

**AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES OF  
INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR**

BETWEEN

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA  
DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL WELLNESS

AND

CF MERCED BEHAVIORAL, LLC  
DBA MERCED BEHAVIORAL CENTER  
FOR  
MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

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**STANDARD TERMS**  
**AND CONDITIONS**

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**THIS AGREEMENT** is made by and between the County of Santa Barbara, a political subdivision of the State of California (hereafter County or Department) and **CF Merced Behavioral, LLC dba Merced Behavioral Center** (hereafter Contractor or Merced Behavioral Center), with an address at 1255 B St., Merced, CA, wherein Contractor agrees to provide and County agrees to accept the services specified herein.

**WHEREAS**, Contractor represents that it is specially trained, skilled, experienced, and competent to perform the special services required by County and County desires to retain the services of Contractor pursuant to the terms, covenants, and conditions herein set forth;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the mutual covenants and conditions contained herein, the parties agree as follows:

**1. DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE.**

Director at phone number 805-681-5220 is the representative of County and will administer this Agreement for and on behalf of County. **Jeri Allgood** at phone number (209) 723-8814 is the authorized representative for Contractor. Changes in designated representatives shall be made only after advance written notice to the other party.

**2. NOTICES.**

Any notice or consent required or permitted to be given under this Agreement shall be given to the respective parties in writing, by personal delivery or facsimile, or with postage prepaid by first class mail, registered or certified mail, or express courier service, as follows:

To County:                    Director  
                                  County of Santa Barbara  
                                  Department of Behavioral Wellness  
                                  300 N. San Antonio Road  
                                  Santa Barbara, CA 93110  
                                  Fax: 805-681-5262

To Contractor:            Jeri Allgood, Administrator  
                                  Merced Behavioral Center  
                                  1255 B St.  
                                  Merced, CA 95341  
                                  FAX: 209-723-8814

or at such other address or to such other person that the parties may from time to time designate in accordance with this Notices section. If sent by first class mail, notices and consents under this section shall be deemed to be received five (5) days following their deposit in the U.S. mail. This Notices section shall not be construed as meaning that either party agrees to service of process except as required by applicable law.

**3. SCOPE OF SERVICES.**

Contractor agrees to provide services to County in accordance with EXHIBIT A(s) attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

**4. TERM.**

Contractor shall commence performance on 07/01/2023 and end performance upon completion, but no later than 06/30/2026 unless otherwise directed by County or unless earlier terminated.

**5. COMPENSATION OF CONTRACTOR.**

In full consideration for Contractor's services, Contractor shall be paid for performance under this Agreement in accordance with the terms of EXHIBIT B(s) attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

**6. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR.**

It is mutually understood and agreed that Contractor (including any and all of its officers, agents, and employees), shall perform all of its services under this Agreement as an independent Contractor as to County and not as an officer, agent, servant, employee, joint venturer, partner, or associate of County. Furthermore, County shall have no right to control, supervise, or direct the manner or method by which Contractor shall perform its work and function. However, County shall retain the right to administer this Agreement so as to verify that Contractor is performing its obligations in accordance with the terms and conditions hereof. Contractor understands and acknowledges that it shall not be entitled to any of the benefits of a County employee, including but not limited to vacation, sick leave, administrative leave, health insurance, disability insurance, retirement, unemployment insurance, workers' compensation and protection of tenure. Contractor shall be solely liable and responsible for providing to, or on behalf of, its employees all legally-required employee benefits. In addition, Contractor shall be solely responsible and save County harmless from all matters relating to payment of Contractor's employees, including compliance with Social Security withholding and all other regulations governing such matters. It is acknowledged that during the term of this Agreement, Contractor may be providing services to others unrelated to the County or to this Agreement.

**7. STANDARD OF PERFORMANCE.**

Contractor represents that it has the skills, expertise, required clinical supervision, and licenses/permits necessary to perform the services required under this Agreement. Accordingly, Contractor shall perform all such services in the manner and according to the standards observed by a competent practitioner of the same profession in which Contractor is engaged. All products of whatsoever nature, which Contractor delivers to County pursuant to this Agreement, shall be prepared in a first class and workmanlike manner and shall conform to the standards of quality normally observed by a person practicing in Contractor's profession. Contractor shall correct or revise any errors or omissions, at County's request without additional compensation. Permits and/or licenses shall be obtained and maintained by Contractor without additional compensation.

**8. DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION.**

Contractor certifies to County that it and its employees and principals are not debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for, participation in federal, state, or county government contracts, including but not limited to exclusion from participation from federal health care programs under Sections 1128 or 1128A of the Social Security Act. Contractor certifies that it shall not contract with a subcontractor that is so debarred or suspended.

**9. TAXES.**

Contractor shall pay all taxes, levies, duties, and assessments of every nature due in connection with any work under this Agreement and shall make any and all payroll deductions required by law. County shall not be responsible for paying any taxes on Contractor's behalf, and should County be required to do so by state, federal, or local taxing agencies, Contractor agrees to promptly reimburse County for the full value of such paid taxes plus interest and penalty, if any. These taxes shall include, but not be limited to, the following: FICA (Social Security), unemployment insurance contributions, income tax, disability insurance, and workers' compensation insurance.

**10. CONFLICT OF INTEREST.**

Contractor covenants that Contractor presently has no employment or interest and shall not acquire any employment or interest, direct or indirect, including any interest in any business, property, or source of income, which would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of services required to be performed under this Agreement. Contractor further covenants that in the performance of this Agreement, no person having any such interest shall be employed by Contractor. Contractor must promptly disclose to the County, in writing, any potential conflict of interest. County retains the right to waive a conflict of interest disclosed by Contractor if County determines it to be immaterial, and such waiver is only effective if provided by County to Contractor in writing. Contractor acknowledges that state laws on conflict of interest apply to this Agreement including, but not limited to, the Political Reform Act of 1974 (Gov. Code, § 81000 et seq.), Public Contract Code Section 10365.5, and Government Code Section 1090.

**11. OWNERSHIP OF DOCUMENTS AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY.**

County shall be the owner of the following items incidental to this Agreement upon production, whether or not completed: all data collected, all documents of any type whatsoever, all photos, designs, sound or audiovisual recordings, software code, inventions, technologies, and other materials, and any material necessary for the practical use of such items, from the time of collection and/or production whether or not performance under this Agreement is completed or terminated prior to completion. Contractor shall not release any of such items to other parties except after prior written approval of County. Contractor shall be the legal owner and Custodian of Records for all County client files generated pursuant to this Agreement, and shall comply with all Federal and State confidentiality laws, including Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) §5328; 42 United States Code (U.S.C.) § 290dd-2; and 45 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.), Parts 160 – 164 setting forth the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA). Contractor shall inform all of its officers, employees, and agents of the confidentiality provision of said laws. Contractor further agrees to provide County with copies of all County client file documents resulting from this Agreement without requiring any further written release of information. Within Privacy limitations, County shall have the unrestricted authority to publish, disclose, distribute, and/or otherwise use in whole or in part, any reports, data, documents or other materials prepared under this Agreement.

Unless otherwise specified in Exhibit A(s), Contractor hereby assigns to County all copyright, patent, and other intellectual property and proprietary rights to all data, documents, reports, photos,

designs, sound or audiovisual recordings, software code, inventions, technologies, and other materials prepared or provided by Contractor pursuant to this Agreement (collectively referred to as "Copyrightable Works and Inventions"). County shall have the unrestricted authority to copy, adapt, perform, display, publish, disclose, distribute, create derivative works from, and otherwise use in whole or in part, any Copyrightable Works and Inventions. Contractor agrees to take such actions and execute and deliver such documents as may be needed to validate, protect and confirm the rights and assignments provided hereunder. Contractor warrants that any Copyrightable Works and Inventions and other items provided under this Agreement will not infringe upon any intellectual property or proprietary rights of any third party. Contractor at its own expense shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless County against any claim that any Copyrightable Works or Inventions or other items provided by Contractor hereunder infringe upon intellectual or other proprietary rights of a third party, and Contractor shall pay any damages, costs, settlement amounts, and fees (including attorneys' fees) that may be incurred by County in connection with any such claims. This Ownership of Documents and Intellectual Property provision shall survive expiration or termination of this Agreement.

**12. NO PUBLICITY OR ENDORSEMENT.**

Contractor shall not use County's name or logo or any variation of such name or logo in any publicity, advertising or promotional materials. Contractor shall not use County's name or logo in any manner that would give the appearance that the County is endorsing Contractor. Contractor shall not in any way contract on behalf of or in the name of County. Contractor shall not release any informational pamphlets, notices, press releases, research reports, or similar public notices concerning the County or its projects, without obtaining the prior written approval of County.

**13. COUNTY PROPERTY AND INFORMATION.**

All of County's property, documents, and information provided for Contractor's use in connection with the services shall remain County's property, and Contractor shall return any such items whenever requested by County and whenever required according to the Termination section of this Agreement. Contractor may use such items only in connection with providing the services. Contractor shall not disseminate any County property, documents, or information without County's prior written consent.

**14. RECORDS, AUDIT, AND REVIEW.**

- A.** Contractor shall make available for inspection, copying, evaluation, or audit, all of its premises; physical facilities, or such parts thereof as may be engaged in the performance of the Agreement; equipment; books; records, including but not limited to beneficiary records; prescription files; documents, working papers, reports, or other evidence; contracts; financial records and documents of account, computers; and other electronic devices, pertaining to any aspect of services and activities performed, or determination of amounts payable, under this Agreement (hereinafter referred to as "Records"), at any time by County, Department of Health Care Services (DHCS), Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), Department of General Services, Bureau of State Audits, Health and Human Services (HHS), Inspector General, U.S. Comptroller General, or other authorized federal or state agencies, or their designees ("Authorized Representative") (hereinafter referred to as "Audit").
- B.** Any such Audit shall occur at the Contractor's place of business, premises, or physical facilities during normal business hours, and to allow interviews of any employees who might reasonably have information related to such Records. Contractor shall maintain Records in accordance with the general standards applicable to such book or record keeping and shall follow accounting practices and procedures sufficient to evaluate the quality and quantity of services, accessibility and appropriateness of services, to ensure

fiscal accountability, and to properly reflect all direct and indirect costs of whatever nature claimed to have been incurred in the performance of this Agreement, including any matching costs and expenses. All records must be capable of verification by qualified auditors.

- C. This Audit right will exist for 10 years from: the close of the State fiscal year in which the Agreement was in effect or if any litigation, claim, negotiation, Audit, or other action involving the Records has been started before the expiration of the 10-year period, the Records shall be retained until completion of the action and resolution of all issues which arise from it, or until the end of the regular 10-year period, whichever is later.
- D. Contractor shall retain all records and documents originated or prepared pursuant to Contractor's or subcontractor's performance under this Agreement, including beneficiary grievance and appeal records identified in 42 C.F.R. § 438.416 and the data, information and documentation specified in 42 Code of Federal Regulations Sections 438.604, 438.606, 438.608, and 438.610 for the 10-year period as determined in Section 14.C (Records, Audit, and Review).
- E. If this Agreement is completely or partially terminated, the Records, relating to the work terminated shall be preserved and made available for the 10-year period as determined in Section 14.C (Records, Audit, and Review).
- F. Contractor shall ensure that each of its sites keep a record of the beneficiaries being treated at each site. Contractor shall keep and maintain records for each service rendered, to whom it was rendered, and the date of service, pursuant to Welfare & Institutions Code Section 14124.1 and 42 C.F.R. Sections 438.3(h) and 438.3(u). Contractor shall retain such records for the 10-year period as determined in Section 14.C (Records, Audit, and Review).
- G. Contractor may, at its discretion, following receipt of final payment under this Agreement, reduce its accounts, books and records related to this Agreement to microfilm, computer disk, CD ROM, DVD, or other data storage medium. Upon request by an Authorized Representative to inspect, audit or obtain copies of said records, the Contractor must supply or make available applicable devices, hardware, and/or software necessary to view, copy and/or print said records. Applicable devices may include, but are not limited to, microfilm readers and microfilm printers, etc.
- H. The Authorized Representatives may Audit Contractor at any time if there is a reasonable possibility of fraud or similar risk.
- I. Contractor agrees to include a similar right of Authorized Representatives to audit records and interview staff in any subcontract related to performance of this Agreement.
- J. If federal, state or County audit exceptions are made relating to this Agreement, Contractor shall reimburse all costs incurred by federal, state, and/or County governments associated with defending against the audit exceptions or performing any audits or follow-up audits, including but not limited to: audit fees, court costs, attorneys' fees based upon a reasonable hourly amount for attorneys in the community, travel costs, penalty assessments and all other costs of whatever nature. Immediately upon notification from County, Contractor shall reimburse the amount of the audit exceptions and any other related costs directly to County as specified by County in the notification. The provisions of the Records, Audit, and Review section shall survive any expiration or termination of this Agreement.



**15. INDEMNIFICATION AND INSURANCE.**

Contractor agrees to the indemnification and insurance provisions as set forth in EXHIBIT C – Standard Indemnification and Insurance Provisions attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

**16. NONDISCRIMINATION.**

County hereby notifies Contractor that County's Unlawful Discrimination Ordinance (Article XIII of Chapter 2 of the Santa Barbara County Code) applies to this Agreement and is incorporated herein by this reference with the same force and effect as if the ordinance were specifically set out herein and Contractor agrees to comply with said ordinance. Contractor shall also comply with the nondiscrimination provisions set forth in EXHIBIT A-1 General Provisions: MHS to this Agreement.

**17. NONEXCLUSIVE AGREEMENT.**

Contractor understands that this is not an exclusive Agreement and that County shall have the right to negotiate with and enter into contracts with others providing the same or similar services as those provided by Contractor as the County desires.

**18. NON-ASSIGNMENT.**

Contractor shall not assign, transfer or subcontract this Agreement or any of its rights or obligations under this Agreement without the prior written consent of County and any attempt to so assign, subcontract or transfer without such consent shall be void and without legal effect and shall constitute grounds for termination.

**19. TERMINATION.**

**A. By County.** County may, by written notice to Contractor, terminate this Agreement in whole or in part at any time, whether for County's convenience, for nonappropriation of funds, or because of the failure of Contractor to fulfill the obligations herein.

1. **For Convenience.** County may terminate this Agreement in whole or in part upon thirty (30) days written notice. During the thirty (30) day period, Contractor shall, as directed by County, wind down and cease its services as quickly and efficiently as reasonably possible, without performing unnecessary services or activities and by minimizing negative effects on County from such winding down and cessation of services.
2. **For Nonappropriation of Funds.**
  - i. The parties acknowledge and agree that this Agreement is dependent upon the availability of County, State, and/or federal funding. If funding to make payments in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement is not forthcoming from the County, State and/or federal governments for the Agreement, or is not allocated or allotted to County by the County, State and/or federal governments for this Agreement for periodic payment in the current or any future fiscal period, then the obligations of County to make payments after the effective date of such non-allocation or non-funding, as provided in the notice, will cease and terminate.
  - ii. As permitted by applicable State and Federal laws regarding funding sources, if funding to make payments in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement is delayed or is reduced from the County, State, and/or federal governments for the Agreement, or is not allocated or allotted in full to County by the County, State, and/or federal governments for this Agreement

for periodic payment in the current or any future fiscal period, then the obligations of County to make payments will be delayed or be reduced accordingly or County shall have the right to terminate the Agreement. If such funding is reduced, County in its sole discretion shall determine which aspects of the Agreement shall proceed and which Services shall be performed. In these situations, County will pay Contractor for Services and Deliverables and certain of its costs. Any obligation to pay by County will not extend beyond the end of County's then-current funding period.

iii. Contractor expressly agrees that no penalty or damages shall be applied to, or shall accrue to, County in the event that the necessary funding to pay under the terms of this Agreement is not available, not allocated, not allotted, delayed or reduced.

3. **For Cause.** Should Contractor default in the performance of this Agreement or materially breach any of its provisions, County may, at County's sole option, terminate or suspend this Agreement in whole or in part by written notice. Upon receipt of notice, Contractor shall immediately discontinue all services affected (unless the notice directs otherwise) and notify County as to the status of its performance. The date of termination shall be the date the notice is received by Contractor, unless the notice directs otherwise.

**B. By Contractor.** Should County fail to pay Contractor all or any part of the payment set forth in EXHIBIT B(s), Contractor may, at Contractor's option terminate this Agreement if such failure is not remedied by County within thirty (30) days of written notice to County of such late payment.

**C. Upon Termination.** Contractor shall deliver to County all data, estimates, graphs, summaries, reports, and all other property, records, documents or papers as may have been accumulated or produced by Contractor in performing this Agreement, whether completed or in process, except such items as County may, by written permission, permit Contractor to retain. Notwithstanding any other payment provision of this Agreement, County shall pay Contractor for satisfactory services performed to the date of termination to include a prorated amount of compensation due hereunder less payments, if any, previously made. In no event shall Contractor be paid an amount in excess of the full price under this Agreement nor for profit on unperformed portions of service. Contractor shall furnish to County such financial information as in the judgment of County is necessary to determine the reasonable value of the services rendered by Contractor. In the event of a dispute as to the reasonable value of the services rendered by Contractor, the decision of County shall be final. The foregoing is cumulative and shall not affect any right or remedy which County may have in law or equity.

## **20. SUSPENSION FOR CONVENIENCE.**

The Director of the Department of Behavioral Wellness or designee may, without cause, order Contractor in writing to suspend, delay, or interrupt the services under this Agreement in whole or in part for up to 120 days. County shall incur no liability for suspension under this provision and suspension shall not constitute a breach of this Agreement.

## **21. SECTION HEADINGS.**

The headings of the several sections, and any Table of Contents appended hereto, shall be solely for convenience of reference and shall not affect the meaning, construction or effect hereof.

## **22. SEVERABILITY.**

If any one or more of the provisions contained herein shall for any reason be held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect, then such provision or provisions shall be deemed severable from the remaining provisions hereof, and such invalidity, illegality or unenforceability shall not affect any other provision hereof, and this Agreement shall be construed as if such invalid, illegal or unenforceable provision had never been contained herein.

**23. REMEDIES NOT EXCLUSIVE.**

No remedy herein conferred upon or reserved to County is intended to be exclusive of any other remedy or remedies, and each and every such remedy, to the extent permitted by law, shall be cumulative and in addition to any other remedy given hereunder or now or hereafter existing at law or in equity or otherwise.

**24. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE.**

Time is of the essence in this Agreement and each covenant and term is a condition herein.

**25. NO WAIVER OF DEFAULT.**

No delay or omission of County to exercise any right or power arising upon the occurrence of any event of default shall impair any such right or power or shall be construed to be a waiver of any such default or an acquiescence therein; and every power and remedy given by this Agreement to County shall be exercised from time to time and as often as may be deemed expedient in the sole discretion of County.

**26. ENTIRE AGREEMENT AND AMENDMENT.**

In conjunction with the matters considered herein, this Agreement contains the entire understanding and agreement of the parties and there have been no promises, representations, agreements, warranties or undertakings by any of the parties, either oral or written, of any character or nature hereafter binding except as set forth herein. This Agreement may be altered, amended or modified only by an instrument in writing, executed by the parties to this Agreement and by no other means. Each party waives their future right to claim, contest or assert that this Agreement was modified, canceled, superseded, or changed by any oral agreements, course of conduct, waiver or estoppel. Requests for changes to the terms and conditions of this agreement after April 1 of the Fiscal Year for which the change would be applicable shall not be considered. All requests for changes shall be in writing. Changes shall be made by an amendment pursuant to this section. Any amendments or modifications that do not materially change the terms of this Agreement (such as changes to the Designated Representative or Contractor's address for purposes of Notice) may be approved by the Director of the Department of Behavioral Wellness or designee. Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara must approve all other amendments and modifications.

**27. SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS.**

All representations, covenants and warranties set forth in this Agreement, by or on behalf of, or for the benefit of any or all of the parties hereto, shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of such party, its successors and assigns.

**28. COMPLIANCE WITH LAW.**

Contractor shall, at its sole cost and expense, comply with all County, State and Federal ordinances; statutes; regulations; orders including, but not limited to, executive orders, court orders, and health officer orders; policies; guidance; bulletins; information notices; and letters including, but not limited to, those issued by the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) now in force or which may hereafter be in force with regard to this Agreement. The judgment of any court of competent jurisdiction, or the admission of Contractor in any action or proceeding against Contractor, whether County is a party thereto or not, that Contractor has

violated any such ordinance, statute, regulation, order, policy, guidance, bulletin, information notice, and/or letter shall be conclusive of that fact as between Contractor and County.

**29. CALIFORNIA LAW AND JURISDICTION.**

This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of California. Any litigation regarding this Agreement or its contents shall be filed in the County of Santa Barbara, if in state court, or in the federal district court nearest to Santa Barbara County, if in federal court.

**30. EXECUTION OF COUNTERPARTS.**

This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts and each of such counterparts shall for all purposes be deemed to be an original; and all such counterparts, or as many of them as the parties shall preserve undestroyed, shall together constitute one and the same instrument.

**31. AUTHORITY.**

All signatories and parties to this Agreement warrant and represent that they have the power and authority to enter into this Agreement in the names, titles and capacities herein stated and on behalf of any entities, persons, or firms represented or purported to be represented by such entity(ies), person(s), or firm(s) and that all formal requirements necessary or required by any state and/or federal law in order to enter into this Agreement have been fully complied with. Furthermore, by entering into this Agreement, Contractor hereby warrants that it shall not have breached the terms or conditions of any other contract or agreement to which Contractor is obligated, which breach would have a material effect hereon.

**32. SURVIVAL.**

All provisions of this Agreement which by their nature are intended to survive the termination or expiration of this Agreement shall survive such termination or expiration.

**33. PRECEDENCE.**

In the event of conflict between the provisions contained in the numbered sections of this Agreement and the provisions contained in the Exhibits, the provisions of the Exhibits shall prevail over those in the numbered sections.

**34. COMPLIANCE WITH PRIVACY LAWS.**

Contractor is expected to adhere to the healthcare privacy laws specified in Exhibit A-1, Section 8.A and to develop and maintain comprehensive patient confidentiality policies and procedures, provide annual training of all staff regarding those policies and procedures, and demonstrate reasonable effort to secure written and/or electronic data. The parties should anticipate that this Agreement will be modified as necessary for full compliance with the healthcare privacy laws as they are amended from time to time.

**35. COURT APPEARANCES.**

Upon request, Contractor shall cooperate with County in making available necessary witnesses for court hearings and trials, including Contractor's staff that have provided treatment to a client referred by County who is the subject of a court proceeding. County shall issue subpoenas for the required witnesses upon request of Contractor.

**36. UNIFORM ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS, COST PRINCIPLES, AND AUDIT REQUIREMENTS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS.**

The Contractor shall comply with the requirements of 2 C.F.R. Part 200 and 45 C.F.R. Part 75, which are hereby incorporated by reference in this Agreement.

**37. MANDATORY DISCLOSURE.**

**A. Prohibited Affiliations.**

1. Contractor shall not knowingly have any prohibited type of relationship with the following:
  - i. An individual or entity that is debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded from participating in procurement activities under the Federal Acquisition Regulation or from participating in non-procurement activities under regulations issued under Executive Order No. 12549 or under guidelines implementing Executive Order No. 12549. (42 C.F.R. § 438.610(a)(1).)
  - ii. An individual or entity who is an affiliate, as defined in the Federal Acquisition Regulation at 48 C.F.R. Section 2.101, of a person described in this section. (42 C.F.R. § 438.610(a)(2).)
2. The Contractor shall not have a prohibited type of relationship by employing or contracting with providers or other individuals and entities excluded from participation in any Federal health care program (as defined in Section 1128B(f) of the Social Security Act) under either Section 1128 (42 U.S.C. § 1320a-7), 1128A (42 U.S.C. § 1320a-7a), 1156 (42 U.S.C. 1320c-5), or 1842(j)(2) (42 U.S.C. § 1395u(j)(2)) of the Social Security Act. (42 C.F.R. §§ 438.214(d)(1), 438.610(b).)
3. The Contractor shall not have the types of relationships prohibited by Subsection A (Prohibited Affiliations) of this Section 37 (Mandatory Disclosure) with an excluded, debarred, or suspended individual, provider, or entity as follows:
  - i. A director, officer, agent, managing employee, or partner of the Contractor. (42 U.S.C. § 1320a-7(b)(8)(A)(ii); 42 C.F.R. § 438.610(c)(1).)
  - ii. A subcontractor of the Contractor, as governed by 42 C.F.R. § 438.230. (42 C.F.R. § 438.610(c)(2).)
  - iii. A person with beneficial ownership of five (5) percent or more of the Contractor's equity. (42 C.F.R. § 438.610(c)(3).)
  - iv. An individual convicted of crimes described in Section 1128(b)(8)(B) of the Social Security Act. (42 C.F.R. § 438.808(b)(2).)
  - v. A network provider or person with an employment, consulting, or other arrangement with the Contractor for the provision of items and services that are significant and material to the Contractor's obligations under this Agreement. (42 C.F.R. § 438.610(c)(4).)
  - vi. The Contractor shall not employ or contract with, directly or indirectly, such individuals or entities for the furnishing of health care, utilization review, medical social work, administrative services, management, or provision of medical services (or the establishment of policies or provision of operational support for such services). (42 C.F.R. § 438.808(b)(3).)

**B. Written Disclosures.**

1. **Written Notice of Prohibited Affiliations.** The Contractor shall provide to County written disclosure of any prohibited affiliation identified by the Contractor or its subcontractors. (42 C.F.R. § 438.608(c)(1).)
2. **Ownership or Controlling Interests.** Pursuant to 42 C.F.R. § 455.104, Medicaid providers, other than an individual practitioner or group of practitioners; fiscal agents; and managed care entities (“Disclosing Entities”) must disclose certain

information related to persons who have an “ownership or control interest” in the Disclosing Entity, as defined in 42 C.F.R. § 455.101. (For the purposes of this section “person with an ownership or control interest” means a person or corporation that – a. Has an ownership interest totaling five percent or more in a Disclosing Entity; b. Has an indirect ownership interest equal to five percent or more in a Disclosing Entity; c. Has a combination of direct and indirect ownership interests equal to five percent or more in a Disclosing Entity. d. Owns an interest of five percent or more in any mortgage, deed of trust, note, or other obligation secured by the Disclosing Entity if that interest equals at least five percent of the value of the property or assets of the Disclosing Entity.) The disclosure must include the following information:

- i. The name, address, date of birth, and Social Security Number of any **managing employee**, as that term is defined in 42 C.F.R. § 455.101. For purposes of this disclosure, Contractor may use the business address for any member of its Board of Directors.
  - ii. The name and address **of any person (individual or corporation) with an ownership or control interest** in the Disclosing Entity. The address for corporate entities must include as applicable primary business address, every business location, and P.O. Box address.
  - iii. Date of birth and Social Security Number (in the case of an individual).
  - iv. Other tax identification number (in the case of a corporation) with an ownership or control interest in the Disclosing Entity (or fiscal agent or managed care entity) or in any subcontractor in which the Disclosing Entity (or fiscal agent or managed care entity) has a five percent or more interest.
  - v. Whether the person (individual or corporation) with an ownership or control interest in the Disclosing Entity (or fiscal agent or managed care entity) is related to another person with ownership or control interest in the Disclosing Entity as a spouse, parent, child, or sibling; or whether the person (individual or corporation) with an ownership or control interest in any subcontractor in which the Disclosing Entity has a five percent or more interest is related to another person with ownership or control interest in the Disclosing Entity as a spouse, parent, child, or sibling.
  - vi. The name of any other Disclosing Entity in which an owner of the Disclosing Entity has an ownership or control interest.
  - vii. Is an officer or director of a Disclosing Entity that is organized as a corporation.
  - viii. Is a partner in a Disclosing Entity that is organized as a partnership.
3. **Timing for Disclosure of Ownership and Controlling Interests.** Contractor shall complete a Disclosure of Ownership or Controlling Interest form provided by County upon submitting a provider application; before entering into or renewing its contract; annually, upon request during the re-validation of enrollment process under 42 C.F.R. Section 455.104; within 35 days after any change of ownership; or upon any person newly obtaining an interest of 5% or more of any mortgage, deed of trust, note or other obligation secured by Contractor, and that interest equals at least 5% of Contractor’s property or assets.
4. **Business Transactions. (42 C.F.R. § 455.105).**

- i. Contractor agrees to furnish to County or the Secretary of DHCS on request, information related to business transactions. Contractor shall submit, within 35 days of the date on a request by County or the Secretary of DHCS full and complete information about:
  - a. The ownership of any subcontractor with whom the provider has had business transactions totaling more than \$25,000 during the 12-month period ending on the date of the request; and
  - b. Any significant business transactions between the provider and any wholly owned supplier, or between the provider and any subcontractor, during the 5-year period ending on the date of the request.

**5. Crimes.**

- i. **Violations of Criminal Law.** Contractor must disclose, in a timely manner, in writing to the County all violations of Federal criminal law involving fraud, bribery, or gratuity violations potentially affecting this Agreement. Contractor is required to report certain civil, criminal, or administrative proceedings to the System for Award Management (SAM) located at [www.sam.gov](http://www.sam.gov). Failure to make required disclosures can result in any of the remedies for noncompliance described in 45 C.F.R. Section 75.371 and/or 2 C.F.R. § 200.339, including suspension or debarment. (See also 2 C.F.R. parts 180 and 376, 31 U.S.C. § 3321, and 41 U.S.C. § 2313.)
- ii. **Persons Convicted of Crimes Related to Federal Health Care Programs.** Contractor shall submit the following disclosures to County regarding its owners, persons with controlling interest, agents, and managing employee's criminal convictions prior to entering into this Agreement and at any time upon County's request:
  - a. The identity of any person who is a managing employee of the Contractor who has been convicted of a crime related to federal health care programs. (42 C.F.R. § 455.106(a)(1), (2).)
  - b. The identity of any person who is an agent of the Contractor who has been convicted of a crime related to federal health care programs. (42 C.F.R. § 455.106(a)(1), (2).) For this purpose, the word "agent" has the meaning described in 42 C.F.R. Section 455.101.
- iii. **Timing for Disclosures of Crimes.** The Contractor shall supply disclosures regarding crimes before entering into the contract and at any time upon the County or DHCS' request.

**C. Lobbying.** Contractor shall complete a Certification Regarding Lobbying as set forth in Exhibit D, Attachment 1, and, if applicable, a Lobbying Restrictions and Disclosure Certification as set forth in Exhibit D, Attachment 2, of this Agreement, which are incorporated herein by this reference.

1. This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by Section 1352, Title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

2. Contractor also agrees by signing this Agreement that he or she shall require that the language of this certification be included in all lower-tier subcontracts, which exceed \$100,000 and that all such sub recipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.
3. Each tier certifies to the tier above that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant, or any other award covered by 31 U.S.C. § 1352. Each tier shall also disclose any lobbying with non-Federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any Federal award. Such disclosures are forwarded from tier to tier up to the recipient.

**D. Remedies.**

1. **Denial of Federal Financial Participation (FFP) for Failure to Provide Timely Disclosures.**
  - i. FFP is not available in expenditures for services furnished by Contractors who fail to comply with a request made by the County or Secretary of DHCS under this section Mandatory Disclosures, or under 42 C.F.R. § 420.205 (Medicare requirements for disclosure).
  - ii. FFP will be denied in expenditures for services furnished during the period beginning on the day following the date the information was due to the County or the Secretary of DHCS and ending on the day before the date on which the information was supplied.
  - iii. A provider shall be required to reimburse those Medi-Cal funds received during any period for which material information was not reported, or reported falsely, to the County or DHCS (Welf. & Inst. Code § 14043.3).
2. **Other Remedies.** County or DHCS may pursue any remedies provided by law, including but not limited to, the right to withhold payments, disallow costs, or issue a CAP, pursuant to Cal. Health and Safety Code, Section 11817.8(h) for Contractor's failure to provide required disclosures.

**38. PROCUREMENT OF RECOVERED MATERIALS.**

Contractor shall comply with Section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. The requirements of Section 6002 include procuring only items designated in guidelines of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) at 40 C.F.R. Part 247 that contain the highest percentage of recovered materials practicable, consistent with maintaining a satisfactory level of competition, where the purchase price of the item exceeds \$10,000 or the value of the quantity acquired during the preceding fiscal year exceeded \$10,000; procuring solid waste management services in a manner that maximizes energy and resource recovery; and establishing an affirmative procurement program for procurement of recovered materials identified in the EPA guidelines.

**39. DOMESTIC PREFERENCES FOR PROCUREMENTS.**

- A. As appropriate and to the extent consistent with law, the CONTRACTOR should, to the greatest extent practicable, provide a preference for the purchase, acquisition, or use of goods, products, or materials produced in the United States (including, but not limited to, iron, aluminum, steel, cement, and other manufactured products). The requirements of this section must be included in all subcontractor agreements.



**B.** For purposes of this section:

1. “Produced in the United States” means, for iron and steel products, that all manufacturing processes, from the initial melting stage through the application of coatings, occurred in the United States.
2. “Manufactured products” means items and construction materials composed in whole or in part of nonferrous metals such as aluminum; plastics and polymer-based products such as polyvinyl chloride pipe; aggregates such as concrete; glass, including optical fiber; and lumber.

**40. CLEAN AIR ACT AND FEDERAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ACT.**

Contractor shall comply with all applicable standards, orders, or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. §§ 7401-7671q) and pursuant to the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended (33 U.S.C. §§ 1251-1387). Contractor shall promptly disclose, in writing, to the COUNTY, the Federal Awarding Agency, and the Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), whenever, in connection with the award, performance, or closeout of this contract or any subcontract thereunder, the Contractor has credible evidence that Contractor itself, a principal, employee, agent, or subcontractor of the Contractor has committed a violation of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. §§ 7401-7671q) or the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended (33 U.S.C. §§ 1251-1387).

**41. PROHIBITION ON CERTAIN TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND VIDEO SURVEILLANCE SERVICES OR EQUIPMENT.**

**A.** Contractors are prohibited from obligating or expending loan or grant funds to:

1. Procure or obtain;
2. Extend or renew a contract to procure or obtain; or
3. Enter into a contract (or extend or renew a contract) to procure or obtain equipment, services, or systems that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system. As described in Public Law 115-232, section 889, covered telecommunications equipment is telecommunications equipment produced by Huawei Technologies Company or ZTE Corporation (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities).
  - i. For the purpose of public safety, security of government facilities, physical security surveillance of critical infrastructure, and other national security purposes, video surveillance and telecommunications equipment produced by Hytera Communications Corporation, Hangzhou Hikvision Digital Technology Company, or Dahua Technology Company (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities).
  - ii. Telecommunications or video surveillance services provided by such entities or using such equipment.
  - iii. Telecommunications or video surveillance equipment or services produced or provided by an entity that the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Director of the National Intelligence or the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, reasonably believes to be an entity owned or controlled by, or otherwise connected to, the government of a covered foreign country.

- B.** In implementing the prohibition under Public Law 115-232, section 889, subsection (f), paragraph (1), heads of executive agencies administering loan, grant, or subsidy programs shall prioritize available funding and technical support to assist affected businesses, institutions and organizations as is reasonably necessary for those affected entities to transition from covered communications equipment and services, to procure replacement equipment and services, and to ensure that communications service to users and customers is sustained.
- C.** See Public Law 115-232, section 889 for additional information.
- D.** See also § 200.471.

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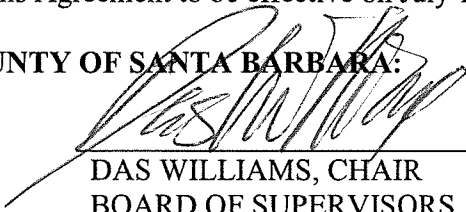
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Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor between the **County of Santa Barbara** and **CF Merced Behavioral, LLC**.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties have executed this Agreement to be effective on July 1, 2023.

**COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA:**

By:   
DAS WILLIAMS, CHAIR  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Date: 8-29-23

**ATTEST:**

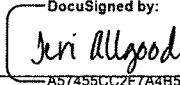
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COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
CLERK OF THE BOARD

By:   
Deputy Clerk

Date: 8-29-23

**CONTRACTOR:**

**CF Merced Behavioral, LLC**

By:   
Authorized Representative

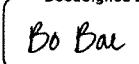
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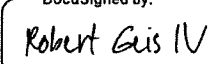
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RACHEL VAN MULLEM  
COUNTY COUNSEL

By:   
Deputy County Counsel

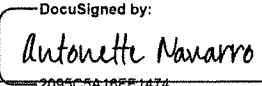
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BETSY M. SCHAFFER, CPA  
AUDITOR-CONTROLLER

By:   
Deputy

**RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL:**

ANTONETTE NAVARRO, LMFT,  
DIRECTOR  
DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL  
WELLNESS

By:   
Director

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

GREG MILLIGAN, ARM  
RISK MANAGER

By:   
Risk Manager

**THIS AGREEMENT INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING EXHIBITS:**

**EXHIBIT A – MHS STATEMENT OF WORK**

EXHIBIT A-1 General Provisions: MHS

EXHIBIT A-2 Institute for Mental Disease and Skilled Nursing Facility

**EXHIBIT B – FINANCIAL PROVISIONS**

EXHIBIT B Financial Provisions: MHS

EXHIBIT B-1 Schedule of Rates and Contract Maximum: MHS

**EXHIBIT C – STANDARD INDEMNIFICATION AND INSURANCE PROVISIONS**

**EXHIBIT D – CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING**

**EXHIBIT E – PROGRAM GOALS, OUTCOMES AND MEASURES**

**EXHIBIT A-1**  
**GENERAL PROVISIONS**  
**MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES (MHS)**  
**STATEMENT OF WORK**

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**EXHIBIT A-1- MHS**  
**GENERAL PROVISIONS**

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**The following provisions shall apply to all programs operated under this Agreement, included as Exhibit A- 2 as though separately set forth in the scope of work specific to each Program.**

**1. PERFORMANCE.**

**A.** In the performance of this Agreement, Contractor shall adhere to all applicable County, State, and Federal laws including, but not limited to, the statutes and regulations set forth below and the applicable sections of the State Medicaid plan and waiver, all of which are incorporated by this reference. Contractor shall comply with any changes to these statutes and regulations that may occur during the Term of this Agreement and any new applicable statutes or regulations without the need for an amendment(s) to this Agreement. To the extent there is a conflict between federal or state law or regulation and a provision in this Agreement, Contractor shall comply with the federal or state law or regulation and the conflicting Agreement provision shall no longer be in effect. Contractor's performance shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the following:

1. All laws and regulations, and all contractual obligations of the County under the County Mental Health Plan ("MHP") (Contract No. 22-20133) between the County and the State Department of Health Care Services (DHCS), available at [www.countyofsb.org/behavioral-wellness](http://www.countyofsb.org/behavioral-wellness), including, but not limited to, Subsections D, G, and H of Section 6(B) of Exhibit E of the MHP and the applicable provisions of Exhibit D(F) of the MHP referenced in Section 17.D (State Contract Compliance) of this Exhibit. Contractor shall comply with the MHP (Contract No. 22-20133), which is incorporated by this reference;
2. The Behavioral Wellness Steering Committee Vision and Guiding Principles, available at <https://www.countyofsb.org/274/Behavioral-Wellness>;
3. All applicable laws and regulations relating to patients' rights, including but not limited to Welfare and Institutions Code Section 5325, California Code of Regulations, Title 9, Sections 862 through 868, and 42 Code of Federal Regulations Section 438.100;
4. All applicable Medicaid laws, regulations, including applicable sub-regulatory guidance and contract provisions (42 C.F.R. § 438.230, subd. (c)(2));
5. California's Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) and regulations applicable to the MHSA at California Code of Regulations, Title 9, Sections 3100 through 3995;
6. California Code of Regulations Title 9, Division 1; and
7. 42 C.F.R. § 438.900 *et seq.* requiring the provision of services to be delivered in compliance with federal regulatory requirements related to parity in mental health and substance use disorder benefits.

**B.** Contractor shall be at all times currently enrolled with the California Department of Health Care Services as a Medicaid provider, consistent with the provider disclosure, screening and enrollment requirements of 42 C.F.R. part 455, subparts B and E.

**2. STAFF.**

- A. Contractor staff providing direct services to clients shall be trained and skilled at working with persons with serious mental illness (SMI), and shall adhere to professionally recognized evidence-based best practices for rehabilitation assessment, service planning, and service delivery. In addition, these staff shall receive Documentation Training in accordance with the *Behavioral Wellness Mandatory Trainings Policy and Procedure #5.008*, as may be amended, available at <https://www.countyofsb.org/904/Policies-Procedures>.
- B. Contractor shall ensure that any staff identified on the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (“CMS”) Exclusions List or other applicable list shall not provide services under this Agreement nor shall the cost of such staff be claimed to Medi-Cal. Contractor shall not employ or subcontract with providers excluded from participation in Federal health care programs under either sections 1128 or 1128A of the Social Security Act.
- C. All staff performing services under this Agreement with access to the Behavioral Wellness electronic medical record shall be reviewed and approved by Behavioral Wellness Quality Care Management (QCM) Division, in accordance with *Behavioral Wellness Policy and Procedure #4.015, Staff Credentialing and Re-Credentialing*.
- D. Contractor shall notify County in writing through the ServiceNow CBO Onboarding/Offboarding Portal, within one (1) business day for the unexpected termination of staff when staff separates from employment or is terminated from working under this Agreement, or within one week of the expected last day of employment or for staff planning a formal leave of absence.
- E. At any time prior to or during the term of this Agreement, the County may require that Contractor staff performing work under this Agreement undergo and pass, to the satisfaction of County, a background investigation, as a condition of beginning and continuing to work under this Agreement. County shall use its discretion in determining the method of background clearance to be used. The fees associated with obtaining the background information shall be at the expense of the Contractor, regardless if the Contractor’s staff passes or fails the background clearance investigation.
- F. County may request that Contractor’s staff be immediately removed from performing work under this Agreement for good cause during the term of the Agreement. Upon such request, Contractor shall remove such staff immediately.
- G. County may immediately deny or terminate County facility access, including all rights to County property, computer access, and access to County software, to Contractor’s staff that does not pass such investigation(s) to the satisfaction of the County, or whose conduct is incompatible with County facility access.
- H. Disqualification, if any, of Contractor staff, pursuant to this Section regarding Staff or any other provision of law, shall not relieve Contractor of its obligation to complete all work in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

**3. LICENSES, PERMITS, REGISTRATIONS, ACCREDITATIONS, AND CERTIFICATIONS.**

- A. Contractor shall obtain and maintain in effect during the term of this Agreement, all licenses, permits, registrations, accreditations, and certifications (including, but not limited to, certification as a Short-Doyle/Medi-Cal provider if Title XIX Short-Doyle/Medi-Cal services are provided hereunder), as required by all Federal, State, and local laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, manuals, guidelines, and directives, which are applicable to Contractor’s facility(ies) and services under this Agreement.

Contractor shall further ensure that all of its officers, employees, and agents, who perform services hereunder, shall obtain and maintain in effect during the term of this Agreement all licenses, permits, registrations, supervision agreements, accreditations, and certificates which are applicable to their performance hereunder. A copy of such documentation shall be provided to Behavioral Wellness QCM Division, upon request.

- B. In the event the license/certification status of any Contractor staff member cannot be confirmed, the staff member shall be prohibited from providing services under this Agreement.
- C. If Contractor is a participant in the Short-Doyle/Medi-Cal program, Contractor shall keep fully informed of and in compliance with all current Short-Doyle/Medi-Cal Policy Letters, including, but not limited to, procedures for maintaining Medi-Cal certification of all its facilities, and the requirements of *Department of Behavioral Wellness' Policy and Procedure #4.005 – Site Certification for Specialty Mental Health Services*.

#### 4. REPORTS.

A. **Programmatic.** Contractor shall submit quarterly programmatic reports to County, which shall be received by County no later than 25 calendar days following the end of the quarter being reported. Programmatic reports shall include the following:

1. Contractor shall state whether it is or is not progressing satisfactorily in achieving all the terms of this Agreement and if not, shall specify what steps will be taken to achieve satisfactory progress;
2. Contractor shall include a narrative description of Contractor's progress in implementing the provisions of this Agreement, details of outreach activities and their results, any pertinent facts or interim findings, staff changes, status of Licenses and Certifications, changes in population served and reasons for any such changes;
3. The number of active cases and number of clients admitted/ discharged; and
4. The Measures described in Exhibit E, Program Goals, Outcomes and Measures, as applicable, or as otherwise agreed by Contractor and County. Amendments to Exhibit E do not require a formal amendment to this Agreement, but shall be agreed to in writing by Contractor and the Director of the Department of Behavioral Wellness or designee. In addition, Contractor may include any other data that demonstrate the effectiveness of Contractor's programs.

B. **Annual Mandatory Training Report.** Contractor shall submit evidence of completion of the Mandatory Trainings identified in the Section regarding Training Requirements on an annual basis to the County Systems Training Coordinator. Training materials, competency tests and sign-in sheets shall be submitted for each training no later than June 15th of each year unless requested earlier by County.

#### C. **Additional Reports.**

1. Contractor shall maintain records and make statistical reports as required by County and DHCS or other government agency, on forms provided by or acceptable to the requesting agency. In addition to reports required under this Agreement, upon County's request, Contractor shall make additional reports or provide other documentation as required by County concerning Contractor's activities as they affect the services hereunder. County will be specific as to the nature of information requested and allow thirty (30) days for Contractor to respond.
2. As a condition of funding for Quality Assurance (QA) activities, Contractor QA staff shall provide a monthly report to QCM consisting of documentation reviews



performed, associated findings, and corrective action. The QA reports shall be received by County no later than 30 calendar days following the end of the month being reported.

**5. BACKGROUND CHECKS.**

**A. Consent to Criminal Background Check, Fingerprinting (42 C.F.R. § 455.450, Welf. & Inst. Code § 14043.38).** Contractor consents to criminal background checks, including fingerprinting when required to do so by federal or state law. Within 30 days of a request from CMS or DHCS, Contractor, or any person with a 5% or more direct or indirect ownership interest in Contractor, shall submit a set of fingerprints in a form and manner determined by CMS or DHCS.

**B. Mandatory Termination.** As determined by DHCS, Contractor may be subject to mandatory termination from the Medi-Cal program for any of the following reasons:

1. Failure to cooperate with and provide accurate, timely information in response to all required Medi-Cal screening methods, including failure to submit fingerprints as required (42 C.F.R. § 455.416); or
2. Conviction of a criminal offense related to a person's involvement with Medi-care, Medi-Cal, or any other Title XX or XXI program in the last 10 years (42 C.F.R. § 455.416, 42 C.F.R. § 455.106).

**6. MEDI-CAL VERIFICATION.** Contractor shall be responsible for verifying client's Medi-Cal eligibility status and will take steps to reactivate or establish eligibility where none exists.

**7. SITE STANDARDS.**

**A.** Contractor agrees to comply with all Medi-Cal requirements, including, but not limited to those specified in the *Department of Behavioral Wellness' Policies and Procedures* referenced in Section 16 (Additional Program Requirements), and be approved to provide Medi-Cal services based on Medi-Cal site certification, per *Department of Behavioral Wellness' Policy and Procedure #4.005- Site Certification for Specialty Mental Health Services*.

**B.** For programs located at Contractor's sites, Contractor shall develop and maintain a written disaster plan for the Program site and shall provide annual disaster training to staff that addresses, at a minimum: emergency staffing levels for the continuation of services under the Program, patient safety, facility safety, safety of medication storage and dispensing medication, and protection of client records, as required by this Agreement.

**8. CONFIDENTIALITY.**

**A.** Contractor agrees, and Contractor agrees to require its employees, agents, or subcontractors to agree, to maintain the confidentiality of patient records pursuant to: Title 42 United State Code (USC) Section 290 dd-2; Title 42 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.), Part 2; Title 42 C.F.R. Section 438.224; 45 C.F.R. Section 96.132(e), 45 C.F.R. Parts 160, 162, and 164; Title 22 California Code of Regulations (CCR) Section 51009; Welfare & Institutions Code (W&IC) Section 5328 et seq. and Sections 14100.2 and 14184.102; Health and Safety Code (HSC) Sections 11812 and 11845.5; Civil Code Sections 56 – 56.37, 1798.80 – 1798.82, and 1798.85; Exhibit D(F), Section 14 (Confidentiality of Information) of the MHP (Contract No. 22-20133); and Section 34 (Compliance with Privacy Laws) of this Agreement, as

applicable. Patient records must comply with all appropriate State and Federal requirements.

- B. Contractor shall ensure that no list of persons receiving services under this Agreement is published, disclosed, or used for any purpose except for the direct administration of services under this Agreement or other uses authorized by law that are not in conflict with requirements for confidentiality contained in the preceding codes.
- C. Contractor shall comply with Exhibit F to the MHP (Contract No. 22-20133) to the extent Contractor is provided Personal Health Information (“PHI”), Personal Information (“PI”), or Personally Identifiable Information (“PII”) as defined in Exhibit F of the MHP from County to perform functions, services, or activities specified in this Agreement.
- D. Contractor shall make itself and any subcontractors, employees or agents assisting Contractor in the performance of its obligations under this Agreement, available to County or DHCS at no cost to testify as witnesses, or otherwise, in the event of litigation or administrative proceedings being commenced against County, DHCS, its directors, officers or employees based upon claimed violations of privacy involving inactions or actions by Contractor, except where Contractor or its subcontractor, employee or agent is a named adverse party.
- E. Upon termination or expiration of this Agreement for any reason, Contractor shall return or destroy all PHI, PI and PII accessed in a database maintained by County, received by Contractor from County, or acquired or created by Contractor in connection with performing functions, services, or activities specified in this Agreement on behalf of County that Contractor still maintains in any form, and shall retain no copies of such PHI, PI or PII. If return or destruction is not feasible, Contractor shall notify County of the conditions that make the return or destruction infeasible, and County and Contractor shall determine the terms and conditions under which Contractor may retain the PHI, PI or PII. Contractor shall continue to extend the protections of Exhibit F of the MHP to such PHI, PI and PII, and shall limit further use of such data to those purposes that make the return or destruction of such data infeasible. This subsection shall also apply to Department PHI, PI and PII that is in the possession of subcontractors or agents of Contractor.

**9. CLIENT AND FAMILY MEMBER EMPOWERMENT.**

- A. Contractor agrees to support active involvement of clients and their families in treatment, recovery, and policy development.
- B. Contractor shall actively participate in the planning design, and execution of County’s Quality Improvement Program as described in Cal. Code. Regs., Title 9, § 1810.440(a)(2)(A).
- C. Contractor shall adopt *Department of Behavioral Wellness’ Policy and Procedures #4.020 Beneficiary Problem Resolution Process*, available at [www.countyofsb.org/behavioral-wellness](http://www.countyofsb.org/behavioral-wellness), to address client/family complaints in compliance with beneficiary grievance, appeal, and fair hearing procedures and timeframes as specified in 42 C.F.R. Section 438.400 through 42 C.F.R. Section 438.424.
- D. Contractor shall take a beneficiary’s rights into account when providing services and comply with *Department of Behavioral Wellness’ Policy and Procedure #3.000 Beneficiary Rights*.

- E. Contractor shall obtain and retain a written medication consent form signed by the beneficiary in accordance with *Department of Behavioral Wellness' Policy and Procedures #8.009 Psychiatric Medication Consent for Adults* to the extent Contractor is a "provider" as defined by the MHP (Contract No. 22-20133).

## 10. CULTURAL COMPETENCE.

- A. **Report on Capacity.** Contractor shall report on its capacity to provide culturally competent services to culturally diverse clients and their families upon request from County, including:
  - 1. The number of bilingual and bicultural staff (as part of the annual training report), and the number of culturally diverse clients receiving Program services; and
  - 2. Efforts aimed at providing culturally competent services such as trainings provided to staff, changes or adaptations to service protocol, community education/outreach, etc.
- B. **Communicate in Preferred Language.** At all times, the Contractor's Program(s) shall be staffed with personnel who can communicate in the client preferred language, or Contractor shall provide interpretation services, including American Sign Language (ASL).
- C. **Bilingual Staff for Direct Service Positions.** Contractor will strive to fill direct service positions with bilingual staff in County's threshold language (Spanish) that is reflective of the specific needs of each region. Contractor percentage goals are calculated based on U.S. Census language data by region: Santa Barbara service area (including Goleta and Carpinteria) – 30%; Santa Maria service area (including Orcutt and Guadalupe) – 48%; and Lompoc service area (including Buellton and Solvang) – 33%.
- D. **Cultural Considerations When Providing Services.** Contractor shall provide services that consider the culture of mental illness, as well as the ethnic and cultural diversity of clients and families served; materials provided to the public must also be printed in Spanish (threshold language).
- E. **Services and Programs in Spanish.** Services and programs offered in English must also be made available in Spanish, if clients identify Spanish as their preferred language, as specified in subsection B above.
- F. As applicable, a measurable and documented effort must be made to conduct outreach to and to serve the marginalized, underserved, and non-served communities of Santa Barbara County.
- G. Contractor shall establish a process by which Spanish speaking staff who provide direct services in Spanish or interpretive services are tested for proficiency in speaking, reading, and writing in the Spanish language.

## 11. COMPLIANCE PROGRAM.

- A. If Contractor identifies an issue or receives notification of a complaint concerning an incident of potential fraud, waste or abuse, in addition to notifying County, Contractor shall conduct an internal investigation to determine the validity of the issue/complaint, and develop and implement corrective action, if needed.
- B. County shall suspend payments to Contractor when it or the State determines there is a credible allegation of fraud. Contractor shall implement and maintain arrangements or procedures that include provision for the suspension of payments to independent contractors for which the State, or County, determines there is a credible allegation of

fraud. (42 C.F.R. §§ 438.608(a), (a)(8) and 455.23.)

- C. Contractor shall notify County within 30 calendar days when it has identified payments in excess of amounts specified for reimbursements of Medi-Cal services or when it has identified or recovered overpayments due to potential fraud. (42 C.F.R. § 438.608(a), (a)(2).) Contractor shall return any overpayments pursuant to Exhibit B, Section IV.F (Overpayments) of this Agreement.

## 12. NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS.

- A. Contractor shall maintain and share, as appropriate, a beneficiary health record in accordance with professional standards. (42 C.F.R. § 438.208(b)(5).) Contractor shall ensure that, in the course of coordinating care, each beneficiary's privacy is protected in accordance with this Agreement all federal and state privacy laws, including but not limited to 45 C.F.R. parts 160 and 164, subparts A and E, to the extent that such provisions are applicable. (42 C.F.R. § 438.208(b)(6).)
- B. Contractor shall immediately notify Behavioral Wellness Quality Care Management ("QCM") Division at 805-681-4777 or by email at [BWELLQCM@sbcbswell.org](mailto:BWELLQCM@sbcbswell.org) in the event of:
1. Known serious complaints against licensed/certified staff;
  2. Restrictions in practice or license/certification of staff as stipulated by a State agency;
  3. Staff privileges restricted at a hospital;
  4. Other action instituted which affects staff license/certification or practice (for example, sexual harassment accusations); or
  5. Any event triggering Incident Reporting, as defined in *Behavioral Wellness Policy and Procedure #4.004, Unusual Occurrence Incident Reporting*.
- C. Contractor shall immediately contact the Behavioral Wellness Compliance Hotline (805-884-6855) should any of the following occur:
1. Suspected or actual misappropriation of funds under Contractor's control;
  2. Legal suits initiated specific to the Contractor's practice;
  3. Initiation of criminal investigation of the Contractor; or
  4. Breach of Privacy Laws.
- D. For clients receiving direct services from both Behavioral Wellness and Contractor staff, Contractor shall immediately notify the client's Behavioral Wellness Case Manager or other Behavioral Wellness staff involved in the client's care, or the applicable Regional Manager should any of the following occur:
1. Side effects requiring medical attention or observation;
  2. Behavioral symptoms presenting possible health problems; or
  3. Any behavioral symptom that may compromise the appropriateness of the placement.
- E. Contractor may contact Behavioral Wellness Contracts Division at [bwellcontractsstaff@sbcbswell.org](mailto:bwellcontractsstaff@sbcbswell.org) for any contractual concerns or issues.

- F. "Immediately" means as soon as possible but in no event more than twenty-four (24) hours after the triggering event. Contractor shall train all personnel in the use of the Behavioral Wellness Compliance Hotline (805-884-6855).

### 13. MONITORING.

- A. Contractor agrees to abide by the *Department of Behavioral Wellness' Policies and Procedures* referenced in Section 16 (Additional Program Requirements) and to cooperate with the County's utilization review process which ensures medical necessity, appropriateness and quality of care. This review may include clinical record review, client survey, and other utilization review program monitoring practices. Contractor shall cooperate with these programs, and will furnish necessary assessment and Client Service Plan information, subject to Federal or State confidentiality laws and provisions of this Agreement.
- B. Contractor shall identify a senior staff member who will be the designated Behavioral Wellness QCM Division contact and will participate in any provider QCM meetings to review current and coming quality of care issues.
- C. Contractor shall provide a corrective action plan if deficiencies in Contractor's compliance with the provisions of the MHP (Contract No. 22-20133) or this Agreement are identified by County.
- D. County shall monitor the performance of Contractor on an ongoing basis for compliance with the terms of the MHP and this Agreement. County shall assign senior management staff as contract monitors to coordinate periodic review meetings with Contractor's staff regarding quality of clinical services, fiscal and overall performance activity, and provider recertification requirements. County's Care Coordinators, Quality Improvement staff, and the Program Managers or their designees shall conduct periodic on-site and/or electronic reviews of Contractor's clinical documentation.
- E. Contractor shall allow DHCS, CMS, the Office of the Inspector General, the Comptroller General of the United States, and other authorized federal and state agencies, or their duly authorized designees, to evaluate Contractor's, and its subcontractors', performance under this Agreement, including the quality, appropriateness, and timeliness of services provided. This right shall exist for 10 years from the term end date of this Agreement or in the event the Contractor has been notified that an audit or investigation of this Agreement has been commenced, until such time as the matter under audit or investigation has been resolved, including the exhaustion of all legal remedies, whichever is later. (See 42 C.F.R. § 438.3(h).) If monitoring activities identify areas of non-compliance, Contractor will be provided with recommendations and a corrective action plan. Contractor shall be liable to County for any penalties assessed against County for Contractor's failure to comply with the required corrective action.

### 14. NONDISCRIMINATION.

#### A. State Nondiscrimination Provisions.

- 1. **No Denial of Benefits on the Basis of Protected Classification.** During the performance of this Agreement, Contractor and its subcontractors shall not deny this Agreement's benefits to any person on the basis of any ground protected under state law including race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical disability, mental disability, medical condition, genetic information, marital status, sex, gender, gender identity, gender expression, age, sexual orientation, military

and veteran status, or other protected category and will not use any policy or practice that has the effect of discriminating on such basis.

2. **No Discrimination on the Basis of Health or Protected Classification.** Consistent with the requirements of applicable federal law, such as 42 Code of Federal Regulations, sections 438.3(d)(3) and (4), and state law, the Contractor shall not, on the basis of health status or need for health care services, discriminate against Medi-Cal eligible individuals in Santa Barbara County who require an assessment or meet medical necessity criteria for specialty mental health services. Nor shall Contractor engage in any unlawful discriminatory practices in the admission of beneficiaries, assignments of accommodations, treatment, evaluation, employment of personnel, or in any other respect on the basis of race, color, gender, gender identity, religion, marital status, national origin, age, sexual orientation, or mental or physical handicap or disability.
3. **No Discrimination against Handicapped Persons.** The Contractor shall comply with the provisions of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (codified at 29 U.S.C. § 794), prohibiting exclusion, denial of benefits, and discrimination against qualified individuals with a disability in any federally assisted program or activity, and shall comply with the implementing regulations Parts 84 and 85 of Title 45 of the C.F.R., as applicable.
4. **Determination of Medical Necessity.** Notwithstanding other provisions of this section, the Contractor may require a determination of medical necessity pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 9, Sections 1820.205, 1830.205 and/or 1830.210, prior to providing covered services to a beneficiary.
5. **No Discrimination under State Law.** Contractor shall ensure that the evaluation and treatment of employees and applicants for employment are free of such discrimination. Contractor and subcontractors shall comply with the provisions of the Fair Employment and Housing Act (Gov. Code § 12900 et seq.), the regulations promulgated thereunder (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 2, § 11000 et seq.), the provisions of Article 9.5, Chapter 1, Part 1, Division 3, Title 2 of the Government Code (Gov. Code §§ 11135-11139.5), and the regulations or standards adopted by the awarding state agency to implement such article. Contractor shall permit access by representatives of the Department of Fair Employment and Housing and the awarding state agency upon reasonable notice at any time during normal business hours, but in no case less than 24 hours' notice, to such of its books, records, accounts, and all other sources of information and its facilities as said Department or Agency shall require to ascertain compliance with this clause. Contractor and its subcontractors shall give written notice of their obligations under this clause to labor organizations with which they have a collective bargaining or other agreement. (See Cal. Code Regs., tit. 2, § 11105.)

**B. Federal Nondiscrimination Provisions.**

1. The Contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment on the basis of any ground protected under federal law including race, color, religion, sex, national origin, physical or mental handicap or disability, age or status as a disabled veteran or veteran of the Vietnam era. The Contractor will take affirmative action to ensure that qualified applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, national origin, physical or mental handicap, disability, age or status as a disabled veteran or veteran of the Vietnam era. Such action shall include, but

not be limited to the following: employment, upgrading, demotion or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and career development opportunities and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The Contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided by the Federal Government or DHCS, setting forth the provisions of the Equal Opportunity clause, Section 503 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the affirmative action clause required by the Vietnam Era Veterans' Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974 (38 U.S.C. § 4212). Such notices shall state the Contractor's obligation under the law to take affirmative action to employ and advance in employment qualified applicants without discrimination based on their race, color, religion, sex, national origin physical or mental handicap, disability, age or status as a disabled veteran or veteran of the Vietnam era and the rights of applicants and employees.

2. The Contractor will, in all solicitations or advancements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin physical or mental handicap, disability, age or status as a disabled veteran or veteran of the Vietnam era.
3. The Contractor will send to each labor union or representative of workers with which it has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding a notice, to be provided by the Federal Government or the State, advising the labor union or workers' representative of the Contractor's commitments under the provisions herein and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.
4. The Contractor will comply with all provisions of and furnish all information and reports required by Section 503 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, the Vietnam Era Veterans' Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974 (38 U.S.C. § 4212) and of the Federal Executive Order No. 11246 as amended, including by Executive Order 11375, 'Amending Executive Order 11246 Relating to Equal Employment Opportunity,' and as supplemented by regulation at 41 C.F.R. part 60, "Office of the Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, Department of Labor," and of the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor.
5. The Contractor will furnish all information and reports required by Federal Executive Order No. 11246 as amended, including by Executive Order 11375, 'Amending Executive Order 11246 Relating to Equal Employment Opportunity,' and as supplemented by regulation at 41 C.F.R. part 60, "Office of the Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, Department of Labor," and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and by the rules, regulations, and orders of the Secretary of Labor, or pursuant thereto, and will permit access to its books, records, and accounts by the State and its designated representatives and the Secretary of Labor for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with such rules, regulations, and orders.
6. In the event of the Contractor's noncompliance with the requirements of the provisions herein or with any federal rules, regulations, or orders which are referenced herein, this Agreement may be cancelled, terminated, or suspended in whole or in part and the Contractor may be declared ineligible for further federal and state contracts in accordance with procedures authorized in Federal

Executive Order No. 11246 as amended and such other sanctions may be imposed and remedies invoked as provided in Federal Executive Order No. 11246 as amended, including by Executive Order 11375, 'Amending Executive Order 11246 Relating to Equal Employment Opportunity,' and as supplemented by regulation at 41 C.F.R. part 60, "Office of the Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, Department of Labor," or by rule, regulation, or order of the Secretary of Labor, or as otherwise provided by law.

7. The Contractor shall include the provisions of Sections 14(B)(1) through 14(B)(7) in every subcontract or purchase order unless exempted by rules, regulations, or orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to Federal Executive Order No. 11246 as amended, including by Executive Order 11375, 'Amending Executive Order 11246 Relating to Equal Employment Opportunity,' and as supplemented by regulation at 41 C.F.R. part 60, "Office of the Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, Department of Labor," or Section 503 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 or 38 U.S.C. Section 4212 of the Vietnam Era Veteran's Readjustment Assistance Act, so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor. The Contractor will take such action with respect to any subcontract or purchase order as the Director of the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs or DHCS may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions including sanctions for noncompliance provided, however, that in the event the Contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with litigation by a subcontractor or vendor as a result of such direction by DHCS, the Contractor may request in writing to DHCS, who, in turn, may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the State and of the United States.

**C. Subcontracts.** The Contractor shall include the nondiscrimination and compliance provisions of this Agreement (Sections 14 and 17, respectively) in all subcontracts to perform work under this Exhibit.

## **15. TRAINING REQUIREMENTS.**

**A.** Contractor shall ensure that all staff providing services under this Agreement complete mandatory trainings, including through attendance at County-sponsored training sessions as available. The following trainings must be completed at hire and annually thereafter:

1. HIPAA Privacy and Security;
2. Consumer and Family Culture;
3. Behavioral Wellness Code of Conduct;
4. Cultural Competency;
5. County Electronic Health Record (EHR), including SmartCare for service and administrative staff who enter and analyze data in the system (at hire and as needed);
6. MHSA Overview Training (only at hire, not annually); and
7. Applicable evidence-based treatment models and programs as agreed between Contractor and County in writing.

**B.** Training Requirements for Mental Health Staff who provide direct service/document in SmartCare. The following trainings must be completed at hire and annually thereafter:



1. Documentation;
2. Assessment and Treatment Plan;
3. Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) assessment training and certification exam, if the service provider works with clients under the age of 21;
4. Any additional applicable trainings in accordance with the *Behavioral Wellness Mandatory Trainings Policy and Procedure #5.008*, as may be amended, available at <https://www.countyofsb.org/904/Policies-Procedures>.

**16. ADDITIONAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS.**

- A. Beneficiary Handbook.** Contractor shall provide the County of Santa Barbara Beneficiary Handbook to each potential beneficiary and beneficiary in an approved method listed in the *Department of Behavioral Wellness' Policy and Procedures #4.008 Beneficiary Information Materials* when first receiving Specialty Mental Health Services and upon request. Contractor shall document the date and method of delivery to the beneficiary in the beneficiary's file. Contractor shall inform beneficiaries that information is available in alternate formats and how to access those formats. (1915(b) Medi-Cal Specialty Mental Health Services Waiver, § (2), subd. (d), at p. 26, attachments 3, 4; Cal. Code Regs., tit. 9, § 1810.360(e); 42 C.F.R. § 438.10.)
- B. Written Materials in English and Spanish.** Contractor shall provide all written materials for beneficiaries and potential beneficiaries, including provider directories, County of Santa Barbara Beneficiary Handbook, appeal and grievance notices, denial and termination notices, and Santa Barbara County's mental health education materials, in English and Spanish as applicable. (42 C.F.R. § 438.10(d)(3).) Contractor shall maintain adequate supply of County-provided written materials and shall request additional written materials from County as needed.
- C. Maintain Provider Directory.** Contractor shall maintain a provider directory on its agency website listing licensed individuals employed by the provider to deliver mental health services; the provider directory must be updated at least monthly to include the following information:
  1. Provider's name;
  2. Provider's business address(es);
  3. Telephone number(s);
  4. Email address;
  5. Website as appropriate;
  6. Specialty in terms of training, experience and specialization, including board certification (if any);
  7. Services/ modalities provided;
  8. Whether the provider accepts new beneficiaries;
  9. The provider's cultural capabilities;
  10. The provider's linguistic capabilities;
  11. Whether the provider's office has accommodations for people with physical disabilities;
  12. Type of practitioner;

13. National Provider Identifier Number;
  14. California License number and type of license; and
  15. An indication of whether the provider has completed cultural competence training.
- D. Policy and Procedure #2.001.** Contractor shall comply with *Department of Behavioral Wellness' Policy and Procedures #2.001 Network Adequacy Standards and Monitoring.*
- E. Policy and Procedure #3.000.** Contractor shall comply with *Department of Behavioral Wellness' Policy and Procedures #3.000 Beneficiary Rights.*
- F. Policy and Procedure #3.004.** Contractor shall comply with *Department of Behavioral Wellness' Policy and Procedures #3.004* on advance directives and the County's obligations for Physician Incentive Plans, as applicable.
- G. Policy and Procedure #4.000.** Contractor shall comply with *Department of Behavioral Wellness' Policy and Procedures #4.000 Authorization of Outpatient Specialty Services.*
- H. Policy and Procedure #4.001.** Contractor shall comply with *Department of Behavioral Wellness' Policy and Procedures #4.001 Authorization of Therapeutic Behavioral Services (TBS), applicable to providers providing children services.*
- I. Policy and Procedure #4.008.** Contractor shall comply with *Department of Behavioral Wellness' Policy and Procedures #4.008 Beneficiary Information Materials.*
- J. Policy and Procedure #4.012.** Contractor shall comply with *Department of Behavioral Wellness' Policy and Procedures #4.012 Contracted Provider Relations.*
- K. Policy and Procedure #4.014.** Contractor shall comply with *Department of Behavioral Wellness' Policy and Procedures #4.014 Service Triage for Urgent and Emergency Conditions.*
- L. Policy and Procedure #5.008.** Mandatory Trainings Contractor shall comply with *Department of Behavioral Wellness' Policy and Procedures #5.008 Mandatory Training.*
- M. Policy and Procedure #8.100.** Contractor shall comply with *Department of Behavioral Wellness' Policy and Procedures #8.100 Mental Health Client Assessment.*
- N. Policy and Procedure #8.101.** Contractor shall comply with *Department of Behavioral Wellness' Policy and Procedures #8.101 Client Problem Lists, Treatment Plans, and Treatment Progress Notes.*
- O. Policy and Procedure #8.102.** Contractor shall comply with *Department of Behavioral Wellness' Policy and Procedures #8.102 CalAIM Documentation Reform-Progress Note Requirements.*
- P. Accessibility.** Contractor shall ensure that it provides physical access, reasonable accommodations, and accessible equipment for Medi-Cal beneficiaries with physical or mental disabilities. (42 C.F.R. § 438.206(b)(1) and (c)(3).)
- Q. Hours of Operation.** Contractor shall maintain hours of operation during which services are provided to Medi-Cal beneficiaries that are no less than the hours of operation during which Contractor offers services to non-Medi-Cal beneficiaries. If Contractor only offers services to Medi-Cal beneficiaries, maintain hours of operation which are comparable to the hours Contractor makes available for Medi-Cal services not covered by County or another Mental Health Plan.

- R. **Access to Routine Appointments.** Contractor shall provide access to routine appointments (1st appointment within 10 business days). When not feasible, Contractor shall give the client the option to re-contact the County's Access team toll free at (888) 868-1649 and request another provider who may be able to serve the client within the 10 business day standard.
- S. **Hold Harmless.** Contractor agrees to hold harmless the State and beneficiaries in the event the County cannot or does not pay for services performed by the Contractor pursuant to this Agreement.
- T. **Client Assessment, Problem List, and Treatment Plan (or Treatment Plan Progress Note).** Contractor shall complete an Assessment, Problem List, and Treatment Plan (or Treatment Plan Progress Note for targeted case management and peer support services) for each client receiving Program services in accordance with CalAIM requirements, applicable Behavioral Wellness Policies and Procedures, and the Behavioral Wellness Clinical Documentation Manual available at <https://www.countyofsb.org/behavioral-wellness/asset.c/5670>.

**17. STATE CONTRACT COMPLIANCE.**

- A. This Agreement is subject to any additional statutes, restrictions, limitations, or conditions enacted by the Congress which may affect the provisions, terms, or funding of this Agreement in any manner. Either the County or Contractor may request consultation and discussion of new or changed statutes or regulations, including whether contract amendments may be necessary.
- B. To the extent there is a conflict between federal or state law or regulation and a provision in the MHP (Contract No. 22-20133) or this Agreement, County and Contractor shall comply with the federal or state law or regulation and the conflicting Agreement provision shall no longer be in effect pursuant to the MHP, Exhibit E, Section 6(B).
- C. Contractor agrees that DHCS, through County, has the right to withhold payments until Contractor has submitted any required data and reports to DHCS, as identified in this Agreement and in accordance with any applicable statute.
- D. The following provisions of the MHP, Exhibit D(F) are hereby incorporated by reference into this Agreement: Sections 1 Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Requirements; 2 Travel and Per Diem Reimbursement; 3 Procurement Rules; 4 Equipment Ownership/Inventory/Disposition; 5 Subcontract Requirements; 6 Income Restrictions; 7 Audit and Record Retention; 8 Site Inspection; 9 Federal Contract Funds; 11 Intellectual Property Rights; 12 Air or Water Pollution Requirements; 13 Prior Approval of Training Seminars, Workshops, or Conferences; 14 Confidentiality of Information; 15 Documents, Publications, and Written Reports; 18 Human Subjects Use Requirements; 20 Debarment and Suspension Certification; 21 Smoke-Free Workplace Certification; 25 Officials Not to Benefit; 27 Prohibited Use of State Funds for Software; 32 Suspension or Stop Work Notification; 33 Public Communications; and 34 Compliance with Statutes and Regulations; and 35 Lobbying Restrictions and Disclosure Certification.
- E. The DHCS may revoke this Agreement, in whole or in part, or may revoke the activities or obligations delegated to Contractor by the County, or pursue other remedies permitted by State or Federal law, if DHCS determines that Contractor has not performed satisfactorily. In such event, this Agreement shall be terminated in accordance with the Standard Terms and Conditions section regarding Termination.

**EXHIBIT A-2**  
**STATEMENT OF WORK: MHS**

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**Institute for Mental Disease: Skilled Nursing Facility**

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1. **PROGRAM SUMMARY.** Contractor provides physician services, nursing, pharmaceutical services, dietary services, and an activity program, and rehabilitation services as applicable, in an inpatient setting, hereafter, “the Program,” to Santa Barbara County residents with serious mental illness (SMI) and serious emotional disturbances (SED). The Program shall be licensed as a Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) with a Special Treatment Program (STP) certification. The Program shall be classified as an Institution for Mental Disease (IMD), defined in Title 42, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 435.1010, as a hospital, nursing facility, or other institution of more than 16 beds, that is primarily engaged in providing diagnosis, treatment, or care of persons with mental diseases, including medical attention, nursing care, and related services.
2. **SERVICES.**
  - A. Contractor shall provide diagnosis, treatment, and care of clients with mental diseases, including medical attention, nursing care, and related services, in one of the following program types:
    - i. **Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF)** means a health facility or a distinct part of a hospital which provides continuous skilled nursing care and supportive care to patients whose primary need is for availability of skilled nursing care on an extended basis. It provides 24-hour inpatient care and, as a minimum, includes physician, skilled nursing, dietary, pharmaceutical services and an activity program, as defined in Title 22 CCR § 72103. Services shall adhere to the requirements specified in Title 22 CCR Division 5, Chapter 3. SNFs provide a Special Treatment Program (STP) serving clients who have a chronic psychiatric impairment and whose adaptive functioning is moderately impaired. STP services are those therapeutic services, including prevocational preparation and prerelease planning, provided to mentally disordered persons having special needs in one or more of the following general areas: self-help skills, behavioral intervention training, interpersonal relationships, as defined in Title 22 CCR, §§ 72443, 72445. Services shall adhere to the requirements specified in Title 22 CCR, Division 5, Chapter 3, §§ 72443-72475 except as otherwise required by the law.
    - ii. **SNF Service Levels:**
      - a. **BASIC:** Basic service levels specified in Exhibit B-1 offer the minimum amount of care required to comply with licensing requirements for Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNFs) and Mental Health Rehabilitation Centers (MHRCs).
      - b. **AUGMENTED:** Augmented service levels offer a minimum amount of additional service on top of the basic services required.
      - c. **SUB-ACUTE:** This is the highest level of care offered to clients before they must be hospitalized. This level is designed to provide treatment and close supervision for residents who present with intermittent behavioral dyscontrol, frequent fluctuations in mood, and/or grossly disorganized behaviors. Treatment programs are aimed at preparing the residents for entry into one of the longer-term rehabilitation programs. Examples of patient needs at this level would be: Individualized behavior modification program which require significantly more staff attention than is available at the Augmented and Basic Levels (target behaviors might include psychogenic polydipsia, frequent inappropriate touching of other

residents and staff, invasion of others' living spaces); additional hands-on assistance with bathing, grooming, or dressing; additional nursing care for incontinent patients; higher than usual amounts of staff supervision and intervention due to frequent episodes of behavioral dyscontrol which require either close observation or frequent periods in supervised time out.

- d. Transportation of clients to and from Contractor's facility will be provided or arranged by County.

**3. CLIENTS.** The services described in Section 2 shall be provided to individuals with SMI or SED (hereafter "clients") who are either:

**A.** Medi-Cal beneficiaries, as described in Title 22, CCR, Division 3, Subdivision 1, Chapter 2, Article 5, and Article 7. IMD Services provided by Contractor to Medi-Cal beneficiaries are covered by Medi-Cal, subject to the conditions in Title 9 CCR § 1840.312, as follows:

- i. The beneficiary is 65 years of age or older, or
- ii. The beneficiary is under 21 years of age, or
- iii. The beneficiary was receiving such services prior to the beneficiary's twenty-first birthday and the services are rendered without interruption until no longer required or the beneficiary's twenty-second birthday, whichever is earlier.
- iv. Reimbursement for covered services to these Medi-Cal beneficiaries shall be provided to Contractor directly by the State's fiscal intermediary, as described in Exhibit B;

**OR**

**B.** Uninsured individuals, or Medi-Cal beneficiaries over the age of 21 and under 65, who are referred and authorized by Santa Barbara County to receive Program services. Reimbursement for these services will be the responsibility of the County, as described in Exhibit B.

**C.** To be eligible for Mental Health Rehabilitation Center services, the client must be considered seriously and persistently mentally disabled, who otherwise would be placed in a state hospital or other mental health facility, and for whom such a setting is the least restrictive alternative available to meet their needs, as specified in Title 9 CCR § 784.26.

**D.** To be eligible for SNF-STP Program services, the client's condition should be responsive to Program services and prohibitive to placement in a SNF, as specified in Title 22 CCR § 72443.

**4. Referral and ADMISSION PROCESS.**

**A.** Point of Authorization. The designated Point of Authorization (POA) for County is:

IMD Liaison  
Santa Barbara County  
Department of Behavioral Wellness  
300 N. San Antonio Rd, Bldg. 3  
Santa Barbara, CA 93110  
Telephone: 805-681-5372  
Facsimile: 805-681-5224

**B.** County POA shall submit a referral packet, described herein, to Contractor, requesting admission for each prospective client.

**C.** Contractor shall respond to referrals within five days from the date of receipt of the referral.

- D. Contractor may interview any client referred by County and shall admit clients to Contractor's program unless compelling clinical circumstances exist that contraindicate admission, subject to the admission and authorization criteria described in Section 3 - Clients, or if space is not available in the Program.
  - E. **REFERRAL PACKET.** Prior to admission, County shall provide, and after admission, Contractor shall maintain within its files (hard copy or electronic), the following documentation for each client:
    - i. A client face sheet listing all of the programs that the client has been admitted to over time, and is currently admitted to, including hospitalizations;
    - ii. A copy of the most recent comprehensive assessment and/or assessment update;
    - iii. A copy of the most recent medication record and health questionnaire; and
    - iv. A copy of the currently valid Client Service Plan (CSP) indicating the goals for client enrollment in the Program and which names Contractor as service provider.
5. **DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS.** Contractor shall complete the following documentation as specified below and provide the following documentation to County Point of Authorization within 48 hours of completion:
- A. **Admission Report.**
    - i. For SNF-STP programs, Contractor shall complete the following:
      - a. Contractor's physician shall complete a client evaluation including a written report of a physical examination within five days prior to admission or within 72 hours following admission, as described in Title 22 CCR § 72303;
      - b. Contractor's nursing staff shall complete an initial assessment commencing at the time of admission of the client and completed within seven days after admission, as described in Title 22 CCR § 72311 and § 72471;
      - c. Contractor's facility staff shall complete an initial evaluation and assessment of client's medical, nursing, dietetic, social, and physical needs within 15 days of admission unless an evaluation has been done by the referring agency within 30 days prior to admission to the facility, as described in Title 22 CCR § 72451(b); and
      - d. Within 45 days of admission, each client admitted shall have a psychological evaluation and assessment by the appropriate discipline, as described in Title 22 CCR § 72451(c).
  - B. **Treatment Plan.** Contractor shall complete a treatment plan, signed by a physician, for each client receiving Program services. The treatment plan shall include:
    - 1. Client's strengths and personal recovery goals or recovery vision, which guides the service delivery process;
    - 2. Goals/Objectives which clearly address the mental health condition for which the client is being treated;
    - 3. Goals/Objectives which are observable and/or measurable and which are designed to increase specific skills or behaviors and/or ameliorate the impairments caused by the condition; and
    - 4. Interventions planned to help the client reach their goals.
6. **Discharge Planning.**

- A. Documentation. Contractor shall coordinate discharge planning with County's designated staff. Prior to discharge, Contractor shall prepare a written discharge summary which shall include an outline of services provided, goals accomplished, reason and plan for discharge, and referral follow-up plans, as specified in Title 9 CCR § 786.15 (f) (MHRC) and Title 22 CCR 72451(d) (SNF/STP).
- B. Medication. Upon discharge, Contractor agrees to provide all County clients with 1) a seven (7) day supply and a prescription for a 30 day supply of all medications prescribed to client at time of discharge; 2) information on the process of obtaining future medications from the appropriate health care facility or provider; and 3) instruction on medication management.

**7. Staff.**

- A. Contractor shall abide by CCLD staffing requirements for 24/7 coverage with on-call staff as necessary for emergency situations
  - i. Contractor shall receive risk assessment within 24 hours of admission and will administer the risk assessment to client.
- B. Program Staff providing direct services to clients shall be trained and skilled at working with persons with serious mental illness (SMI), and shall adhere to professionally recognized evidence-based best practices for rehabilitation assessment, service planning, and service delivery.
  - i. Within 30 days of the date of hire, Contractor shall provide, to each Program staff, training relevant to working with high risk mental health clients.
- C. Contractor shall ensure that staff identified on the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Exclusions List or other applicable list shall not provide services under this Agreement nor shall the cost of such staff be claimed to Medi-Cal.
- D. At any time prior to or during the term of this Agreement, the County may require that Contractor staff performing work under this Agreement undergo and pass, to the satisfaction of County, a background investigation, as a condition of beginning and continuing to work under this Agreement. County shall use its discretion in determining the method of background clearance to be used. The fees associated with obtaining the background information shall be at the expense of the Contractor, regardless of whether the Contractor's staff passes or fails the background clearance investigation.
- E. County may request that Contractor's staff be immediately removed from working on the County Agreement for good cause during the term of the Agreement.
- F. Disqualification, if any, of Contractor staff, pursuant to this Section, shall not relieve Contractor of its obligation to complete all work in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

**8. REVIEWS.**

- A. County shall assign senior management staff as contract monitors to coordinate periodic review meetings with Contractor's staff regarding quality of clinical services, fiscal and overall performance activity. County's Care Coordinators, Quality Improvement staff, and the Program Managers or their designees shall conduct periodic on-site and/or electronic reviews of Contractor's clinical documentation.
- B. The Contractor agrees to make all records pertaining to the services furnished under the terms of this contract available for inspection, examination or copying by the U.S.



Department of Health and Humans Service, the Comptroller General of the United States, the DHCS, the County, and other authorized federal and state agencies, or their duly authorized representatives. Inspection shall occur at all reasonable times, at Contractors place of business, or at such other mutually agreeable location in California, in a form maintained in accordance with the general standards applicable to such book or record keeping, for a term of at least five years from the close of the state fiscal year in which the subcontract was in effect.

- C. County shall monitor the performance of Contractor on an ongoing basis for compliance with the terms of this Agreement.

**9. POLICIES AND PROCEDURES.** The Program shall maintain written policies and procedures to set expectations for Program staff and establish consistency of effort and shall provide a copy to County upon request. The written policies and procedures should be consistent with all applicable State, Federal and County requirements.

**EXHIBIT B**  
**FINANCIAL PROVISIONS**

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**EXHIBIT B**

**FINANCIAL PROVISIONS- MHS**

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(Applicable to program described in Exhibit A-2)

With attached *Exhibit B-1* MHS (Schedule of Rates and Contract Maximum)

This Agreement provides for reimbursement for Skilled Nursing Facility services up to the Maximum Contract Amount, reflected in Section II below and Exhibit B-1-MHS – Schedule of Rates and Contract Maximum. For Medi-Cal and all other services provided under this Agreement, Contractor shall comply with all applicable requirements necessary for reimbursement in accordance with Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) §§ 14705-14711, and other applicable Federal, State and local laws, regulations, rules, manuals, policies, guidelines and directives.

**I. PAYMENT FOR SERVICES.**

**A. Performance of Services.** Contractor shall be compensated, subject to the limitations described in this Agreement and all exhibits hereto, for provision of the Units of Service (UOS) or other deliverables at the rate established in Exhibit B-1-MHS based on satisfactory performance of the services described in the Exhibit A(s).

**B. Medi-Cal Billable Services.** The services provided by Contractor as described in the Exhibit A(s) may be covered by the Medi-Cal Program and will be reimbursed directly by the State’s fiscal intermediary, Electronic Data Systems (hereafter “EDS”), subject to the limitations described in Exhibit A(s) and this Exhibit B. Funds for these services are not included within the Maximum Contract Amount.

**C. Non-Medi-Cal Billable Services.** County recognizes that some of the services provided by Contractor’s Program, described in the Exhibit A(s), may not be reimbursable by Medi-Cal, and such services may be reimbursed by other County, State, and Federal funds to the extent specified in Exhibit B-1-MHS. Funds for these services are included within the Maximum Contract Amount, and are subject to the same requirements as funds for services provided pursuant to the Medi-Cal program.

**D. Limitations on Use of Funds Received Pursuant to this Agreement.** Contractor shall use the funds provided by County exclusively for the purposes of performing the services described in Exhibit A(s) to this Agreement. Expenses shall comply with the requirements established in OMB Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards and all other applicable regulations. Violation of this provision or use of County funds for purposes other than those described in the Exhibit A(s) shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement.

**E. Beneficiary Liability for Payment.**

1. Contractor shall not submit a claim to, or demand or otherwise collect reimbursement from, the beneficiary or persons acting on behalf of the beneficiary for any specialty mental health or related administrative services provided under this Agreement, except to collect other health insurance coverage, share of cost, and co-payments. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 9, § 1810.365 (a).)

2. Contractor shall not hold beneficiaries liable for debts in the event that County becomes insolvent; for costs of covered services for which the State does not pay

County; for costs of covered services for which the State or County does not pay to Contractor; for costs of covered services provided under a contract, referral or other arrangement rather than from the County; or for payment of subsequent screening and treatment needed to diagnose the specific condition of or stabilize a beneficiary. (42 C.F.R. § 438.106 and Cal. Code Regs. tit 9, § 1810.365(c).)

3. Contractor shall not bill beneficiaries, for covered services, any amount greater than would be owed if the Contractor provided the services directly. (42 C.F.R. § 483.106(c).)

F. DHCS assumes no responsibility for the payment to Contractor for services used in the performance of this Agreement. County accepts sole responsibility for the payment of Contractors in the performance of this Agreement per the terms of this Agreement.

## II. MAXIMUM CONTRACT AMOUNT.

The Maximum Contract Amount of this Agreement shall not exceed **\$1,305,000**, inclusive of **\$435,000** per fiscal year, and shall consist of County, State, and/or Federal funds as shown in Exhibit B-1-MHS and subject to the provisions in Section I (Payment for Services). Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, in no event shall County pay Contractor more than this Maximum Contract Amount for Contractor's performance hereunder without a properly executed amendment.

## III. ACCOUNTING FOR REVENUES.

A. **Accounting For Revenues.** Contractor shall comply with all County, State, and Federal requirements and procedures, including, but not limited to, those described in California Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) Sections 5709, 5710 and 14710, relating to: (1) the determination and collection of patient/client fees for services hereunder based on Uniform Method for Determining Ability to Pay (UMDAP), (2) the eligibility of patients/clients for Medi-Cal, Medicare, private insurance, or other third party revenue, and (3) the collection, reporting and deduction of all patient/client and other revenue for patients/clients receiving services hereunder.

B. **Internal Procedures.** Contractor shall maintain internal financial controls which adequately ensure proper billing and collection procedures. Contractor shall pursue payment from all potential sources in sequential order, with County as payor of last resort. All fees paid by or on behalf of patients/clients receiving services under this Agreement shall be utilized by Contractor only for the delivery of mental health service units specified in the Exhibit A(s) to this Agreement.

## IV. BILLING AND PAYMENT PROCEDURES AND LIMITATIONS.

### A. **Submission of Claims and Invoices.**

1. **Submission of Claims.** Contractor shall submit claims for services within 15 calendar days of the end of the month in which mental health services are delivered that, at minimum: i) details the UOS provided for the month, ii) states the amount owed by County, iii) depicts any share of cost or other payments and iv) includes the Agreement number and signature of Contractor's authorized representative. Claims shall be delivered electronically to the County at:

[financecbo@sbcbswell.org](mailto:financecbo@sbcbswell.org)

Santa Barbara County Department of Behavioral Wellness  
ATTN: Accounts Payable  
429 North San Antonio Road  
Santa Barbara, CA 93110-1316

2. Contractor agrees that it shall be solely liable and responsible for all data and information submitted to the County and submitted by the County to the State on behalf of Contractor.
3. Contractor shall submit the client's medical chart along with the claim, if requested by County. Contractor agrees that it shall be solely liable and responsible for all data and information submitted by Contractor.
4. Contractor shall submit a claim for services to County only after exhausting all other reimbursement mechanisms, as described in Section III (Accounting for Revenues) of this Exhibit B-MHS.
5. The IMD Liaison identified in Exhibit A-2, Section 4.A (Point of Authorization) shall review all service utilization and claims for payment submitted by Contractor for compliance with the terms of this Agreement and State, Federal and local requirements. County shall make provisional payment for approved claims within thirty (30) calendar days of the receipt of said claim(s) by County subject to the contractual limitations set forth herein.

**B. Withholding of Payment for Non-submission of Service Data and Other Information.** If any required service data, invoice, or report is not submitted by Contractor to County within the time limits described in this Agreement or if any such information is incomplete, incorrect, or is not completed in accordance with the requirements of this Agreement, then payment shall be withheld until County is in receipt of complete and correct data and such data has been reviewed and approved by Behavioral Wellness Director or designee. Behavioral Wellness Director or designee shall review such submitted service data within sixty (60) calendar days of receipt.

**C. Withholding of Payment for Unsatisfactory Clinical Documentation.** Behavioral Wellness Director or designee shall have the option to deny payment for services when documentation of clinical services does not meet minimum Federal, State and County written standards.

**D. Claims Submission Restrictions.**

1. **Billing Limit.** Unless otherwise determined by State or federal regulations (e.g. Medi-Medi cross-over), all original (or initial) claims and client's medical chart, if requested by County, for eligible individual persons under this Agreement must be received by County within 30 days from the date of service to avoid denial for late billing.
2. **No Payment for Services Provided Following Expiration/ Termination of Agreement.** Contractor shall have no claim against County for payment of any funds or reimbursement, of any kind whatsoever, for any service provided by Contractor after the expiration or other termination of this Agreement. Should Contractor receive any such payment, it shall immediately notify County and shall immediately repay all such funds to County. Payment by County for services rendered after expiration/termination of this Agreement shall not constitute a waiver of County's right to recover such

payment from Contractor. This provision shall survive the expiration or other termination of this Agreement.

3. Payment in Full.

- a. For Services described in this Agreement, the rate established per Section III (Per Diem Rate) of this Exhibit B-MHS, less third-party liability and client share of cost, shall be considered payment in full for the scope of services described herein.
- b. Contractor shall not submit a claim to demand, or otherwise collect reimbursement from the client or persons acting on behalf of the client for services provided except to collect other third-party revenue as described in Section III (Accounting for Revenues) of this Exhibit B-MHS.

**E. Claims Certification and Program Integrity.** Contractor shall certify that all UOS submitted to County for any payor sources covered by this Agreement are true and accurate to the best of Contractor's knowledge.

**F. Overpayments.** If the Contractor discovers an overpayment, Contractor must notify the County in writing of the reason for the overpayment. Any overpayments of contractual amounts must be returned via direct payment within 30 days to the County. County may withhold amounts from future payments due to Contractor under this Agreement or any subsequent agreement if Contractor fails to make direct payment within required timeframe.

**V. AUDITS AND AUDIT APPEALS**

**A. Audit by Responsible Auditing Party.** At any time during the term of this Agreement or after the expiration or termination of this Agreement, in accordance with State and Federal law including but not limited to WIC Section 14170 et seq., authorized representatives from the County, State or Federal governments (Responsible Auditing Party) may conduct an audit or site review of Contractor regarding the mental health services/activities provided under this Agreement.

**B. Settlement.** Settlement of the audit findings will be conducted according to the Responsible Auditing Party's procedures in place. If the Responsible Auditing Party stays its collection of any amounts due or payable, County will also stay its settlement of the same amounts due or payable until the Responsible Auditing Party initiates its settlement action with County. If an audit adjustment is appealed then the County may, at its own discretion, notify Contractor but stay collection of amounts due until resolution of the State administrative appeals process.

**C. Invoice for Amounts Due.** County shall issue an invoice to Contractor for any amount due to the County after the Responsible Auditing Party issues an audit report. The amount on the County invoice is due by Contractor to County thirty (30) calendar days from the date of the invoice.

**D. Appeal.** Contractor may appeal any such audit findings in accordance with the audit appeal process established by the Responsible Auditing Party performing the audit.

**EXHIBIT B-1- MHS**  
**SCHEDULE OF RATES AND CONTRACT MAXIMUM**  
 (Applicable to program described in Exhibit A-2)

**CONTRACTOR NAME:** Merced Behavioral Center

**FISCAL YEAR:** 2023-24, 2024-25,  
2025-26

Service Type	Maximum Daily Rate*
<b>IMD Services</b>	
Basic SNF	\$ 215.16
STP Supplement	\$ 5.72
Bed Hold	\$ (8.35)
<b>Other Services</b>	
Ancillary Services for Non-Medi-Cal Clients***	Actual Cost
<b>Maximum Contract Amount FY 23-24</b>	<b>\$435,000</b>
<b>Maximum Contract Amount FY 24-25</b>	<b>\$435,000</b>
<b>Maximum Contract Amount FY 25-26</b>	<b>\$435,000</b>
<b>Total Contract Maximum for July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2026</b>	<b>\$1,305,000</b>

\*Maximum Daily Rate may be increased a maximum of 3.5% in Years 2 and 3. A higher increase may be considered based on Merced's documented operating needs and subject to written approval by Behavioral Wellness. Rate changes do not alter the contract maximum and do not require a contract amendment.

\*\* In special situations, the daily rate may be adjusted by the Director and/or designee to accommodate clients with acute needs, additional monitoring, or medical complexity. Rate changes must be pre-authorized by Behavioral Wellness Director of the Department of Behavioral Wellness or designee in writing and any changes to the rates that do not require a formal amendment to this Agreement and shall not alter the Maximum Contract Amount.

\*\*\*County agrees to reimburse contractor for any ancillary services such as pharmaceuticals, labs, or x-rays incurred for Non-Medi-Cal clients placed at the facility. Pre-authorization is required and limited to \$5,000 per client.

**EXHIBIT C**  
**STANDARD**  
**INDEMNIFICATION**  
**AND**  
**INSURANCE PROVISIONS**



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**EXHIBIT C**

**INDEMNIFICATION AND INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS**  
**(For contracts involving the care/supervision of children,**  
**seniors or vulnerable persons)**  
**(2022 03 02)**

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INDEMNIFICATION

CONTRACTOR agrees to indemnify, defend (with counsel reasonably approved by COUNTY) and hold harmless COUNTY and its officers, officials, employees, agents and volunteers from and against any and all claims, actions, losses, damages, judgments and/or liabilities arising out of this Agreement from any cause whatsoever, including the acts, errors or omissions of any person or entity and for any costs or expenses (including but not limited to attorneys' fees) incurred by COUNTY on account of any claim except where such indemnification is prohibited by law. CONTRACTOR'S indemnification obligation applies to COUNTY'S active as well as passive negligence but does not apply to COUNTY'S sole negligence or willful misconduct.

NOTIFICATION OF ACCIDENTS AND SURVIVAL OF INDEMNIFICATION PROVISIONS

CONTRACTOR shall notify COUNTY immediately in the event of any accident or injury arising out of or in connection with this Agreement. The indemnification provisions in this Agreement shall survive any expiration or termination of this Agreement.

INSURANCE

CONTRACTOR shall procure and maintain for the duration of this Agreement insurance against claims for injuries to persons or damages to property which may arise from or in connection with the performance of the work hereunder and the results of that work by the CONTRACTOR, its agents, representatives, employees or subcontractors.

A. Minimum Scope of Insurance

Coverage shall be at least as broad as:

1. **Commercial General Liability (CGL):** Insurance Services Office (ISO) Form CG 00 01 covering CGL on an "occurrence" basis, including products-completed operations, personal & advertising injury, with limits no less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 in the aggregate.
2. **Automobile Liability:** Insurance Services Office Form Number CA 0001 covering, Code 1 (any auto), or if CONTRACTOR has no owned autos, Code 8 (hired) and 9 (non-owned), with limit no less than \$1,000,000 per accident for bodily injury and property damage.
3. **Workers' Compensation:** Insurance as required by the State of California, with Statutory Limits, and Employer's Liability Insurance with limit of no less than \$1,000,000 per accident for bodily injury or disease. *(Not required if CONTRACTOR provides written verification that it has no employees)*
4. **Professional Liability:** (Errors and Omissions) Insurance appropriate to the CONTRACTOR'S profession, with limit no less than \$2,000,000 per occurrence or claim, \$2,000,000 aggregate.

5. **Sexual Misconduct Liability:** Insurance covering actual or alleged claims for sexual misconduct and/or molestation with limits of not less than \$2 million per claim and \$2 million aggregate, and claims for negligent employment, investigation, supervision, training or retention of, or failure to report to proper authorities, a person(s) who committed any act of abuse, molestation, harassment, mistreatment or maltreatment of a sexual nature.

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 the 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.

B. Other Insurance Provisions

The insurance policies are to contain, or be endorsed to contain, the following provisions:

1. **Additional Insured** – COUNTY, its officers, officials, employees, agents and volunteers are to be covered as additional insureds on the CGL policy with respect to liability arising out of work or operations performed by or on behalf of the CONTRACTOR including materials, parts, or equipment furnished in connection with such work or operations. General liability coverage can be provided in the form of an endorsement to the CONTRACTOR'S insurance at least as broad as ISO Form CG 20 10 11 85 or both CG 20 10, CG 20 26, CG 20 33, or CG 20 38; and CG 20 37 forms if later revisions used).
2. **Primary Coverage** – For any claims related to this contract, the CONTRACTOR'S insurance coverage shall be primary insurance primary coverage at least as broad as ISO CG 20 01 04 13 as respects the COUNTY, its officers, officials, employees, and volunteers. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by the COUNTY, its officers, officials, employees, or volunteers shall be excess of the CONTRACTOR'S insurance and shall not contribute with it.
3. **Notice of Cancellation** – Each insurance policy required above shall provide that coverage shall not be canceled, except with notice to the COUNTY.
4. **Waiver of Subrogation Rights** – CONTRACTOR hereby grants to COUNTY a waiver of any right to subrogation which any insurer of said CONTRACTOR may acquire against the COUNTY by virtue of the payment of any loss under such insurance. CONTRACTOR agrees to obtain any endorsement that may be necessary to effect this waiver of subrogation, but this provision applies regardless of whether or not the COUNTY has received a waiver of subrogation endorsement from the insurer.
5. **Deductibles and Self-Insured Retention** – Any deductibles or self-insured retentions must be declared to and approved by the COUNTY. The COUNTY may require the CONTRACTOR to purchase coverage with a lower deductible or retention or provide proof of ability to pay losses and related investigations, claim administration, and defense expenses within the retention.
6. **Acceptability of Insurers** – Unless otherwise approved by Risk Management, insurance shall be written by insurers authorized to do business in the State of California and with a minimum A.M. Best's Insurance Guide rating of "A- VII".
7. **Verification of Coverage** – CONTRACTOR shall furnish the COUNTY with proof of insurance, original certificates and amendatory endorsements as required by this Agreement. The proof of insurance, certificates and endorsements are to be received

and approved by the COUNTY before work commences. However, failure to obtain the required documents prior to the work beginning shall not waive the CONTRACTOR'S obligation to provide them. The CONTRACTOR shall furnish evidence of renewal of coverage throughout the term of the Agreement. The COUNTY reserves the right to require complete, certified copies of all required insurance policies, including endorsements required by these specifications, at any time.

8. **Failure to Procure Coverage** – In the event that any policy of insurance required under this Agreement does not comply with the requirements, is not procured, or is canceled and not replaced, COUNTY has the right but not the obligation or duty to terminate the Agreement. Maintenance of required insurance coverage is a material element of the Agreement and failure to maintain or renew such coverage or to provide evidence of renewal may be treated by COUNTY as a material breach of contract.
9. **Subcontractors** – CONTRACTOR shall require and verify that all subcontractors maintain insurance meeting all the requirements stated herein, and CONTRACTOR shall ensure that COUNTY is an additional insured on insurance required from subcontractors.
10. **Claims Made Policies** – If any of the required policies provide coverage on a claims-made basis:
  - i. The Retroactive Date must be shown and must be before the date of the contract or the beginning of contract work.
  - ii. Insurance must be maintained and evidence of insurance must be provided for at least five (5) years after completion of contract work.
  - iii. If coverage is canceled or non-renewed, and not replaced with another claims-made policy form with a Retroactive Date prior to the contract effective date, the CONTRACTOR must purchase “extended reporting” coverage for a minimum of five (5) years after completion of contract work.
11. **Special Risks or Circumstances** – COUNTY reserves the right to modify these requirements, including limits, based on the nature of the risk, prior experience, insurer, coverage, or other special circumstances.

Any change requiring additional types of insurance coverage or higher coverage limits must be made by amendment to this Agreement. CONTRACTOR agrees to execute any such amendment within thirty (30) days of receipt.

Any failure, actual or alleged, on the part of COUNTY to monitor or enforce compliance with any of the insurance and indemnification requirements will not be deemed as a waiver of any rights on the part of COUNTY.

**EXHIBIT D**

**LOBBYING CERTIFICATION**

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**LOBBYING CERTIFICATION**

**Attachment 1**  
**State of California**  
**Department of Health Care Services**

**CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING**

The undersigned certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

(1) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the making, awarding or entering into of this Federal contract, Federal grant, or cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of this Federal contract, grant, or cooperative agreement.

(2) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency of the United States Government, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form LLL, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities" in accordance with its instructions.

(3) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontractors, subgrants, and contracts under grants and cooperative agreements) of \$100,000 or more, and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by Section 1352, Title 31, U.S.C., any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

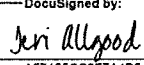
Merced Behavioral

Jeri Allgood

Name of Contractor

Printed Name of Person Signing for Contractor

Contract / Grant Number

DocuSigned by:  
  
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Signature of Person Signing for Contractor

8/17/2023

Date

Title

After execution by or on behalf of Contractor, please return to:

Santa Barbara County Department of Behavioral Wellness  
Contracts Division  
Attn: Contracts Manager  
429 N. San Antonio Rd.  
Santa Barbara, CA 93110

County reserves the right to notify the contractor in writing of an alternate submission address.

**Attachment 2**

Approved by OMB  
0348-0046

**CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING**

Complete this form to disclose lobbying activities pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1352

(See reverse for public burden disclosure)

<p>1. Type of Federal Action:  <input type="checkbox"/> a. contract  <input type="checkbox"/> b. grant  <input type="checkbox"/> c. cooperative agreement  <input type="checkbox"/> d. loan  <input type="checkbox"/> e. loan guarantee  <input type="checkbox"/> f. loan insurance</p>	<p>2. Status of Federal Action:  <input type="checkbox"/> a. bid/offer/application  <input type="checkbox"/> b. initial award  <input type="checkbox"/> c. post-award</p>	<p>3. Report Type:  <input type="checkbox"/> a. initial filing  <input type="checkbox"/> b. material change                  For Material Change Only: Year _____ quarter ____</p>
<p>4. Name and Address of Reporting Entity:   <input type="checkbox"/> Prime                      <input type="checkbox"/> Subawardee                  Tier __, if known:</p>	<p>5. If Reporting Entity in No. 4 is Subawardee, Enter Name and Address of Prime:</p>	
<p>6. Federal Department Agency</p>	<p>7. Federal Program Name/Description:                   CDFA Number, if applicable:</p>	
<p>8. Federal Action Number, if known:</p>	<p>9. Award Amount, if known:                  \$ _____</p>	
<p>10.a. Name and Address of Lobbying Registrant                  (If individual, last name, first name, MI):</p>	<p>b. Individuals Performing Services                  (including address if different from 10a.                  (Last name, First name, MI):</p>	
<p>11. Information requested through this form is authorized by title 31 U.S.C. section 1352. This disclosure of lobbying activities is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed by the tier above when this transaction was made or entered into. This disclosure is required pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1352. This information will be available for public inspection. Any person that fails to file the</p>	<p>Signature _____</p>	
	<p>: Print _____</p>	
	<p>Telephone No.:</p>	<p>Date:</p>
<p><b>Federal Use Only</b></p>		<p>Authorized for Local                  Reproduction Standard                  Form-LLL (Rev. 7-97)</p>

### INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETION OF SF-LLL, DISCLOSURE OF LOBBYING ACTIVITIES

This disclosure form shall be completed by the reporting entity, whether subawardee or prime Federal recipient, at the initiation or receipt of a covered Federal action, or a material change to a previous filing, pursuant to title 31 U.S.C. section 1352. The filing of a form is required for each payment or agreement to make payment to any lobbying entity for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with a covered Federal action. Complete all items that apply for both the initial filing and material change report. Refer to the implementing guidance published by the Office of Management and Budget for additional information.

1. Identify the type of covered Federal action for which lobbying activity is and/or has been secured to influence the outcome of a covered Federal action.
2. Identify the status of the covered Federal action.
3. Identify the appropriate classification of this report. If this is a follow up report caused by a material change to the information previously reported, enter the year and quarter in which the change occurred. Enter the date of the last previously submitted report by this reporting entity for this covered Federal action.
4. Enter the full name, address, city, State and zip code of the reporting entity. Include Congressional District, if known. Check the appropriate classification of the reporting entity that designates if it is, or expects to be, a prime or subaward recipient. Identify the tier of the subawardee, e.g., the first subawardee of the prime is the 1st tier. Subawards include but are not limited to subcontracts, subgrants and contract awards under grants.
5. If the organization filing the report in item 4 checks "Subawardee," then enter the full name, address, city, State and zip code of the prime Federal recipient.  
Include Congressional District, if known.
6. Enter the name of the Federal agency making the award or loan commitment. Include at least one organizational level below agency name, if known. For example, Department of Transportation, United States Coast Guard.
7. Enter the Federal program name or description for the covered Federal action (item 1). If known, enter the full Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number for grants, cooperative agreements, loans, and loan commitments.
8. Enter the most appropriate Federal identifying number available for the Federal action identified in item 1 (e.g., Request for Proposal (RFP) number; Invitation for Bid (IFB) number; grant announcement number; the contract, grant, or loan award number; the application/proposal control number assigned by the Federal agency). Include prefixes, e.g., "RFP-DE-90-001".
9. For a covered Federal action where there has been an award or loan commitment by the Federal agency, enter the Federal amount of the award/loan commitment for the prime entity identified in item 4 or 5.
10. (a) Enter the full name, address, city, State and zip code of the lobbying registrant under the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 engaged by the reporting entity identified in item 4 to influence the covered Federal action.  
  
(b) Enter the full names of the Individual(s) performing services, and include full address if different from 10 (a). Enter Last Name, First Name, and Middle Initial (MI).
11. The certifying official shall sign and date the form, print his/her name, title, and telephone number.

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act, as amended, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB Control Number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is OMB No. 0348-0046. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 10 minutes per response, including time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project (0348-0046), Washington, DC 20503.

**EXHIBIT E**  
**PROGRAM GOALS, OUTCOMES AND**  
**MEASURES**



**EXHIBIT E**

**PROGRAM GOALS, OUTCOMES AND MEASURES**

<b>Adult Program Evaluation IMD Services</b>		
<b>Program Goals</b>	<b>Outcomes</b>	<b>Merced Behavioral Center (all outcomes are in %)</b>
		<b>Residential / Inpatient</b>
1. Reduce mental health and substance abuse symptoms resulting in reduced utilization of involuntary care and emergency rooms for mental health and physical health problems	A. Incarcerations / Juvenile Hall	≤5
	B. Psychiatric Inpatient Admissions	≤10
2. Assist clients in their mental health recovery process and with developing the skills necessary to lead independent, healthy and productive lives in the community.	A. Stable/Permanent Housing	N/A
	B. Engaged in Purposeful Activity	N/A
	C. Of those who discharged (#dc = denominator): % who transitioned to a higher level of care	≤15
	D. Incidents requiring a higher level of supervision	≤5
	E. Percentage of clients who “showed improvement” on the Milestones of Recovery (MORS)	N/A
* Amendments may be made to this Exhibit E Program Goals, Outcomes and Measures, as agreed in writing by County’s and Contractor’s Designated Representatives or their designees. Amendments to this Exhibit E do not require a formal amendment to this Agreement and shall not alter the Maximum Contract Amount.		