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FOR SERVICES OF INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

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THIS AGREEMENT (hereafter Agreement) is made by and between the County of Santa Barbara, a political subdivision of the State of California (hereafter County) and Maxim Healthcare Services, Inc., having its principal place of business at Columbia, Maryland (hereafter Contractor) 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 continue 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.**

Medical Director at phone number 805-681-5220 is the representative of County and will administer this Agreement for and on behalf of County. Mike Hemelt at phone number 410-910-1357 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
Santa Barbara County
Department of Behavioral Wellness
300 N. San Antonio Road
Santa Barbara, CA 93110

To Contractor: Mike Hemelt, Controller
Maxim Healthcare Services, Inc.
7227 Lee DeForest Drive
Columbia, MD 21046

Copy To: Maxim Staffing Solutions
104 Traffic Way, Suite A
Arroyo Grande, CA 93420
Attn: Accounts Manager

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

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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, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

4. TERM.

Contractor shall commence performance on 7/1/2016 and complete performance by 6/30/2017, 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 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 and the professional staff subcontracted by CONTRACTOR represent that they have the skills, expertise, and licenses and/or permits necessary to perform the services required under this Agreement. Accordingly, CONTRACTOR and the professional staff subcontracted by 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 and the professional staff subcontracted by CONTRACTOR are engaged. All products of whatsoever nature which CONTRACTOR and the professional staff subcontracted by CONTRACTOR deliver to COUNTY pursuant to this Agreement shall be prepared in a manner which will conform to high standards of

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quality and shall conform to the standards of quality normally observed by a person practicing in CONTRACTOR'S profession and/or the profession of the professional staff subcontracted by CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTOR and the professional staff subcontracted by CONTRACTOR shall correct or revise any errors or omissions, at COUNTY'S request, without additional compensation. CONTRACTOR and the professional staff subcontracted by CONTRACTOR shall obtain and maintain all permits and/or licenses required for performance under this Agreement without additional compensation, at CONTRACTOR'S own expense.

8. DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION.

Contractor certifies to County that it and its employees providing services under this Contract and its principals are not debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for, participation in federal, state, or county government contracts. 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. 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. As required by 42 CFR sections 455.101 and 455.104, Contractor will complete a Conflict of Interest form provided by County.

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 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 CFR, 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. Within HIPAA guidelines, County shall have the unrestricted authority to publish, disclose, distribute, and/or otherwise use

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in whole or in part, any reports, data, documents or other materials prepared under this Agreement.

Unless otherwise specified in Exhibit A, 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.

Contractor shall keep such business records pursuant to this Agreement as would be kept by a reasonably prudent practitioner of Contractor's profession and shall maintain all records until such time that the State Department of Health Care Services completes all actions associated with the final audit, including appeals, for the fiscal year(s) covered by this Agreement, or not less than four (4) years following the termination of this Agreement, whichever is later. All accounting records shall be kept in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. County shall have the right to audit and review all such documents and records at any time during Contractor's regular business hours or upon reasonable notice. In addition, if this Agreement exceeds ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00), Contractor shall be subject to the

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examination and audit of the California State Auditor, at the request of the County or as part of any audit of the County, for a period of three (3) years after final payment under the Agreement (Cal. Govt. Code Section 8546.7). Contractor shall participate in any audits and reviews, whether by County or the State, at no charge to County.

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.

15. INDEMNIFICATION AND INSURANCE.

Contractor agrees to the indemnification and insurance provisions as set forth in EXHIBIT C 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.

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. No such consent will be required for assignment to an entity owned by or under common control with assignor or in connection with any acquisition of all of the assets or capital stock of a party; provided however, the assigning party will provide notice of such transaction to the other party and remain fully responsible for compliance with all of the terms of this Agreement.

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

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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.**

- A. 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.
- B. 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.
- C. 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, 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.

- 1. **For Convenience.** Contractor may terminate this Agreement in whole or in part upon thirty (30) days written notice.

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2. **For Cause.** Should County default in the performance of this Agreement or materially breach any of its provisions, Contractor may terminate or suspend this Agreement in whole or in part by written notice.

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. 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.

21. 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.

22. 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.

23. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE.

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

24. 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.

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25. 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 by Contractor 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 Behavioral Wellness. The Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara must approve all other amendments and modifications.

26. 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.

27. COMPLIANCE WITH LAW.

Contractor shall, at its sole cost and expense, comply with all County, State and Federal ordinances and statutes 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 or statute, shall be conclusive of that fact as between Contractor and County.

28. 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.

29. 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.

30. 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

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breached the terms or conditions of any other agreement to which Contractor is obligated, which breach would have a material effect hereon.

31. 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.

32. 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.

33. COMPLIANCE WITH HIPAA.

Contractor is expected to adhere to Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) regulations 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 HIPAA.

34. COURT APPEARANCES.

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

35. PRIOR AGREEMENTS.

Upon execution, this Agreement supersedes all prior agreements between County and Contractor related to the scope of work contained in this Agreement.

36. MANDATORY DISCLOSURE.

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. Failure to make required disclosures can result in any of the remedies described in 45 C.F.R. Section 75.371, including suspension or debarment. (See also 2 C.F.R. part 180 and 376, and 31 U.S.C. 3321.)

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

Contractor shall comply with the requirements of 45 CFR Part 75 which are hereby incorporated by reference in this Agreement.

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38. PROHIBITION OF EXPENDING LOCAL AGENCY STATE OR FEDERAL FUNDS FOR LOBBYING

- A. CONTRACTOR, by signing its offer, hereby certifies to the best of his or her knowledge and belief that:
1. No state, federal or local agency appropriated funds have been paid, or will be paid by or on behalf of CONTRACTOR to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any state or federal agency; a Member of the State Legislature or United States Congress; an officer or employee of the Legislature or Congress; or any employee of a Member of the Legislature or Congress, in connection with the awarding of any state or federal contract; the making of any state or federal grant; the making of any state or federal loan; the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any state or federal contract, grant, loan, 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 federal agency; 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, loan, or cooperative agreement; CONTRACTOR shall complete and submit California State Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," to the COUNTY and in accordance with the instructions found therein.
- B. 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.
- C. Contractor also agrees by signing this document 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.

39. 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 office, to the Federal Awarding Agency, and to 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 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 (33 U.S.C. 1251-1387).

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THIS AGREEMENT INCLUDES:

1. EXHIBIT A –
 - i. EXHIBIT A – Statement of Work
 - ii. EXHIBIT A-1 Credentialing Requirements for Healthcare Professionals
2. EXHIBIT B –
 - i. EXHIBIT B – Payment Arrangements
 - ii. EXHIBIT B-1 – Schedule of Rates and Contract Maximum
3. EXHIBIT C – Standard Indemnification and Insurance Provisions
4. EXHIBIT BAA- HIPAA Business Associate Agreement

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Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor between the **County of Santa Barbara** and **Maxim HealthCare Services, Inc.**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement to be effective on the date executed by COUNTY.

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA:

By: _____
PETER ADAM
CHAIR, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Date: _____

ATTEST:

MONA MIYASATO
COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER
CLERK OF THE BOARD

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Date: _____

CONTRACTOR:

MAXIM HEALTHCARE SERVICES, INC.

By: _____
Authorized Representative

Name: _____
Title: _____
Date: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

MICHAEL C. GHIZZONI
COUNTY COUNSEL

By: _____
Deputy County Counsel

APPROVED AS TO ACCOUNTING FORM:

THEODORE A. FALLATI, CPA
AUDITOR-CONTROLLER

By: _____
Deputy

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL:

ALICE GLEGHORN, PH.D., DIRECTOR
DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL
WELLNESS

By: _____
Director

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

RAY AROMATORIO
RISK MANAGEMENT

By: _____
Risk Management

**EXHIBIT A
STATEMENT OF WORK**

THIS EXHIBIT A INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING PARTS:

1. EXHIBIT A - Statement of Work
2. EXHIBIT A-1 – Credentialing Requirements for Healthcare Professionals

EXHIBIT A STATEMENT OF WORK

1. DEFINITIONS.

- A. "Professionals" shall mean Contractor-referred candidates meeting County's qualifications for any or all positions set forth in Section 4, below.
- B. "Refer"/"Referral" shall mean Contractor's presentation of Professional candidates to County for consideration, to fill a particular assignment request by County, in accordance with Section 2.B below.
- C. "Accept" shall mean when County has verified a referred candidate's background as suitable for a particular assignment and informs Contractor of County's wish to hire that candidate for an Assignment.
- D. "Assignment" shall mean County's offer of a position of responsibility with the County to a Professional, effective after all credentialing and background checks are completed, for a minimum of two weeks as set forth in Contractor's Assignment confirmation letter signed by County.

2. DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES.

- A. Contractor shall, upon request of County, refer Board-certified psychiatrists (hereafter "Professionals") to meet County's temporary staffing requirements. Board-eligible psychiatrists may be considered upon approval of the Behavioral Wellness Medical Director. Contractor's duty to make referrals hereunder is subject to the availability of Professionals.
- B. Contractor will seek Professionals for County who meet the qualifications, experience, and requirements set forth in writing by County and provided to Contractor. County will provide Contractor with copies of job descriptions applicable to the Professionals requested. County shall initiate screening and review of Professional qualifications (as set forth in Section 3), including, but not limited to, conducting an interview with each Professional referred to County within five (5) business days from the time Contractor submits Professional's application and résumé to County. Furthermore, County shall have the right to reject any referred Professional if in its sole discretion County does not believe the referred Professional meets its specifications and request Contractor provide additional Professionals for consideration. Upon County's acceptance of a Professional, Contractor shall submit a written Assignment Confirmation Letter, reflecting the agreed upon terms of the Professional's Assignment, including length of Assignment, work schedule, and hourly rate to the Behavioral Wellness Human Resources Manager. County shall sign the Assignment Confirmation Letter or Placement Order within two (2) business days.
- C. Contractor will put forth its best recruitment efforts, including but not limited to: using County information, researching personal industry sources and confidential referrals, cold calling Professionals in Contractor's database, and possibly direct mailing to potential candidates to find Professionals that meet County's qualifications. Contractor agrees to provide reports concerning the status of its search activity on a regular basis.
- D. County further understands that any Professional referred by Contractor is an independent contractor, and is not an employee of Contractor. As such, Contractor

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shall not control, exercise any judgement over, influence, or attempt to influence whatsoever any acts or decisions of any Professionals, who are highly educated, autonomous professionals that exercise and control their own acts, decisions, and judgements. Additionally, Contractor does not withhold or pay any federal, state, or local taxes (except as required by law) or provide any worker's compensation or unemployment insurance or any other form of employment-related or retirement benefits or insurance for or on behalf of any Professional.

3. QUALIFICATIONS AND SCREENING OF PROFESSIONALS.

- A. Contractor will provide County with background information on each referred Professional including, as applicable: i) a completed application and/or Curriculum Vitae, ii) license query with the California Medical Board and/or Board of Registered Nursing, iii) query Health and Human Services – Office of Inspector General (HH-OIG) Fraud Prevention and Detection; iv) Contractor self-assessment skills inventory; v) background fingerprint check for record of past criminal record, and vi) references, prior to commencement of the Assignment.

- B. All qualified Professionals who have been selected by County for Assignment to positions in billable specialty areas must be eligible to participate in Medicare, Medicaid and/or other federal health care programs; must possess a National Provider Identifier (NPI); must possess a valid Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) licensed in the State of California, and, where applicable, will be required to meet the following criteria:
 - i. Submit a completed credentialing application and/or required documentation for credentialing as applicable (see Exhibit A-1);
 - ii. Possess a valid third-party billable provider certification (such as Medicare, Medi-Cal and/or private insurance) OR have submitted a completed billable provider application, along with the required documentation, in order to obtain the appropriate billable provider status.

- C. All Healthcare Professionals referred by Contractor:
 - i. Shall be appropriately licensed and/or certified to practice in that profession in California;
 - ii. Shall have completed a standard Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OHSA) and HIPAA training.
 - iii. Shall possess a minimum of one (1) year of full-time experience in an outpatient psychiatry practice, unless otherwise agreed upon between Contractor and County.
 - iv. Shall possess a current CPR certificate and shall present said certificate to County upon request at time of commencement of the Assignment.
 - v. Shall have a negative tuberculin skin test or negative chest x-ray.

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- D. Failure to meet these criteria and/or 'Conditions of Employment' where applicable two (2) weeks PRIOR to start work date may result in the delay of appointment and/or cancellation of Assignment offer. Once assigned, all qualified candidates/employees will be required to maintain these qualifications throughout their length of employment. Failure to demonstrate (show proof) of qualifications shall result in the termination of Assignment.
- E. Contractor, or its subcontractor if applicable, will maintain direct responsibility as employer for the payment of wages and other compensation, and for any applicable mandatory withholdings and contributions such as federal, state, and local income taxes, social security taxes, worker's compensation, and unemployment insurance.

4. DESCRIPTION OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES.

- A. Under the direction of the Behavioral Wellness Medical Director or Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF) Medical Director, Professionals accepted by County for Assignment may be required to perform the following duties or those otherwise agreed by the County in writing, Professional, and Contractor:
 - i. Nurse Practitioner:
 - a) Under the supervision of psychiatrist, performs routine mental state examinations, mental health supportive counseling and interventions, including medication evaluation, evaluating medication refills and administering prescribed injections;
 - b) Takes complete and detailed patient histories; performs physical examinations, records pertinent data, and makes evaluations; identifies abnormalities and develops treatment plans or makes referrals for further diagnosis and/or treatment; instructs and counsels patients and their families regarding matters pertaining to their physical and/or mental health; identifies patients who require the immediate attention of a physician; performs routine screening and laboratory techniques; and assists physicians in providing services to patients requiring continuing care, including reviewing and implementing treatment and therapy plans;
 - c) Gives technical direction to and works with the nursing staff of treatment team; performs emergency medical treatment as needed; evaluates medical conditions of patients in a clinical setting; participates with other staff in case management of individuals and families who present multiple health problems; evaluates client's needs for other departmental services and refers patients to other community resources; works with other agencies to plan for the patient's continuity of care;
 - d) Participates as a member of an interdisciplinary team providing technical expertise and assists with oversight of nursing staff; and may provide supervision oversight of Licensed Psychiatric Technicians;
 - e) Participates in medical staff peer review and quality assurance activities/procedures.

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- ii. Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA), Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN), Registered Nurse (RN):
 - Patient care tasks:
 - a) Observes assigned patients on a daily basis to identify, interpret, and document physical and emotional status and/or patterns, such as assaultive or suicidal behavior, and patient response to treatment or medication; as part of a multi-disciplinary team, assists in formulating a diagnosis and developing and implementing individualized patient treatment plans based on observations; provides crisis intervention to those individuals experiencing acute episodes;
 - b) Participates in or leads individual or group counseling sessions, family conferences, and recreational and social therapy sessions to assist patients in understanding the nature of emotional and physical problems, to accept the need for treatment, and to address issues such as communicable disease and family planning;
 - c) Administers psychotropic medications to patients, monitors use, and documents reactions; instructs patients on the purpose, dosage, and side effects of medication, and explains the legal process related to the patient's refusal to take prescribed medication;
 - d) Obtains patient histories for new admissions including medical, psychiatric, social, and family histories; takes and records vital signs; obtains lab specimens; assists physicians with exams; schedules and arranges for special tests; develops discharge plans; maintains charts and logs; monitors supplies; and draws blood;
 - e) Aids patients in obtaining proper medical care, after release or during hospitalization, by identifying community agencies and resources to assist patients with stabilization while living in the community; interact with private medical facilities, courts, and county and State agencies to express concerns of the patient and to discuss treatment;
 - f) Provides other services within the scope of Professional's licensure.
 - Departmental tasks:
 - a) Participates in departmental and team meetings to discuss patient care and progress, shift activity, and program policies and procedures.
- iii. Multi-Specialty E/M Professional Coders:
 - a) Maintain quality review managing 95% accuracy;
 - b) Refer certified and qualified coding professionals;
 - c) Provide monthly audit results.

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5. RESPONSIBILITIES OF COUNTY

- A. **Orientation.** As part of the first assignment, County will promptly provide Professionals with an adequate and timely orientation on County requirements. County shall review instructions regarding confidentiality (including patient and employee), and orient Professionals to the specific Exposure Control Plan of the County as it pertains to OSHA requirements for blood borne pathogens, as well as any of the County's specific policies and procedures provided to Professionals for such purpose as applicable.
- B. **Requests for Professionals – short term staff orders (noncontractual assignments).** The Behavioral Wellness Medical Director, PHF Medical Director or their designees shall make requests by email or phone call, asking for a Professional qualified to fill County vacancies (Contractor may also send a CV to County with instructions to call).
- i. **Standard Request.** County shall use its best efforts to request Professionals at least 24 hours prior to reporting time in order to assure prompt arrival and/or orientation (as needed) of assigned Professional. All information regarding reporting time and assignment will be provided by County at the time that County requests a Professional.
 - ii. **Short-notice Requests.** Contractor shall bill County for the entire shift if an order for staff is made less than two (2) hour(s) prior to the start of the shift, as long as the Professional reports for work at the agreed upon time once the Assignment has been accepted. Contractor shall confirm Professional's acceptance and arrival time with County.
 - iii. **Staff Order Cancellation.** If County changes or cancels an order less than two (2) hours prior to the start of a shift, Contractor shall bill County for two (2) hours at the established fee as described in Exhibit B-1 for each scheduled Professional. Contractor shall be responsible for notifying Professional of the cancellation prior to reporting time.
- C. **Responsibility for Patient Care.** County retains full authority and responsibility for professional and medical management of care for each of its patients and for ensuring that services provided by Personnel under this agreement are furnished in a safe and effective manner and in accordance with applicable standards.
- D. **Non-Performance.** If County concludes, in its sole discretion, that any Professional provided by Contractor has engaged in misconduct, or has been negligent, County may require the Professional to leave the premises and will notify Contractor immediately in writing, providing in reasonable detail the reason(s) for such dismissal. County's obligation to compensate Contractor for such Professional's services will be limited to the number of hours actually worked. Contractor will not reassign the individual to County without prior approval of the County.

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E. For Multi-Specialty E/M Professional Coders, County shall:

1. Provide remote access to Behavioral Wellness Electronic Health Record (EHR), Encoder and Abstract System;
2. Ensure that medical records are made available to code;
3. Provide Contractor with copies of County-conducted coding reviews of Contractor's staff, if applicable.

F. Right to Dismiss. County may request the dismissal of any Professional for any reason. County agrees to notify Contractor of any such action immediately in writing, providing in reasonable detail the reason(s) for such dismissal. County shall be obligated to compensate Contractor for hours worked if a Professional is dismissed without cause. If County desires to terminate the Assignment of a Professional for documented clinical competence issues and unprofessional conduct ("Cause"), County may remove such Professional from the Assignment. Upon any such termination of Assignment for cause, County shall pay all Assignment Fees earned by Contractor and the terminated Professional, as the case may be, through the effective date of such termination.

G. Float Policy. Subject to prior written notification, County may reassign Personnel to a different County unit or facility than the original assignment (hereinafter "Float"), if Personnel satisfy the requisite specialty qualifications. If County Floats Personnel, the Personnel must perform the duties of the revised assignment as if the revised assignment were the original assignment. County will provide the Personnel with additional orientation regarding the Float as necessary.

H. Incident Reports. County shall report to Contractor any incident known to involve any Professional (excluding any PHI) that may reasonably lead to a malpractice claim, criminal or civil penalties, or disciplinary action against any Professional or the County (such as Professional errors, unanticipated deaths or other unanticipated patient-related events or injuries known to be attributable to Professional, and any safety hazards known to be related to the services provided by Professional) in order to comply with Contractor's incident tracking program. Any failure to report such incident may result in loss of such Professional's professional liability insurance coverage through Contractor. **This Section 5.H shall survive termination of this Contract or cancelation of any Professional's Assignment.**

6. ACCEPTANCE OF SERVICES.

- A. County's Designated Representative (including, Professional's County Supervisor, Medical Director or PHF Medical Director) shall review for approval biweekly the time records of Professional(s) on a form provided by Contractor or equivalent form provided by the County. County must account for all hours including, but not limited to, approved time off, unplanned absences, etc.
- B. County's approval of such time records (including, but not limited to, costs of any applicable overtime rates and hours unaccounted for) shall be evidenced by both

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County's signature and signature of Professional(s) thereon and such approval shall constitute acceptance of the work performed by Professional(s) provided that services and rates are consistent with those set forth in this Agreement and the applicable Assignment Confirmation Letter. All adjustments to time records must be submitted in writing prior to the completion of the Assignment.

7. LENGTH OF ASSIGNMENT.

- A. Contractor will provide Professionals based on County's staffing needs for contractual assignments of a minimum of two (2) weeks in duration.
- B. County may extend the length of the Assignment by such periods as may be mutually agreed to by Contractor and the affected Professional.

8. EMPLOYMENT OR CONTRACTING OF PROFESSIONALS.

- A. Subject to Sections 5.D and 5.F, by accepting a Professional through a written Assignment Confirmation Letter, County agrees to accept the Professional for the entire Assignment and any extensions thereof through Contractor if the Professional's complete written profile is submitted by Contractor to the County before any other agency submits a profile to the County for the same Professional. County shall notify Contractor within five (5) business days if Professional is already known to County. If County fails to comply with the preceding sentence, Contractor shall be deemed to have referred Professional to County, and County shall exclusively use Contractor to coordinate all Professional assignments for such Professional.
- B. County acknowledges, understands, and agrees that (i) Contractor is not a permanent placement or recruiting agency; (ii) Contractor's business relies on each Professional's ability to provide locum tenens services to Contractor's clients; and (iii) Contractor would be substantially and irreparably harmed if County or any County, facility, entity, or organization controlling, controlled by, or under common control with County (each, a "County Affiliate"), were to employ or contract directly or indirectly with any Professional.
- C. Should any Professional referred by Contractor remain independently with County or with any entity controlled by or in control of County, or for which placement County receives consideration, County agrees to pay Contractor a placement fee of \$40,000. This fee will be payable to Contractor prior to Professional's first day of permanent employment. Should any professional be introduced to County first by Contractor, and later the same Professional is introduced to County by a competitor to Contractor within two years from the initial introduction by Contractor, or if the Professional worked, two years from the last day the Professional last provided services to or for the County, then County agrees to only hire such Professional through Contractor for either locum tenens services or for permanent employment.

9. **SUBSTITUTION OF PROFESSIONALS.** If the services of any Professional providing services under this Agreement are terminated and County requests substitute Professional(s) and has no outstanding balance for eligible services previously provided, then Contractor hereby agrees to make reasonable efforts to locate substitute Professional(s).

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10. ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS.

- A. If determined necessary by a Conservator, Professionals shall be required to appear for testimony for court and jury trials for purposes of establishing or reestablishing Conservatorships for clients they have previously or are currently serving.
- B. Professionals shall provide services in accordance with all applicable provisions of the Lanterman-Petris-Short Act, Welfare and Institutions Code §§5000-5550, Title 9 of the California Code of Regulations, and Short-Doyle Medi-Cal policies pursuant to the requirements of the Community Mental Health Services plan and the Department of Behavioral Wellness policies.

11. **NOTIFICATION.** Each party will notify the other promptly in the event it becomes aware of: any known complaints against licensed staff providing services under this Contract; any restrictions in practice or license required to provide services under this Contract as stipulated by the State Bureau of Medical Quality Assurance, Community Care Licensing Division of the Department of Social Services of the State, or other State agency; any staff privileges required to provide services under this Contract being restricted at a hospital; any legal suits being initiated specific to Contractor's practice; any criminal investigation of Contractor arising out of services provided under this Contract; or any other action being instituted which affects Professional's license or practice required to provide services under this Contract or which is reasonably likely to impact Contractor's ability to provide services under this Contract (for example, sexual harassment accusations).

12. **CONFIDENTIALITY.** Contractor agrees to maintain the confidentiality of patient records pursuant to 45 CFR §205.50 (requires patient, or patient representative, authorization specific to psychiatric treatment prior to release of information or a judge signed court order if patient authorization unavailable) and Section 11 and 33 of the Agreement. Patient records must comply with all appropriate State and Federal requirements.

13. DOCUMENTATION.

- A. Contractor shall direct Professional staff shall enter into County's Management Information System (MIS) all required records for billing purposes, utilization review, and other purposes as provided by this Contract, and all records shall provide all information necessary for County to receive payment or reimbursement from Medi-Cal, Medicare, Medicaid and any other public and/or private insurance. Professionals accessing patient records must comply with all appropriate State and Federal requirements. Contractor shall also request that Professional's references provide feedback on the quality of Professional's past medical records documentation and that any deficiencies should be noted therein in order to be brought to the attention of County.
- B. County shall provide training to Professionals on documentation within seven days of beginning an Assignment. In addition, County will provide periodic peer review of documentation, and provide feedback to the Professional on the adequacy of documentation.

EXHIBIT A-1
CREDENTIALING REQUIREMENTS FOR HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS

All independent contract Professionals must meet the following requirements, as verified by Contractor:

1. **Drugscreen.** Proof of a negative drugscreen is required prior to association with Contractor and annually thereafter if Professional is continually associated with Contractor. Drugscreen is to consist of 10 panel testing for Marijuana, Cocaine, Amphetamines (includes testing for Meth Amphetamines), Opiates, Propoxyphene, PCP, Barbiturates, Benzodiazepines, Methaqualone, Methadone.
2. **Background Check.** Initial background check of a 7-year county criminal search for every county the professional has lived in for the past seven years: annual background check thereafter if Professional is continually associated with Contractor. Contractor's background check is to require the following searches: OIG, EPLS, OFAC and Sexual Offender Registry. Professionals with felony convictions are not eligible for hiring to provide professional services. Any other non-felony records or evidence of non-felony convictions will be provided to County for review prior to entering into any Agreement. Subcontracting of the background check requirement to a nationally recognized credentialing verification organization (CVO) may be substituted with the concurrence of the County.
3. **Physical.** Evidence of an acceptable physical with no work restrictions in the past 12 months is required prior to initial Assignment of Professional. County, at its discretion, may accept work restrictions of Professionals if reasonable accommodations can be made.
4. **Tuberculosis (TB) Test.** Proof of negative TB test within the previous 12 months is required prior to initial Assignment of Professional. For those Professionals that have tested positive for TB in the past, proof of a negative chest x-ray will be required.
5. **Cardiac Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR).** Certification must be current and valid. Online CPR course certifications are acceptable.
6. **Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR).** Proof of vaccinations is required for all Professionals working with children.
7. **Expired Documentation.** Professionals will NOT be allowed to work with an expired Drugscreen or TB test. Professionals will have a 30-day grace period to update their CPR or other advanced certifications required for their Assignment with the County.
8. **Certificates/Licenses.** Provide to Behavioral Wellness Quality Care Management Team (QCMT), a current copy of the physician's Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) certificate and physician's license.

**EXHIBIT B
FINANCIAL PROVISIONS**

THIS EXHIBIT B INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING PARTS:

1. EXHIBIT B - Payment Arrangements
2. EXHIBIT B1 – Schedule of Rates and Contract Maximum

EXHIBIT B
PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS
Periodic Compensation (with attached Schedule of Rates [Exhibit B-1])

This Contract provides for reimbursement for services up to the Maximum Contract Amount, reflected in Section 1 below and Exhibit B-1.

1. CONTRACT MAXIMUM VALUE. For services to be rendered under this contract, Contractor shall be paid at the rate specified in the Schedule of Rates (Exhibit B-1), with a maximum value not to exceed \$1,000,000 for FY 16-17.
2. RATE. County agrees to reimburse at an hourly rate as specified in Exhibit B-1 during the term of this Contract. However, notwithstanding the preceding, if Contractor determines, in its sole discretion that Professionals cannot be placed at those rates, and County accepts Assignments for Professionals at rates above those in Exhibit B-1, County agrees to reimburse Contractor at rates accepted in the Assignment Confirmation Letter.
3. PAYMENT. Payment for services shall be made upon Contractor's satisfactory performance, based upon the scope of methodology contained in Exhibit A as determined by County. Contractor shall submit to the County designated representative a weekly invoice or certified claim on the County Treasury for the services performed over the period specified.
4. PROPER INVOICE. Contractor will submit weekly invoices to County, as set forth below, for Professionals working at County during the preceding week. These invoices must cite the assigned Contract number. If County finds the invoices satisfactory, County shall initiate payment processing, which shall be completed within thirty (30) days of presentation of invoice Contractor's invoices for reimbursement shall include the following:
 - A. Contractor's invoices for reimbursement shall include the following:
 - i. Contract number assigned by County;
 - ii. Signature of an authorized representative of Contractor;
 - iii. A list of Professionals assigned to Behavioral Wellness, and for each Professional, the time period worked, site worked, and rate charged for services.
 - B. Invoices shall be delivered to the following address:

Santa Barbara County Department of Behavioral Wellness
ATTN: Accounts Payable
429 North San Antonio Road
Santa Barbara, CA 93110
Admhs_accounts_payable@co.santa-barbara.ca.us
5. CORRECTION OF WORK. County's failure to discover or object to any unsatisfactory work or billings prior to payment will not constitute a waiver of County's right to require Contractor to correct such work or billings or seek any other legal remedy.
6. THIRD PARTY BILLING. Contractor shall direct Professionals not to bill patient, Medi-Cal or other health insurance for services which Contractor bills to the County.

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SCHEDULE OF FEES

Service	Weekday Rate	Night/ Weekend Rate
Multi-Specialty E/M Professional Coders (Psych & Behavioral Health)	\$52	N/A
RN	\$65	\$67
LVN/LPT/Other Approved PHF Unit Modalities	\$47	\$49
CNA	\$26	\$28
Caregiver	\$22	\$24
Nurse Practitioners	As mutually agreed in writing by both parties, up to \$100 per hour depending on experience and qualifications	

FY 16-17 Total Contract Maximum Not to Exceed:	\$1,000,000
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Weekend. Weekend rates will apply to shifts beginning at 11:00 p.m. on Friday and ending at 7:00 a.m. on Monday.

Overtime. Overtime rates are charged for all hours worked in excess of forty (40) hours per week or according to applicable state law. Overtime shall be pre-approved by designated County supervisor. The overtime rate is one and one-half (1.5) times the regular billing rate for such hours.

Holidays. Holiday rates will apply to shifts beginning at 11:00 p.m. the night before the holiday through 11:00 p.m. the night of the holiday except as noted below. Time and one-half will be charged for the following holidays:

New Year's Eve (from 3 PM)
New Year's Day
Martin Luther King Day
Presidents Day
Memorial Day
Independence Day
Easter
Caesar Chavez Day
Labor Day
Veteran's Day
Thanksgiving Day
Christmas Eve (from 3 PM)
Christmas Day

EXHIBIT C
INDEMNIFICATION AND INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS
(FOR PROFESSIONAL CONTRACTS)

1. 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.

2. 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.

3. 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:

- i. **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.
- ii. **Automobile Liability:** ISO Form Number CA 00 01 covering any auto (Code 1), or if Contractor has no owned autos, hired, (Code 8) and non-owned autos (Code 9), with limit no less than \$1,000,000 per accident for bodily injury and property damage.
- iii. **Workers' Compensation:** 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.
- iv. **Professional Liability** (Errors and Omissions) Insurance appropriate to the Contractor's profession, with limit of no less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence or claim, \$2,000,000 aggregate.

If the Contractor maintains higher limits than the minimums shown above, the County requires and shall be entitled to coverage for 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.

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B. Other Insurance Provisions

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

- i. **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 if not available, through the addition of both CG 20 10 and CG 20 37 if a later edition is used).
- ii. **Primary Coverage** – For any claims related to this Agreement, the Contractor’s insurance coverage shall be primary insurance as respects the County, its officers, officials, employees, agents and volunteers. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by the County, its officers, officials, employees, agents or volunteers shall be excess of the Contractor’s insurance and shall not contribute with it.
- iii. **Notice of Cancellation** – Each insurance policy required above shall provide that coverage shall not be canceled, except with notice to the County.
- iv. **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.
- v. **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.
- vi. **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”.
- vii. **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

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require complete, certified copies of all required insurance policies, including endorsements required by these specifications, at any time.

- viii. **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.
- ix. **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.
- x. **Claims Made Policies** – If any of the required policies provide coverage on a claims-made basis:
 - a) The Retroactive Date must be shown and must be before the date of the contract or the beginning of contract work.
 - b) Insurance must be maintained and evidence of insurance must be provided for at least five (5) years after completion of contract work.
 - c) 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.
- xi. **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 BAA

HIPAA BUSINESS ASSOCIATE AGREEMENT (BAA)

This Business Associate Agreement (“BAA”) supplements and is made a part of the Agreement between COUNTY (referred to herein as “Covered Entity”) and CONTRACTOR (referred to herein as “Business Associate”).

RECITALS

Covered Entity wishes to disclose certain information to Business Associate pursuant to the terms of the Agreement, some of which may constitute Protected Health Information (“PHI”) (defined below).

Covered Entity and Business Associate intend to protect the privacy and provide for the security of PHI disclosed to Business Associate pursuant to the Agreement in compliance with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, Public Law 104-191 (“HIPAA”), the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act, Public Law 111-005 (“HITECH Act”), and 45 CFR Parts 160 and 164, Subpart C (the “Security Rule”), Subpart D (the “Data Breach Notification Rule”) and Subpart E (the “Privacy Rule”) (collectively, the “HIPAA Regulations”).

As part of the HIPAA Regulations, the Privacy Rule and the Security Rule (defined below) require Covered Entity to enter into a contract containing specific requirements with Business Associate prior to the disclosure of PHI, as set forth in, but not limited to, Title 45, Sections 164.314(a), 164.502(e) and 164.504(e) of the Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) and contained in this BAA.

In consideration of the mutual promises below and the exchange of information pursuant to this BAA, the parties agree as follows:

1. Definitions

- a. **Breach** shall have the meaning given to such term under the HITECH Act [42 U.S.C. Section 17921].
- b. **Business Associate** shall have the meaning given to such term under the Privacy Rule, the Security Rule, and the HITECH Act, including but not limited to, 42 U.S.C. Section 17938 and 45 C.F.R. Section 160.103.
- c. **Covered Entity** shall have the meaning given to such term under the Privacy Rule and the Security Rule, including, but not limited to, 45 C.F.R. Section 160.103.
- d. **Data Aggregation** shall have the meaning given to such term under the Privacy Rule, including, but not limited to, 45 C.F.R. Section 164.501.
- e. **Designated Record Set** shall have the meaning given to such term under the Privacy Rule, including, but not limited to, 45 C.F.R. Section 164.501.
- f. **Electronic Protected Health Information** means Protected Health Information that is maintained in or transmitted by electronic media.
- g. **Electronic Health Record** shall have the meaning given to such term in the HITECH Act, including, but not limited to, 42 U.S.C. Section 17921.

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- h. **Health Care Operations** shall have the meaning given to such term under the Privacy Rule, including, but not limited to, 45 C.F.R. Section 164.501.
- i. **Privacy Rule** shall mean the HIPAA Regulation that is codified at 45 C.F.R. Parts 160 and 164, Subparts A and E.
- j. **Protected Health Information or PHI** means any information, whether oral or recorded in any form or medium: (i) that relates to the past, present or future physical or mental condition of an individual; the provision of health care to an individual; or the past, present or future payment for the provision of health care to an individual; and (ii) that identifies the individual or with respect to which there is a reasonable basis to believe the information can be used to identify the individual, and shall have the meaning given to such term under the Privacy Rule, including, but not limited to, 45 C.F.R. Section 164.501. Protected Health Information includes Electronic Protected Health Information [45 C.F.R. Sections 160.103, 164.501].
- k. **Protected Information** shall mean PHI provided by Covered Entity to Business Associate or created or received by Business Associate on Covered Entity's behalf.
- l. **Security Rule** shall mean the HIPAA Regulation that is codified at 45 C.F.R. Parts 160 and 164, Subparts A and C.
- m. **Unsecured PHI** shall have the meaning given to such term under the HITECH Act and any guidance issued pursuant to such Act including, but not limited to, 42 U.S.C. Section 17932(h).

2. Obligations of Business Associate

- a. **Permitted Uses.** Business Associate shall not use Protected Information except for the purpose of performing Business Associate's obligations under the Agreement and as permitted under the Agreement and this BAA. Further, Business Associate shall not use Protected Information in any manner that would constitute a violation of the Privacy Rule or the HITECH Act if so used by Covered Entity. However, Business Associate may use Protected Information (i) for the proper management and administration of Business Associate, (ii) to carry out the legal responsibilities of Business Associate, or (iii) for Data Aggregation purposes for the Health Care Operations of Covered Entity [45 C.F.R. Sections 164.504(e)(2)(ii)(A) and 164.504(e)(4)(i)].
- b. **Permitted Disclosures.** Business Associate shall not disclose Protected Information except for the purpose of performing Business Associate's obligations under the Agreement and as permitted under the Agreement and this BAA. Business Associate shall not disclose Protected Information in any manner that would constitute a violation of the Privacy Rule or the HITECH Act if so disclosed by Covered Entity. However, Business Associate may disclose Protected Information (i) for the proper management and administration of Business Associate; (ii) to carry out the legal responsibilities of Business Associate; (iii) as required by law; or (iv) for Data Aggregation purposes for the Health Care Operations of Covered Entity. If Business Associate discloses Protected Information to a third party, Business Associate must obtain, prior to making any such disclosure, (i) reasonable written assurances from such third party that such Protected Information will be held confidential as provided pursuant to this BAA and only disclosed as required by law or for the purposes for which it was disclosed to such third party, and

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(ii) a written agreement from such third party to immediately notify Business Associate of any breaches of confidentiality of the Protected Information, to the extent the third party has obtained knowledge of such breach [42 U.S.C. Section 17932; 45 C.F.R. Sections 164.504(e)(2)(i), 164.504(e)(2)(i)(B), 164.504(e)(2)(ii)(A) and 164.504(e)(4)(ii)].

- c. **Prohibited Uses and Disclosures.** Business Associate shall not use or disclose Protected Information for fundraising or marketing purposes. Business Associate shall not disclose Protected Information to a health plan for payment or health care operations purposes if the patient has requested this special restriction, and has paid out of pocket in full for the health care item or service to which the PHI solely relates [42 U.S.C. Section 17935(a)]. Business Associate shall not directly or indirectly receive remuneration in exchange for Protected Information, except with the prior written consent of Covered Entity and as permitted by the HITECH Act, 42 U.S.C. section 17935(d)(2); however, this prohibition shall not affect payment by Covered Entity to Business Associate for services provided pursuant to the Agreement. Business Associate shall mitigate, to the extent practicable, any harmful effect that is known to Business Associate of a use or disclosure of PHI by Business Associate in violation of this Agreement, the BAA, or the HIPAA Regulations.
- d. **Appropriate Safeguards.** Business Associate shall implement appropriate safeguards as are necessary to prevent the use or disclosure of Protected Information otherwise than as permitted by the Agreement or this BAA, including, but not limited to, administrative, physical and technical safeguards that reasonably and appropriately protect the confidentiality, integrity and availability of the Protected Information, in accordance with 45 C.F.R. Sections 164.308, 164.310, and 164.312. [45 C.F.R. Section 164.504(e)(2)(ii)(B); 45 C.F.R. Section 164.308(b)]. Business Associate shall comply with the policies and procedures and documentation requirements of the HIPAA Security Rule, including, but not limited to, 45 C.F.R. Section 164.316 [42 U.S.C. Section 17931].
- e. **Reporting of Improper Access, Use or Disclosure.** Business Associate shall report to Covered Entity in writing of any access, use or disclosure of Protected Information not permitted by the Agreement and this BAA, and any Breach of Unsecured PHI, as required by the Data Breach Notification Rule, of which it becomes aware without unreasonable delay and in no case later than 60 calendar days after discovery [42 U.S.C. Section 17921; 45 C.F.R. Section 164.504(e)(2)(ii)(C); 45 C.F.R. Section 164.308(b)].
- f. **Business Associate's Subcontractors and Agents.** Business Associate shall ensure that any agents and subcontractors to whom it provides Protected Information, agree in writing to the same restrictions and conditions that apply to Business Associate with respect to such PHI and implement the safeguards required by paragraph (c) above with respect to Electronic PHI [45 C.F.R. Section 164.504(e)(2)(ii)(D); 45 C.F.R. Section 164.308(b)]. Business Associate shall implement and maintain sanctions against agents and subcontractors that violate such restrictions and conditions and shall mitigate the effects of any such violation (see 45 C.F.R. Sections 164.530(f) and 164.530(e)(1)).
- g. **Access to Protected Information.** To the extent that the Covered Entity keeps a designated record set then Business Associate shall make Protected Information maintained by Business Associate or its agents or subcontractors in Designated Record Sets available to Covered Entity for inspection and copying within five (5) days of a request by Covered Entity to enable Covered Entity to fulfill its obligations under state

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law [Health and Safety Code Section 123110] and the Privacy Rule, including, but not limited to, 45 C.F.R. Section 164.524 [45 C.F.R. Section 164.504(e)(2)(ii)(E)]. If Business Associate maintains an Electronic Health Record, Business Associate shall provide such information in electronic format to enable Covered Entity to fulfill its obligations under the HITECH Act, including, but not limited to, 42 U.S.C. Section 17935(e).

- h. **Amendment of PHI for Business Associate who is Required to Maintain a Record Set.** If Business Associate is required to maintain a designated record set on behalf of the Covered Entity the Business Associate shall within ten (10) days of receipt of a request from Covered Entity for an amendment of Protected Information or a record about an individual contained in a Designated Record Set, Business Associate or its agents or subcontractors shall make such Protected Information available to Covered Entity for amendment and incorporate any such amendment to enable Covered Entity to fulfill its obligations under the Privacy Rule, including, but not limited to, 45 C.F.R. Section 164.526. If any individual requests an amendment of Protected Information directly from Business Associate or its agents or subcontractors, Business Associate must notify Covered Entity in writing within five (5) days of the request. Any approval or denial of amendment of Protected Information maintained by Business Associate or its agents or subcontractors shall be the responsibility of Covered Entity [45 C.F.R. Section 164.504(e)(2)(ii)(F)].
- i. **Accounting Rights.** Within ten (10) days of notice by Covered Entity of a request for an accounting of disclosures of Protected Information, Business Associate and its agents or subcontractors shall make available to Covered Entity the information required to provide an accounting of disclosures to enable Covered Entity to fulfill its obligations under the Privacy Rule, including, but not limited to, 45 C.F.R. Section 164.528, and the HITECH Act, including but not limited to 42 U.S.C. Section 17935(c), as determined by Covered Entity. Business Associate agrees to implement a process that allows for an accounting to be collected and maintained by Business Associate and its agents or subcontractors for at least six (6) years prior to the request. However, accounting of disclosures from an Electronic Health Record for treatment, payment or health care operations purposes are required to be collected and maintained for only three (3) years prior to the request, and only to the extent that Business Associate maintains an electronic health record and is subject to this requirement. At a minimum, the information collected and maintained shall include: (i) the date of disclosure; (ii) the name of the entity or person who received Protected Information and, if known, the address of the entity or person; (iii) a brief description of Protected Information disclosed and (iv) a brief statement of purpose of the disclosure that reasonably informs the individual of the basis for the disclosure, or a copy of the individual's authorization, or a copy of the written request for disclosure. In the event that the request for an accounting is delivered directly to Business Associate or its agents or subcontractors, Business Associate shall within five (5) days of a request forward it to Covered Entity in writing. It shall be Covered Entity's responsibility to prepare and deliver any such accounting requested. Business Associate shall not disclose any Protected Information except as set forth in Sections 2.b. of this BAA [45 C.F.R. Sections 164.504(e)(2)(ii)(G) and 165.528]. The provisions of this subparagraph shall survive the termination of this Agreement.
- j. **Governmental Access to Records.** Business Associate shall make its internal practices, books and records relating to the use and disclosure of Protected Information available to Covered Entity and to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (Secretary) for purposes of determining Business Associate's

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compliance with the Privacy Rule [45 C.F.R. Section 164.504(e)(2)(ii)(H)]. Business Associate shall provide to Covered Entity a copy of any Protected Information that Business Associate provides to the Secretary concurrently with providing such Protected Information to the Secretary.

- k. **Minimum Necessary.** Business Associate (and its agents or subcontractors) shall request, use and disclose only the minimum amount of Protected Information necessary to accomplish the purpose of the request, use, or disclosure [42 U.S.C. Section 17935(b); 45 C.F.R. Section 164.514(d)(3)]. Business Associate understands and agrees that the definition of “minimum necessary” is in flux and shall keep itself informed of guidance issued by the Secretary with respect to what constitutes “minimum necessary.”
- l. **Data Ownership.** Business Associate acknowledges that Business Associate has no ownership rights with respect to the Protected Information.
- m. **Business Associate’s Insurance.** Business Associate represents and warrants that it purchases commercial insurance to cover its exposure for any claims, damages or losses arising as a result of a breach of the terms of this BAA.
- n. **Notification of Possible Breach.** During the term of the Agreement, Business Associate shall notify Covered Entity within twenty-four (24) hours of any suspected or actual breach of security, or any access, use or disclosure of Protected Information not permitted by the Agreement or this BAA or unauthorized use or disclosure of PHI of which Business Associate becomes aware and/or any actual or suspected use or disclosure of data in violation of any applicable federal or state laws or regulations. Business Associate shall take (i) prompt corrective action to cure any such deficiencies and (ii) any action pertaining to such unauthorized disclosure required by applicable federal and state laws and regulations. [42 U.S.C. Section 17921; 45 C.F.R. Section 164.504(e)(2)(ii)(C); 45 C.F.R. Section 164.308(b)]
- o. **Breach Pattern or Practice by Covered Entity.** Pursuant to 42 U.S.C. Section 17934(b), if the Business Associate knows of a pattern of activity or practice of the Covered Entity that constitutes a material breach or violation of the Covered Entity’s obligations under the Agreement or this BAA or other arrangement, the Business Associate must take reasonable steps to cure the breach or end the violation. If the steps are unsuccessful, the Business Associate must terminate the Agreement or other arrangement if feasible, or if termination is not feasible, report the problem to the Secretary. Business Associate shall provide written notice to Covered Entity of any pattern of activity or practice of the Covered Entity that Business Associate believes constitutes a material breach or violation of the Covered Entity’s obligations under the Agreement or this BAA or other arrangement within five (5) days of discovery and shall meet with Covered Entity to discuss and attempt to resolve the problem as one of the reasonable steps to cure the breach or end the violation.
- p. **Audits, Inspection and Enforcement.** Within ten (10) days of a written request by Covered Entity, Business Associate and its agents or subcontractors shall allow Covered Entity to conduct a reasonable inspection of the facilities, systems, books, records, agreements, policies and procedures relating to the use or disclosure of Protected Information pursuant to this BAA for the purpose of determining whether Business Associate has complied with this BAA; provided, however, that (i) Business Associate

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and Covered Entity shall mutually agree in advance upon the scope, timing and location of such an inspection, (ii) Covered Entity shall protect the confidentiality of all confidential and proprietary information of Business Associate to which Covered Entity has access during the course of such inspection; and (iii) Covered Entity shall execute a nondisclosure agreement, upon terms mutually agreed upon by the parties, if requested by Business Associate. The fact that Covered Entity inspects, or fails to inspect, or has the right to inspect, Business Associate's facilities, systems, books, records, agreements, policies and procedures does not relieve Business Associate of its responsibility to comply with this BAA, nor does Covered Entity's (i) failure to detect or (ii) detection, but failure to notify Business Associate or require Business Associate's remediation of any unsatisfactory practices, constitute acceptance of such practice or a waiver of Covered Entity's enforcement rights under the Agreement or this BAA, Business Associate shall notify Covered Entity within ten (10) days of learning that Business Associate has become the subject of an audit, compliance review, or complaint investigation by the Office for Civil Rights.

3. Termination

- a. **Material Breach.** A breach by Business Associate of any provision of this BAA, as determined by Covered Entity, shall constitute a material breach of the Agreement and shall provide grounds for immediate termination of the Agreement, any provision in the Agreement to the contrary notwithstanding [45 C.F.R. Section 164.504(e)(2)(iii)].
- b. **Judicial or Administrative Proceedings.** Covered Entity may terminate the Agreement, effective immediately, if (i) Business Associate is named as a defendant in a criminal proceeding for a violation of HIPAA, the HITECH Act, the HIPAA Regulations or other security or privacy laws or (ii) a finding or stipulation that the Business Associate has violated any standard or requirement of HIPAA, the HITECH Act, the HIPAA Regulations or other security or privacy laws is made in any administrative or civil proceeding in which the party has been joined.
- c. **Effect of Termination.** Upon termination of the Agreement for any reason, Business Associate shall, at the option of Covered Entity, return or destroy all Protected Information that Business Associate or its agents or subcontractors still maintain in any form, and shall retain no copies of such Protected Information. If return or destruction is not feasible, as determined by Covered Entity, Business Associate shall continue to extend the protections of Section 2 of this BAA to such information, and limit further use of such PHI to those purposes that make the return or destruction of such PHI infeasible. [45 C.F.R. Section 164.504(e)(ii)(2)(I)]. If Covered Entity elects destruction of the PHI, Business Associate shall certify in writing to Covered Entity that such PHI has been destroyed.

4. Indemnification

If Business Associate fails to adhere to any of the privacy, confidentiality, and/or data security provisions set forth in this BAA or if there is a Breach of PHI in Business Associate's possession and, as a result, PHI or any other confidential information is unlawfully accessed, used or disclosed, Business Associate agrees to reimburse Covered Entity for any and all costs, direct or indirect, incurred by Covered Entity associated with any Breach notification obligations. Business Associate also agrees to pay for any and all fines and/or administrative penalties

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imposed for such unauthorized access, use or disclosure of confidential information or for delayed reporting if it fails to notify the Covered Entity of the Breach as required by this BAA.

5. Disclaimer

Covered Entity makes no warranty or representation that compliance by Business Associate with this BAA, HIPAA, the HITECH Act, or the HIPAA Regulations will be adequate or satisfactory for Business Associate's own purposes. Business Associate is solely responsible for all decisions made by Business Associate regarding the safeguarding of PHI.

6. Certification

To the extent that Covered Entity determines that such examination is necessary to comply with Covered Entity's legal obligations pursuant to HIPAA relating to certification of its security practices, Covered Entity or its authorized agents or contractors, may, at Covered Entity's expense, examine Business Associate's facilities, systems, procedures and records as may be necessary for such agents or contractors to certify to Covered Entity the extent to which Business Associate's security safeguards comply with HIPAA, the HITECH Act, the HIPAA Regulations or this BAA.

7. Amendment to Comply with Law

The parties acknowledge that state and federal laws relating to data security and privacy are rapidly evolving and that amendment of the Agreement or this BAA may be required to provide for procedures to ensure compliance with such developments. The parties specifically agree to take such action as is necessary to implement the standards and requirements of HIPAA, the HITECH Act, the Privacy Rule, the Security Rule and other applicable laws relating to the security or confidentiality of PHI. The parties understand and agree that Covered Entity must receive satisfactory written assurance from Business Associate that Business Associate will adequately safeguard all Protected Information. Upon the request of either party, the other party agrees to promptly enter into negotiations concerning the terms of an amendment to this BAA embodying written assurances consistent with the standards and requirements of HIPAA, the HITECH Act, the Privacy Rule, the Security Rule or other applicable laws. Covered Entity may terminate the Agreement upon thirty (30) days written notice in the event (i) Business Associate does not promptly enter into negotiations to amend the Agreement or this BAA when requested by Covered Entity pursuant to this Section or (ii) Business Associate does not enter into an amendment to the Agreement or this BAA providing assurances regarding the safeguarding of PHI that Covered Entity, in its sole discretion, deems sufficient to satisfy the standards and requirements of applicable laws.

8. Assistance in Litigation of Administrative Proceedings

Business Associate shall make itself, and any subcontractors, employees or agents assisting Business Associate in the performance of its obligations under the Agreement or this BAA, available to Covered Entity, at no cost to Covered Entity, to testify as witnesses, or otherwise, in the event of litigation or administrative proceedings being commenced against Covered Entity, its directors, officers or employees based upon a claimed violation of HIPAA, the HITECH Act, the Privacy Rule, the Security Rule, or other laws relating to security and privacy, except where Business Associate or its subcontractor, employee or agent is named adverse party.

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9. No Third-Party Beneficiaries

Nothing express or implied in the Agreement or this BAA is intended to confer, nor shall anything herein confer, upon any person other than Covered Entity, Business Associate and their respective successors or assigns, any rights, remedies, obligations or liabilities whatsoever.

10. Effect on Agreement

Except as specifically required to implement the purposes of this BAA, or to the extent inconsistent with this BAA, all other terms of the Agreement shall remain in force and effect.

11. Entire Agreement of the Parties

This BAA supersedes any and all prior and contemporaneous business associate agreements between the parties and constitutes the final and entire agreement between the parties hereto with respect to the subject matter hereof. Covered Entity and Business Associate acknowledge that no representations, inducements, promises, or agreements, oral or otherwise, with respect to the subject matter hereof, have been made by either party, or by anyone acting on behalf of either party, which are not embodied herein. No other agreement, statement or promise, with respect to the subject matter hereof, not contained in this BAA shall be valid or binding.

12. Interpretation

The provisions of this BAA shall prevail over any provisions in the Agreement that may conflict or appear inconsistent with any provision in this BAA. This BAA and the Agreement shall be interpreted as broadly as necessary to implement and comply with HIPAA, the HITECH Act, the Privacy Rule and the Security Rule. The parties agree that any ambiguity in this BAA shall be resolved in favor of a meaning that complies and is consistent with HIPAA, the HITECH Act, the Privacy Rule and the Security Rule.