, all costs and fees including, but not limited, to attorney fees, cost of investigation, defense and settlements or awards, the Indemnitees in any claim or action based upon such alleged acts or omissions.

**21.2** With respect to any action or claim subject to indemnification herein by CONTRACTOR, CONTRACTOR shall, at its sole cost, have the right to use counsel of its own choice and shall have the right to adjust, settle, or compromise any such action or claim without the prior consent of COUNTY; provided, however, that any such adjustment, settlement or compromise in no manner whatsoever limits or



circumscribes CONTRACTOR's indemnification to Indemnitees as set forth herein. COUNTY shall cooperate in the defense and settlement of any claims, including mitigation efforts.

**21.3** CONTRACTOR's obligation hereunder shall be satisfied when CONTRACTOR has provided to COUNTY the appropriate form of dismissal relieving COUNTY from any liability for the action or claim involved.

**21.4** The specified insurance limits required in this Agreement shall in no way limit or circumscribe CONTRACTOR'S obligations to indemnify and hold harmless the Indemnitees herein from third party claims.

**21.5** In the event there is conflict between this clause and California Civil Code Section 2782, this clause shall be interpreted to comply with Civil Code 2782. Such interpretation shall not relieve the CONTRACTOR from indemnifying the Indemnitees to the fullest extent allowed by law.

## **22. Insurance**

**22.1** Without limiting or diminishing the CONTRACTOR'S obligation to indemnify or hold the COUNTY harmless, CONTRACTOR shall procure and maintain or cause to be maintained, at its sole cost and expense, the following insurance coverages during the term of this Agreement. As respects to the insurance section only, the COUNTY herein refers to the County of Riverside, its Agencies, Districts, Special Districts and Departments, their respective directors, officers, Board of Supervisors, employees, elected or appointed officials, agents, or representatives as Additional Insureds.

**A. Workers' Compensation:** If the CONTRACTOR has employees as defined by the State of California, the CONTRACTOR shall maintain statutory Workers' Compensation Insurance (Coverage A) as prescribed by the laws of the State of California. Policy shall include Employers' Liability (Coverage B) including Occupational Disease with limits not less than \$1,000,000 per person per accident. The policy shall be endorsed to waive subrogation in favor of The County of Riverside.

**B. Commercial General Liability:** Commercial General Liability insurance coverage, including but not limited to, premises liability, unmodified contractual liability, products and completed operations liability, personal and advertising injury, and cross liability coverage, covering claims which may arise from or out of CONTRACTOR'S performance of its obligations hereunder. Policy shall name the COUNTY as Additional Insured. Policy's limit of liability shall not be less than \$2,000,000 per occurrence combined single limit. If such insurance contains a general aggregate limit, it shall apply separately to this agreement or be no less than two (2) times the occurrence limit.

**C. Vehicle Liability:** If vehicles or mobile equipment are used in the performance of the obligations under this Agreement, then CONTRACTOR shall maintain liability insurance for all owned, non-owned, or hired vehicles so used in an amount not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence combined single limit. If such insurance



contains a general aggregate limit, it shall apply separately to this agreement or be no less than two (2) times the occurrence limit. Policy shall name the COUNTY as Additional Insureds.

**D. Cyber Liability:** Contractor shall procure and maintain for the duration of the contract insurance against claims for injuries to person or damages to property which may arise from or in connection with the performance of the work hereunder by the Contractor, its agents, representatives, or employees. Contractor shall procure and maintain for the duration of the contract insurance for claims arising out of their services including, but not limited to loss, damage, theft or other misuse of data, infringement of intellectual property, invasion of privacy and breach of data. Contractor shall procure and maintain for the duration of the contract Cyber Liability Insurance, with limits not less than \$2,000,000 per occurrence or claim, \$2,000,000 aggregate. Coverage shall be sufficiently broad to respond to the duties and obligations as is undertaken by Contractor in this agreement and shall include, but not limited to, claims involving infringement of intellectual property, including but not limited to infringement of copyright, trademark, trade dress, invasion of privacy violations, information theft, damage to or destruction of electronic information, release of private information, alteration of electronic information, extortion and network security. The policy shall provide coverage for breach response costs as well as regulatory fines and penalties as well as credit monitoring expenses with limits sufficient to respond to these obligations. If the Contractor maintains broader coverage and/or higher limits than the minimums shown above, the County requires and shall be entitled to the broader coverage and/or higher limits maintained by the Contractor. Any available insurance proceeds in excess of the specified minimum limits of insurance and coverage shall be available to the County. Policy shall name the COUNTY as Additional Insureds.

**E. General Insurance Provisions - All lines:**

1) Any insurance carrier providing insurance coverage hereunder shall be admitted to the State of California and have an A M BEST rating of not less than A: VIII (A:8) unless such requirements are waived, in writing, by the County Risk Manager. If the County's Risk Manager waives a requirement for a particular insurer such waiver is only valid for that specific insurer and only for one policy term.

2) The CONTRACTOR must declare its insurance self-insured retention for each coverage required herein. If any such self-insured retention exceeds \$500,000 per occurrence each such retention shall have the prior written consent of the County Risk Manager before the commencement of operations under this Agreement. Upon notification of self-insured retention unacceptable to the COUNTY, and at the election of the County's Risk Manager, CONTRACTOR'S carriers shall either; 1) reduce or eliminate such self-insured retention as respects this Agreement with the COUNTY, or 2) procure a bond which guarantees payment of losses and related investigations, claims administration, and defense costs and expenses.



3) CONTRACTOR shall cause CONTRACTOR'S insurance carrier(s) to furnish the County of Riverside with either 1) a properly executed original Certificate(s) of Insurance and certified original copies of Endorsements effecting coverage as required herein, and 2) if requested to do so orally or in writing by the County Risk Manager, provide original Certified copies of policies including all Endorsements and all attachments thereto, showing such insurance is in full force and effect. Further, said Certificate(s) and policies of insurance shall contain the covenant of the insurance carrier(s) that thirty (30) days written notice shall be given to the County of Riverside prior to any material modification, cancellation, expiration or reduction in coverage of such insurance. If CONTRACTOR'S insurance carrier(s) policy(ies) does(do) not meet the minimum notice requirement found herein, CONTRACTOR shall cause CONTRACTOR'S insurance carrier(s) to furnish a 30 day Notice of Cancellation Endorsement.

4) In the event of a material modification, cancellation, expiration, or reduction in coverage, this Agreement shall terminate forthwith, unless the County of Riverside receives, prior to such effective date, another properly executed original Certificate of Insurance and original copies of endorsements or certified original policies, including all endorsements and attachments thereto evidencing coverages set forth herein and the insurance required herein is in full force and effect. CONTRACTOR shall not commence operations until the COUNTY has been furnished original Certificate(s) of Insurance and certified original copies of endorsements and if requested, certified original policies of insurance including all endorsements and any and all other attachments as required in this Section. An individual authorized by the insurance carrier shall sign the original endorsements for each policy and the Certificate of Insurance.

5) It is understood and agreed to by the Parties hereto that the CONTRACTOR'S insurance shall be construed as primary insurance, and the COUNTY'S insurance and/or deductibles and/or self-insured retentions or self-insured programs shall not be construed as contributory.

6) If, during the term of this Agreement or any extension thereof, there is a material change in the scope of services; or, there is a material change in the equipment to be used in the performance of the scope of work; or, the term of this Agreement, including any extensions thereof, exceeds five (5) years; the COUNTY reserves the right to adjust the types of insurance and the monetary limits of liability required under this Agreement, if in the County Risk Manager's reasonable judgment, the amount or type of insurance carried by the CONTRACTOR has become inadequate.

7) CONTRACTOR shall pass down the insurance obligations contained herein to all tiers of subcontractors working under this Agreement.

8) The insurance requirements contained in this Agreement may be met with (a) program(s) of self-insurance acceptable to the COUNTY.



9) CONTRACTOR agrees to notify COUNTY of any claim by a third-party or any incident or event that may give rise to a claim arising from the performance of this Agreement.

**23. General**

**23.1** CONTRACTOR shall not delegate or assign any interest in this Agreement, whether by operation of law or otherwise, without the prior written consent of COUNTY. Any attempt to delegate or assign any interest herein shall be deemed void and of no force or effect. Except to an affiliate upon written notice by CONTRACTOR to the COUNTY.

**23.2** Any waiver by COUNTY of any breach of any one or more of the terms of this Agreement shall not be construed to be a waiver of any subsequent or other breach of the same or of any other term of this Agreement. Failure on the part of COUNTY to require exact, full, and complete compliance with any terms of this Agreement shall not be construed as in any manner changing the terms or preventing COUNTY from enforcement of the terms of this Agreement.

**23.3** In the event the CONTRACTOR receives payment under this Agreement, which is later disallowed by COUNTY for nonconformance with the terms of the Agreement, the CONTRACTOR shall promptly refund the disallowed amount to the COUNTY on request; or at its option the COUNTY may offset the amount disallowed from any payment due to the CONTRACTOR.

**23.4** CONTRACTOR shall not provide partial delivery or shipment of services or products unless specifically stated in the Agreement.

**23.5** CONTRACTOR shall not provide any services or products subject to any chattel mortgage or under a conditional sales contract or other agreement by which an interest is retained by a third-party. The CONTRACTOR warrants that it has good title to all materials or products used by CONTRACTOR or provided to COUNTY pursuant to this Agreement, free from all liens, claims, or encumbrances.

**23.6** Nothing in this Agreement shall prohibit the COUNTY from acquiring the same type or equivalent equipment, products, materials or services from other sources, when deemed by the COUNTY to be in its best interest. The COUNTY reserves the right to purchase more or less than the quantities specified in this Agreement.

**23.7** The COUNTY agrees to cooperate with the CONTRACTOR in the CONTRACTOR's performance under this Agreement, including, if stated in the Agreement, providing the CONTRACTOR with reasonable facilities and timely access to COUNTY data, information, and personnel.

**23.8** CONTRACTOR shall comply with all applicable Federal, State and local laws and regulations. CONTRACTOR will comply with all applicable COUNTY policies and procedures. In the event that there is a conflict between the various laws or regulations that may apply, the CONTRACTOR shall comply with the more restrictive law or regulation.

**23.9** CONTRACTOR shall comply with all air pollution control, water pollution, safety and health ordinances, statutes, or regulations, which apply to performance under this Agreement.

**23.10** CONTRACTOR shall comply with all requirements of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) standards and codes as set forth by the U.S. Department of Labor and the State of California (Cal/OSHA).

**23.11** This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of California. Any legal action related to the performance or interpretation of this Agreement shall be filed only in the Superior Court of the State of California located in Riverside, California, and the Parties waive any provision of law providing for a change of venue to another location. In the event any provision in 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 without being impaired or invalidated in any way.

**23.12** This Agreement, including any attachments or exhibits, constitutes the entire Agreement of the Parties with respect to its subject matter and supersedes all prior and contemporaneous representations, proposals, discussions and communications, whether oral or in writing. This Agreement may be changed or modified only by a written amendment signed by authorized representatives of both Parties.

[SIGNATURES ON FOLLOWING PAGE]



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused their duly authorized representatives to execute this Agreement.

**COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE**, a political subdivision of the State of California

By: Jeff Hewitt  
Jeff Hewitt, Chair,  
Board of Supervisors

Dated: 5/9/22

**ATTEST:**

Kecia R. Harper  
Clerk of the Board

By: Julie Martinez  
Deputy

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

County Counsel

By: Synthia M. Gunzel  
Synthia M. Gunzel  
Chief Deputy County Counsel

**HEALTH MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS, INC.**, a New York corporation

DocuSigned by:  
Paul Saleh  
Name: Paul Saleh

Title: President and Chief Executive Officer  
Dated: 3/21/2022

and

DocuSigned by:  
Sas Mukherjee  
Name: Sas Mukherjee

Title: CFO  
Dated: 3/21/2022

**CORPORATE SIGNERS:** Pursuant to California Corporations Code Section 313, please provide signature of chairperson of the board, president, or any vice president, and the secretary, any assistant secretary, the chief financial officer, or any assistant treasurer. If providing only one signature, please also provide a resolution or other proof of delegated authority that shows signer can legally bind the corporation.

**USE OF ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES:** This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which will be an original, but all of which together will constitute one instrument. Each Party of this Agreement agrees to the use of electronic or digital signatures that meet the requirements of the California Uniform Electronic Transactions Act ("the Act") Cal. Civ. Code §§ 1633.1-1633.17), for executing this Agreement. The Parties further agree that the electronic or digital signatures of the Parties included in this Agreement are intended to authenticate this writing and to have the same force and effect as manual signatures. The Act authorizes use of an electronic signature for transactions and contracts among Parties in California, including governmental agencies. For purposes of this section, a digital signature is a type of "electronic signature" as defined in subdivision (i) of Section 1633.2 of the Civil Code.





**EXHIBIT A**  
**SCOPE OF WORK**

**1.0 PURPOSE/BACKGROUND**

**1.1** The County of Riverside Purchasing and Fleet Services Department on behalf of the Human Resources Department solicited proposals from qualified health claims third party recovery organizations through RFP #HRARC-089 to provide medical claims Coordination of Benefits (COB) and Third Party Liability (TPL) recovery services for its Exclusive Care Health Plan (Exclusive Care) on behalf of the County.

**1.2** Exclusive Care is a health and welfare benefit plan established and operated by the County of Riverside for County employees and their families and other qualified employer groups. The plan is self-insured and unfunded. In other words, the plan is funded through contributions that are made by its members and participating employer groups, and benefits are paid from plan assets which are maintained by the County.

**1.3** Exclusive Care provides comprehensive health care services through a network of participating hospitals, medical groups, and physicians throughout the County. This network is called an Exclusive Provider Organization (EPO). The plan benefits include extensive coverage to meet members' health care needs such as preventative care, specialty services, hospitalizations, and prescription drugs. Exclusive Care provides most services with low copayments. Members of Exclusive Care receive an identification card that must be presented each time a member receives services.

**1.4** The County also provides other Exclusive Care plan options for Medicare and non-Medicare-eligible County employee retirees, their families, eligible retirees of qualified public employer groups that elect to join the plan, and their qualifying dependents.

**1.5** Currently, the plan serves approximately 7,200 eligible subscribers and their family members. The plan has grown significantly since its inception in 1999.

**2.0 THIRD PARTY LIABILITY (TPL) RECOVERY SERVICES**

CONTRACTOR shall...

**2.1** Provide all aspects of medical and pharmaceutical Coordination of Benefits (COB)/Third Party Liability (TPL) recovery and subrogation services for the health plans administered by Exclusive Care. (It should be noted that because pharmacy claims are separately administered by Navitus, this engagement is limited to only those pharmacy claims processed by Exclusive Care.)

**2.2** Review County's current policies and procedures and recommend changes to enhance practices and improve the overall COB/TPL management of the Exclusive Care program.

**2.3** Obtain claims files (extracts) posted monthly by the 14<sup>th</sup> of each month through File Transfer Protocol (FTP) and Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) directly with Navitus for pharmacy claims and the COUNTY for medical and hospital claims history.

**2.4** Perform identification, case management, and case recovery services for incidents of healthcare service where a member is identified to have other coverage involving legal liability, including personal injury coverage and workers' compensation coverage.

**2.5** Identify casualty cases using methods including but not limited to: obtaining referrals from attorneys, beneficiaries, or performing claim analysis, data matches, and outreach activities as may be appropriate.

**2.6** Leverage an array of ICD-10 codes that are indicative of an incident/accident (trauma codes); follow the potential incident leads, perform member outreach for additional information on their potential insurance and/or attorney representation; then utilize a claims evaluator to associate the claims to expedite both the identification of a case and the related claims.



**2.7** Perform casualty recovery, also known as lien recovery or subrogation, and deploy national industry best-practices targeting all casualty case types, including but not limited to motor vehicle accidents, torts, product liability, and class action suits. Regularly review the current laws and regulations governing casualty recovery in California and consult in-house legal resources specializing in casualty recovery and provide continuous program updates to its team through monitoring of California-specific court rulings, landmark cases, and national trends.

**2.8** Perform case management and recovery on casualty cases, including case development, tort negotiation, and all required adjudication steps to obtain recovery or other appropriate case closure. NOTE: It is understood by both Parties that CONTRACTOR will not provide or be responsible for legal representation of COUNTY or a member of the COUNTY in any lawsuit or legal proceeding resulting from a tort incident. Should the COUNTY be named as a party in a lawsuit, or should a case require legal representation or intervention on behalf of the COUNTY, CONTRACTOR will work with COUNTY attorney to provide all required information in order to perfect recovery.

**2.9** Utilize and provide access to its Maestro case management system, which integrates claims, eligibility, letters, and casework in a web-based event-driven platform. Image and store all necessary documents on each case for a paperless experience and make available for users to access anytime. Provide an online portal that allows attorneys to access their cases, request claims ledgers, upload medical authorizations, provide settlement information, and interact with their cases in real-time, and provide alerts to caseworkers of these activities.

**2.10** Utilize the Solaris+ portal. This portal is focused on the attorney community. Features include but are not limited to: Ability to create/initiate cases through the portal with immediate assignment of a case number and acknowledgement; Ability to interact with the case – upload request, medical releases, and other important documents; Streamline claim disputes and final claim listings; and provide dashboard access for all open cases and current status for the firm or attorney.

**2.11** Build custom solutions tailored to the precise needs of the Exclusive Care plan.

**2.12** Provide CONTRACTOR's standard monthly reports to the COUNTY by the 10<sup>th</sup> business day of the month. Delivery timeline for additional custom reporting to be mutually agreed by the Parties upon the COUNTY's request.

**2.13** Certify that their attorneys have conducted a comprehensive review of the California statutes and administrative rules, court rulings, and operational procedures currently in place in California, and provide services in accordance with all local, state, and federal laws and regulations regarding third-party and casualty recovery services.

### **3.0 APPROVED SUBCONTRACTORS**

<b>Product</b>	<b>Vendor Name</b>	<b>Function Name</b>	<b>Description</b>
Coordination of Benefits (COB)	Aptara	Subrogation - Non-Voice Processing	Review estate and casualty cases, verify information in Maestro substantiating the existence of recoverable assets, and determine value of claims, aka Case Valuation.



**EXHIBIT B**  
**PAYMENT PROVISIONS**

**1.1** CONTRACTOR certifies it has carefully examined and understands the full scope and all requirements, specifications, and conditions stated in this Agreement, the Request for Proposal #HRARC-089 and all related exhibits, and the fees are inclusive of all costs, including administration and travel expenses associated with the delivery of services.

**1.2** Payments will be based strictly on these agreed upon payment provisions, and expenses not included in the fees below will not be reimbursed.

**1.3** The fees include a combination of a fixed monthly fee and a contingency fee based on the amount of funds recovered.

**1.4** The Monthly Fixed Fee will be billed monthly in arrears and will be due and payable thirty (30) days after invoice date.

**1.5** All recoveries will be remitted to the COUNTY Human Resources Department and recorded by the COUNTY's Exclusive Care administration team. On or about the first of each month the COUNTY will provide CONTRACTOR with the deposit record for recoveries received and CONTRACTOR will then issue a bill to the COUNTY equal to the 25% Contingent Fee, which shall be due and payable thirty (30) days after invoice date.

<b>Fees</b>	
Monthly Fixed Fee	\$1,400.00
Contingent Fee	25%

**Attachment I**HIPAA Business Associate Agreement  
Addendum to Contract

This HIPAA Business Associate Agreement (the "Addendum") supplements, and is made part of the Underlying Agreement between the County of Riverside ("County") and Contractor and shall be effective as of the date the Underlying Agreement approved by both Parties (the "Effective Date").

## RECITALS

WHEREAS, County and Contractor entered into the Underlying Agreement pursuant to which the Contractor provides services to County, and in conjunction with the provision of such services certain protected health information ("PHI") and/or certain electronic protected health information ("ePHI") may be created by or made available to Contractor for the purposes of carrying out its obligations under the Underlying Agreement; and,

WHEREAS, the provisions of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 ("HIPAA"), Public Law 104-191 enacted August 21, 1996, and the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act ("HITECH") of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Public Law 111-5 enacted February 17, 2009, and the laws and regulations promulgated subsequent thereto, as may be amended from time to time, are applicable to the protection of any use or disclosure of PHI and/or ePHI pursuant to the Underlying Agreement; and,

WHEREAS, County is a covered entity, as defined in the Privacy Rule; and,

WHEREAS, to the extent County discloses PHI and/or ePHI to Contractor or Contractor creates, receives, maintains, transmits, or has access to PHI and/or ePHI of County, Contractor is a business associate, as defined in the Privacy Rule; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to 42 USC §17931 and §17934, certain provisions of the Security Rule and Privacy Rule apply to a business associate of a covered entity in the same manner that they apply to the covered entity, the additional security and privacy requirements of HITECH are applicable to business associates and must be incorporated into the business associate agreement, and a business associate is liable for civil and criminal penalties for failure to comply with these security and/or privacy provisions; and,

WHEREAS, the Parties mutually agree that any use or disclosure of PHI and/or ePHI must be in compliance with the Privacy Rule, Security Rule, HIPAA, HITECH and any other applicable law; and,

WHEREAS, the Parties intend to enter into this Addendum to address the requirements and obligations set forth in the Privacy Rule, Security Rule, HITECH and HIPAA as they apply to Contractor as a business associate of County, including the establishment of permitted and required uses and disclosures of PHI and/or ePHI created or received by Contractor during the course of performing functions, services and activities on behalf of County, and appropriate limitations and conditions on such uses and disclosures;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises and covenants contained herein, the Parties agree as follows:

1. **Definitions.** Terms used, but not otherwise defined, in this Addendum shall have the same meaning as those terms in HITECH, HIPAA, Security Rule and/or Privacy Rule, as may be amended from time to time.
  - A. "Breach" when used in connection with PHI means the acquisition, access, use or disclosure of PHI in a manner not permitted under subpart E of the Privacy Rule which compromises the security or privacy of the PHI, and shall have the meaning given such term in 45 CFR §164.402.
    - (1) Except as provided below in Paragraph (2) of this definition, acquisition, access, use, or disclosure of PHI in a manner not permitted by subpart E of the Privacy Rule is presumed to be a breach unless Contractor demonstrates that there is a low probability that the PHI has been compromised based on a risk assessment of at least the following four factors:
      - (a) The nature and extent of the PHI involved, including the types of identifiers and the likelihood of re-identification;
      - (b) The unauthorized person who used the PHI or to whom the disclosure was made;
      - (c) Whether the PHI was actually acquired or viewed; and



(d) The extent to which the risk to the PHI has been mitigated.

(2) Breach excludes:

(a) Any unintentional acquisition, access or use of PHI by a workforce member or person acting under the authority of a covered entity or business associate, if such acquisition, access or use was made in good faith and within the scope of authority and does not result in further use or disclosure in a manner not permitted under subpart E of the Privacy Rule.

(b) Any inadvertent disclosure by a person who is authorized to access PHI at a covered entity or business associate to another person authorized to access PHI at the same covered entity, business associate, or organized health care arrangement in which County participates, and the information received as a result of such disclosure is not further used or disclosed in a manner not permitted by subpart E of the Privacy Rule.

(c) A disclosure of PHI where a covered entity or business associate has a good faith belief that an unauthorized person to whom the disclosure was made would not reasonably have been able to retain such information.

- B. "Business associate" has the meaning given such term in 45 CFR §164.501, including but not limited to a subcontractor that creates, receives, maintains, transmits or accesses PHI on behalf of the business associate.
- C. "Data aggregation" has the meaning given such term in 45 CFR §164.501.
- D. "Designated record set" as defined in 45 CFR §164.501 means a group of records maintained by or for a covered entity that may include: the medical records and billing records about individuals maintained by or for a covered health care provider; the enrollment, payment, claims adjudication, and case or medical management record systems maintained by or for a health plan; or, used, in whole or in part, by or for the covered entity to make decisions about individuals.
- E. "Electronic protected health information" ("ePHI") as defined in 45 CFR §160.103 means protected health information transmitted by or maintained in electronic media.
- F. "Electronic health record" means an electronic record of health-related information on an individual that is created, gathered, managed, and consulted by authorized health care clinicians and staff, and shall have the meaning given such term in 42 USC §17921(5).
- G. "Health care operations" has the meaning given such term in 45 CFR §164.501.
- H. "Individual" as defined in 45 CFR §160.103 means the person who is the subject of protected health information.
- I. "Person" as defined in 45 CFR §160.103 means a natural person, trust or estate, partnership, corporation, professional association or corporation, or other entity, public or private.
- J. "Privacy Rule" means the HIPAA regulations codified at 45 CFR Parts 160 and 164, Subparts A and E.
- K. "Protected health information" ("PHI") has the meaning given such term in 45 CFR §160.103, which includes ePHI.
- L. "Required by law" has the meaning given such term in 45 CFR §164.103.
- M. "Secretary" means the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services ("HHS").
- N. "Security incident" as defined in 45 CFR §164.304 means the attempted or successful unauthorized access, use, disclosure, modification, or destruction of information or interference with system operations in an information system.
- O. "Security Rule" means the HIPAA Regulations codified at 45 CFR Parts 160 and 164, Subparts A and C.
- P. "Subcontractor" as defined in 45 CFR §160.103 means a person to whom a business associate delegates a function, activity, or service, other than in the capacity of a member of the workforce of such business associate.

- Q. "Unsecured protected health information" and "unsecured PHI" as defined in 45 CFR §164.402 means PHI not rendered unusable, unreadable, or indecipherable to unauthorized persons through use of a technology or methodology specified by the Secretary in the guidance issued under 42 USC §17932(h)(2).

**2. Scope of Use and Disclosure by Contractor of County's PHI and/or ePHI.**

- A. Except as otherwise provided in this Addendum, Contractor may use, disclose, or access PHI and/or ePHI as necessary to perform any and all obligations of Contractor under the Underlying Agreement or to perform functions, activities or services for, or on behalf of, County as specified in this Addendum, if such use or disclosure does not violate HIPAA, HITECH, the Privacy Rule and/or Security Rule.
- B. Unless otherwise limited herein, in addition to any other uses and/or disclosures permitted or authorized by this Addendum or required by law, in accordance with 45 CFR §164.504(e)(2), Contractor may:
- 1) Use PHI and/or ePHI if necessary for Contractor's proper management and administration and to carry out its legal responsibilities; and,
  - 2) Disclose PHI and/or ePHI for the purpose of Contractor's proper management and administration or to carry out its legal responsibilities, only if:
    - a) The disclosure is required by law; or,
    - b) Contractor obtains reasonable assurances, in writing, from the person to whom Contractor will disclose such PHI and/or ePHI that the person will:
      - i. Hold such PHI and/or ePHI in confidence and use or further disclose it only for the purpose for which Contractor disclosed it to the person, or as required by law; and,
      - ii. Notify County of any instances of which it becomes aware in which the confidentiality of the information has been breached; and,
  - 3) Use PHI to provide data aggregation services relating to the health care operations of County pursuant to the Underlying Agreement or as requested by County; and,
  - 4) De-identify all PHI and/or ePHI of County received by Contractor under this Addendum provided that the de-identification conforms to the requirements of the Privacy Rule and/or Security Rule and does not preclude timely payment and/or claims processing and receipt.
- C. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in any instance where applicable state and/or federal laws and/or regulations are more stringent in their requirements than the provisions of HIPAA, including, but not limited to, prohibiting disclosure of mental health and/or substance abuse records, the applicable state and/or federal laws and/or regulations shall control the disclosure of records.

**3. Prohibited Uses and Disclosures.**

- A. Contractor may neither use, disclose, nor access PHI and/or ePHI in a manner not authorized by the Underlying Agreement or this Addendum without patient authorization or de-identification of the PHI and/or ePHI and as authorized in writing from County.
- B. Contractor may neither use, disclose, nor access PHI and/or ePHI it receives from County or from another business associate of County, except as permitted or required by this Addendum, or as required by law.
- C. Contractor agrees not to make any disclosure of PHI and/or ePHI that County would be prohibited from making.
- D. Contractor shall not use or disclose PHI for any purpose prohibited by the Privacy Rule, Security Rule, HIPAA and/or HITECH, including, but not limited to 42 USC §17935 and §17936. Contractor agrees:



- 1) Not to use or disclose PHI for fundraising , unless pursuant to the Underlying Agreement and only if permitted by and in compliance with the requirements of 45 CFR §164.514(f) or 45 CFR §164.508;
- 2) Not to use or disclose PHI for marketing, as defined in 45 CFR §164.501, unless pursuant to the Underlying Agreement and only if permitted by and in compliance with the requirements of 45 CFR §164.508(a)(3);
- 3) Not to disclose PHI, except as otherwise required by law, to a health plan for purposes of carrying out payment or health care operations, if the individual has requested this restriction pursuant to 42 USC §17935(a) and 45 CFR §164.522, and has paid out of pocket in full for the health care item or service to which the PHI solely relates; and,
- 4) Not to receive, directly or indirectly, remuneration in exchange for PHI, or engage in any act that would constitute a sale of PHI, as defined in 45 CFR §164.502(a)(5)(ii), unless permitted by the Underlying Agreement and in compliance with the requirements of a valid authorization under 45 CFR §164.508(a)(4). This prohibition shall not apply to payment by County to Contractor for services provided pursuant to the Underlying Agreement.

4. **Obligations of County.**

- A. County agrees to make its best efforts to notify Contractor promptly in writing of any restrictions on the use or disclosure of PHI and/or ePHI agreed to by County that may affect Contractor's ability to perform its obligations under the Underlying Agreement, or this Addendum.
- B. County agrees to make its best efforts to promptly notify Contractor in writing of any changes in, or revocation of, permission by any individual to use or disclose PHI and/or ePHI, if such changes or revocation may affect Contractor's ability to perform its obligations under the Underlying Agreement, or this Addendum.
- C. County agrees to make its best efforts to promptly notify Contractor in writing of any known limitation(s) in its notice of privacy practices to the extent that such limitation may affect Contractor's use or disclosure of PHI and/or ePHI.
- D. County agrees not to request Contractor to use or disclose PHI and/or ePHI in any manner that would not be permissible under HITECH, HIPAA, the Privacy Rule, and/or Security Rule.
- E. County agrees to obtain any authorizations necessary for the use or disclosure of PHI and/or ePHI, so that Contractor can perform its obligations under this Addendum and/or Underlying Agreement.

5. **Obligations of Contractor.** In connection with the use or disclosure of PHI and/or ePHI, Contractor agrees to:

- A. Use or disclose PHI only if such use or disclosure complies with each applicable requirement of 45 CFR §164.504(e). Contractor shall also comply with the additional privacy requirements that are applicable to covered entities in HITECH, as may be amended from time to time.
- B. Not use or further disclose PHI and/or ePHI other than as permitted or required by this Addendum or as required by law. Contractor shall promptly notify County if Contractor is required by law to disclose PHI and/or ePHI.
- C. Use appropriate safeguards and comply, where applicable, with the Security Rule with respect to ePHI, to prevent use or disclosure of PHI and/or ePHI other than as provided for by this Addendum.
- D. Mitigate, to the extent practicable, any harmful effect that is known to Contractor of a use or disclosure of PHI and/or ePHI by Contractor in violation of this Addendum.
- E. Report to County any use or disclosure of PHI and/or ePHI not provided for by this Addendum or otherwise in violation of HITECH, HIPAA, the Privacy Rule, and/or Security Rule of which Contractor becomes aware, including breaches of unsecured PHI as required by 45 CFR §164.410.
- F. In accordance with 45 CFR §164.502(e)(1)(ii), require that any subcontractors that create, receive, maintain, transmit or access PHI on behalf of the Contractor agree through contract to the same restrictions and conditions that apply to Contractor with respect to such PHI and/or ePHI, including the restrictions and conditions pursuant to this Addendum.



- G. Make available to County or the Secretary, in the time and manner designated by County or Secretary, Contractor's internal practices, books and records relating to the use, disclosure and privacy protection of PHI received from County, or created or received by Contractor on behalf of County, for purposes of determining, investigating or auditing Contractor's and/or County's compliance with the Privacy Rule.
  - H. Request, use or disclose only the minimum amount of PHI necessary to accomplish the intended purpose of the request, use or disclosure in accordance with 42 USC §17935(b) and 45 CFR §164.502(b)(1).
  - I. Comply with requirements of satisfactory assurances under 45 CFR §164.512 relating to notice or qualified protective order in response to a third-party's subpoena, discovery request, or other lawful process for the disclosure of PHI, which Contractor shall promptly notify County upon Contractor's receipt of such request from a third-party.
  - J. Not require an individual to provide patient authorization for use or disclosure of PHI as a condition for treatment, payment, enrollment in any health plan (including the health plan administered by County), or eligibility of benefits, unless otherwise excepted under 45 CFR §164.508(b)(4) and authorized in writing by County.
  - K. Use appropriate administrative, technical and physical safeguards to prevent inappropriate use, disclosure, or access of PHI and/or ePHI.
  - L. Obtain and maintain knowledge of applicable laws and regulations related to HIPAA and HITECH, as may be amended from time to time.
  - M. Comply with the requirements of the Privacy Rule that apply to the County to the extent Contractor is to carry out County's obligations under the Privacy Rule.
  - N. Take reasonable steps to cure or end any pattern of activity or practice of its subcontractor of which Contractor becomes aware that constitute a material breach or violation of the subcontractor's obligations under the business associate contract with Contractor, and if such steps are unsuccessful, Contractor agrees to terminate its contract with the subcontractor if feasible.
6. **Access to PHI, Amendment and Disclosure Accounting.** Contractor agrees to:
- A. **Access to PHI, including ePHI.** Provide access to PHI, including ePHI if maintained electronically, in a designated record set to County or an individual as directed by County, within five (5) days of request from County, to satisfy the requirements of 45 CFR §164.524.
  - B. **Amendment of PHI.** Make PHI available for amendment and incorporate amendments to PHI in a designated record set County directs or agrees to at the request of an individual, within fifteen (15) days of receiving a written request from County, in accordance with 45 CFR §164.526.
  - C. **Accounting of disclosures of PHI and electronic health record.** Assist County to fulfill its obligations to provide accounting of disclosures of PHI under 45 CFR §164.528 and, where applicable, electronic health records under 42 USC §17935(c) if Contractor uses or maintains electronic health records. Contractor shall:
    - 1) Document such disclosures of PHI and/or electronic health records, and information related to such disclosures, as would be required for County to respond to a request by an individual for an accounting of disclosures of PHI and/or electronic health record in accordance with 45 CFR §164.528.
    - 2) Within fifteen (15) days of receiving a written request from County, provide to County or any individual as directed by County information collected in accordance with this section to permit County to respond to a request by an individual for an accounting of disclosures of PHI and/or electronic health record.
    - 3) Make available for County information required by this Section 6.C for six (6) years preceding the individual's request for accounting of disclosures of PHI, and for three (3) years preceding the individual's request for accounting of disclosures of electronic health record.



7. **Security of ePHI.** In the event County discloses ePHI to Contractor or Contractor needs to create, receive, maintain, transmit or have access to County ePHI, in accordance with 42 USC §17931 and 45 CFR §164.314(a)(2)(i), and §164.306, Contractor shall:
- A. Comply with the applicable requirements of the Security Rule, and implement administrative, physical, and technical safeguards that reasonably and appropriately protect the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of ePHI that Contractor creates, receives, maintains, or transmits on behalf of County in accordance with 45 CFR §164.308, §164.310, and §164.312;
  - B. Comply with each of the requirements of 45 CFR §164.316 relating to the implementation of policies, procedures and documentation requirements with respect to ePHI;
  - C. Protect against any reasonably anticipated threats or hazards to the security or integrity of ePHI;
  - D. Protect against any reasonably anticipated uses or disclosures of ePHI that are not permitted or required under the Privacy Rule;
  - E. Ensure compliance with the Security Rule by Contractor's workforce;
  - F. In accordance with 45 CFR §164.308(b)(2), require that any subcontractors that create, receive, maintain, transmit, or access ePHI on behalf of Contractor agree through contract to the same restrictions and requirements contained in this Addendum and comply with the applicable requirements of the Security Rule;
  - G. Report to County any security incident of which Contractor becomes aware, including breaches of unsecured PHI as required by 45 CFR §164.410; and,
  - H. Comply with any additional security requirements that are applicable to covered entities in Title 42 (Public Health and Welfare) of the United States Code, as may be amended from time to time, including but not limited to HITECH.
8. **Breach of Unsecured PHI.** In the case of breach of unsecured PHI, Contractor shall comply with the applicable provisions of 42 USC §17932 and 45 CFR Part 164, Subpart D, including but not limited to 45 CFR §164.410.
- A. **Discovery and notification.** Following the discovery of a breach of unsecured PHI, Contractor shall notify County in writing of such breach without unreasonable delay and in no case later than 60 calendar days after discovery of a breach, except as provided in 45 CFR §164.412.
    - 1) **Breaches treated as discovered.** A breach is treated as discovered by Contractor as of the first day on which such breach is known to Contractor or, by exercising reasonable diligence, would have been known to Contractor, which includes any person, other than the person committing the breach, who is an employee, officer, or other agent of Contractor (determined in accordance with the federal common law of agency).
    - 2) **Content of notification.** The written notification to County relating to breach of unsecured PHI shall include, to the extent possible, the following information if known (or can be reasonably obtained) by Contractor:
      - a) The identification of each individual whose unsecured PHI has been, or is reasonably believed by Contractor to have been accessed, acquired, used or disclosed during the breach;
      - b) A brief description of what happened, including the date of the breach and the date of the discovery of the breach, if known;
      - c) A description of the types of unsecured PHI involved in the breach, such as whether full name, social security number, date of birth, home address, account number, diagnosis, disability code, or other types of information were involved;
      - d) Any steps individuals should take to protect themselves from potential harm resulting from the breach;



- e) A brief description of what Contractor is doing to investigate the breach, to mitigate harm to individuals, and to protect against any further breaches; and,
  - f) Contact procedures for individuals to ask questions or learn additional information, which shall include a toll-free telephone number, an e-mail address, web site, or postal address.
- B. **Cooperation.** With respect to any breach of unsecured PHI reported by Contractor, Contractor shall cooperate with County and shall provide County with any information requested by County to enable County to fulfill in a timely manner its own reporting and notification obligations, including but not limited to providing notice to individuals, prominent media outlets and the Secretary in accordance with 42 USC §17932 and 45 CFR §164.404, §164.406 and §164.408.
- C. **Breach log.** To the extent breach of unsecured PHI involves less than 500 individuals, Contractor shall maintain a log or other documentation of such breaches and provide such log or other documentation on an annual basis to County not later than fifteen (15) days after the end of each calendar year for submission to the Secretary.
- D. **Delay of notification authorized by law enforcement.** If Contractor delays notification of breach of unsecured PHI pursuant to a law enforcement official's statement that required notification, notice or posting would impede a criminal investigation or cause damage to national security, Contractor shall maintain documentation sufficient to demonstrate its compliance with the requirements of 45 CFR §164.412.
- E. **Payment of costs.** With respect to any breach of unsecured PHI caused solely by the Contractor's failure to comply with one or more of its obligations under this Addendum and/or the provisions of HITECH, HIPAA, the Privacy Rule or the Security Rule, Contractor agrees to pay any and all costs associated with providing all legally required notifications to individuals, media outlets, and the Secretary. This provision shall not be construed to limit or diminish Contractor's obligations to indemnify, defend and hold harmless County under Section 9 of this Addendum.
- F. **Documentation.** Pursuant to 45 CFR §164.414(b), in the event Contractor's use or disclosure of PHI and/or ePHI violates the Privacy Rule, Contractor shall maintain documentation sufficient to demonstrate that all notifications were made by Contractor as required by 45 CFR Part 164, Subpart D, or that such use or disclosure did not constitute a breach, including Contractor's completed risk assessment and investigation documentation.
- G. **Additional State Reporting Requirements.** The Parties agree that this Section 8.G applies only if and/or when County, in its capacity as a licensed clinic, health facility, home health agency, or hospice, is required to report unlawful or unauthorized access, use, or disclosure of medical information under the more stringent requirements of California Health & Safety Code §1280.15. For purposes of this Section 8.G, "unauthorized" has the meaning given such term in California Health & Safety Code §1280.15(j)(2).
- 1) Contractor agrees to assist County to fulfill its reporting obligations to affected patients and to the California Department of Public Health ("CDPH") in a timely manner under the California Health & Safety Code §1280.15.
  - 2) Contractor agrees to report to County any unlawful or unauthorized access, use, or disclosure of patient's medical information without unreasonable delay and no later than two (2) business days after Contractor detects such incident. Contractor further agrees such report shall be made in writing, and shall include substantially the same types of information listed above in Section 8.A.2 (Content of Notification) as applicable to the unlawful or unauthorized access, use, or disclosure as defined above in this section, understanding and acknowledging that the term "breach" as used in Section 8.A.2 does not apply to California Health & Safety Code §1280.15.
9. **Hold Harmless/Indemnification.**
- A. Contractor agrees to indemnify and hold harmless County, all Agencies, Districts, Special Districts and Departments of County, their respective directors, officers, Board of Supervisors, elected and appointed officials, employees, agents and representatives from any liability whatsoever, based or asserted upon any services of Contractor, its officers, employees, subcontractors, agents or representatives arising out of or in any way relating to this Addendum, including but not limited to property damage, bodily injury, death, or any other element of any kind or nature whatsoever arising



from the performance of Contractor, its officers, agents, employees, subcontractors, agents or representatives from this Addendum. Contractor shall defend, at its sole expense, all costs and fees, including but not limited to attorney fees, cost of investigation, defense and settlements or awards, of County, all Agencies, Districts, Special Districts and Departments of County, their respective directors, officers, Board of Supervisors, elected and appointed officials, employees, agents or representatives in any claim or action based upon such alleged acts or omissions.

- B. With respect to any action or claim subject to indemnification herein by Contractor, Contractor shall, at their sole cost, have the right to use counsel of their choice, subject to the approval of County, which shall not be unreasonably withheld, and shall have the right to adjust, settle, or compromise any such action or claim without the prior consent of County; provided, however, that any such adjustment, settlement or compromise in no manner whatsoever limits or circumscribes Contractor's indemnification to County as set forth herein. Contractor's obligation to defend, indemnify and hold harmless County shall be subject to County having given Contractor written notice within a reasonable period of time of the claim or of the commencement of the related action, as the case may be, and information and reasonable assistance, at Contractor's expense, for the defense or settlement thereof. Contractor's obligation hereunder shall be satisfied when Contractor has provided to County the appropriate form of dismissal relieving County from any liability for the action or claim involved.
- C. The specified insurance limits required in the Underlying Agreement of this Addendum shall in no way limit or circumscribe Contractor's obligations to indemnify and hold harmless County herein from third-party claims arising from issues of this Addendum.
- D. In the event there is conflict between this clause and California Civil Code §2782, this clause shall be interpreted to comply with Civil Code §2782. Such interpretation shall not relieve the Contractor from indemnifying County to the fullest extent allowed by law.
- E. In the event there is a conflict between this indemnification clause and an indemnification clause contained in the Underlying Agreement of this Addendum, this indemnification shall only apply to the subject issues included within this Addendum.
10. **Term.** This Addendum shall commence upon the Effective Date and shall terminate when all PHI and/or ePHI provided by County to Contractor, or created or received by Contractor on behalf of County, is destroyed or returned to County, or, if it is infeasible to return or destroy PHI and/ePHI, protections are extended to such information, in accordance with section 11.B of this Addendum.
11. **Termination.**
- A. **Termination for Breach of Contract.** A breach of any provision of this Addendum by either Party shall constitute a material breach of the Underlying Agreement and will provide grounds for terminating this Addendum and the Underlying Agreement with or without an opportunity to cure the breach, notwithstanding any provision in the Underlying Agreement to the contrary. Either Party, upon written notice to the other Party describing the breach, may take any of the following actions:
- 1) Terminate the Underlying Agreement and this Addendum, effective immediately, if the other Party breaches a material provision of this Addendum.
  - 2) Provide the other Party with an opportunity to cure the alleged material breach and in the event the other Party fails to cure the breach to the satisfaction of the non-breaching Party in a timely manner, the non-breaching Party has the right to immediately terminate the Underlying Agreement and this Addendum.
  - 3) If termination of the Underlying Agreement is not feasible, the breaching Party, upon the request of the non-breaching Party, shall implement, at its own expense, a plan to cure the breach and report regularly on its compliance with such plan to the non-breaching Party.
- B. **Effect of Termination.**
- 1) Upon termination of this Addendum, for any reason, Contractor shall return or, if agreed to in writing by County, destroy all PHI and/or ePHI received from County, or created or received by the Contractor on behalf of County, and, in the event of destruction, Contractor shall certify such destruction, in writing, to County. This provision shall apply to all PHI and/or ePHI which are in the possession of subcontractors or agents of Contractor. Contractor shall retain no copies of PHI and/or ePHI, except as provided below in paragraph (2) of this section.
  - 2) In the event that Contractor determines that returning or destroying the PHI and/or ePHI is not feasible, Contractor shall provide written notification to County of the conditions that make such return or destruction not feasible.



Upon determination by Contractor that return or destruction of PHI and/or ePHI is not feasible, Contractor shall extend the protections of this Addendum to such PHI and/or ePHI and limit further uses and disclosures of such PHI and/or ePHI to those purposes which make the return or destruction not feasible, for so long as Contractor maintains such PHI and/or ePHI.

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**General Provisions.**

- A. **Retention Period.** Whenever Contractor is required to document or maintain documentation pursuant to the terms of this Addendum, Contractor shall retain such documentation for 6 years from the date of its creation or as otherwise prescribed by law, whichever is later.
- B. **Amendment.** The Parties agree to take such action as is necessary to amend this Addendum from time to time as is necessary for County to comply with HITECH, the Privacy Rule, Security Rule, and HIPAA generally.
- C. **Survival.** The obligations of Contractor under Sections 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11.B and 12.A of this Addendum shall survive the termination or expiration of this Addendum.
- D. **Regulatory and Statutory References.** A reference in this Addendum to a section in HITECH, HIPAA, the Privacy Rule and/or Security Rule means the section(s) as in effect or as amended.
- E. **Conflicts.** The provisions of this Addendum shall prevail over any provisions in the Underlying Agreement that conflict or appear inconsistent with any provision in this Addendum.
- F. **Interpretation of Addendum.**
- 1) This Addendum shall be construed to be part of the Underlying Agreement as one document. The purpose is to supplement the Underlying Agreement to include the requirements of the Privacy Rule, Security Rule, HIPAA and HITECH.
  - 2) Any ambiguity between this Addendum and the Underlying Agreement shall be resolved to permit County to comply with the Privacy Rule, Security Rule, HIPAA and HITECH generally.
- G. **Notices to County.** All notifications required to be given by Contractor to County pursuant to the terms of this Addendum shall be made in writing and delivered to the County both by fax and to both of the addresses listed below by either registered or certified mail return receipt requested or guaranteed overnight mail with tracing capability, or at such other address as County may hereafter designate. All notices to County provided by Contractor pursuant to this Section shall be deemed given or made when received by County.

County HIPAA Privacy Officer: HIPAA Privacy Manager

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Moreno Valley, CA 92555

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