

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT  
BY AND BETWEEN  
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT  
AND  
JUSTICE BENEFITS, INC.  
FOR FISCAL YEARS 2021-2022 THROUGH 2024-2025**

This Agreement, entered into this 15 of June, 2021, by and between the County of Humboldt, a political subdivision of the State of California, hereinafter referred to as "COUNTY," and JBI Ltd., dba Justice Benefits, Inc., a Texas limited partnership, hereinafter referred to as "CONTRACTOR," is made upon the following considerations:

WHEREAS, COUNTY, by and through its Department of Health and Human Services – Public Health ("DHHS – Public Health"), desires to retain a qualified professional to provide consulting services and cost report preparation for the Targeted Case Management (TCM) and Medi-Cal Administrative Activities (MAA) programs to be paid based on a percentage of TCM reimbursement; and

WHEREAS, such work involves the performance of professional, expert and technical services of a temporary and occasional character; and

WHEREAS, COUNTY has no employees available to perform such services and is unable to hire employees for the performance thereof for the temporary period; and

WHEREAS, CONTRACTOR represents that it is adequately trained, skilled, experienced and qualified to perform the consulting and cost report preparation services required by COUNTY.

NOW THEREFORE, the parties hereto mutually agree as follows:

1. DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES:

CONTRACTOR agrees to provide the services described in Exhibit A – Scope of Services, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as if set forth in full. In providing such services, CONTRACTOR agrees to fully cooperate with the DHHS – Public Health Director, or a designee thereof, hereinafter referred to as "Director."

2. TERM:

This Agreement shall begin on July 1, 2021 and shall remain in full force and effect until June 30, 2025, unless sooner terminated as provided herein.

3. TERMINATION:

A. Termination for Cause. COUNTY may, in its sole discretion, immediately terminate this Agreement, if CONTRACTOR fails to adequately perform the services required hereunder, fails to comply with the terms or conditions set forth herein, or violates any local, state or federal law, regulation or standard applicable to its performance hereunder.

B. Termination without Cause. COUNTY may terminate this Agreement without cause upon thirty (30) days advance written notice which states the effective date of the termination.

C. Termination due to Insufficient Funding. COUNTY's obligations under this Agreement are contingent upon the availability of local, state and/or federal funds. In the event such funding is

reduced or eliminated, COUNTY shall, at its sole discretion, determine whether this Agreement shall be terminated. COUNTY shall provide CONTRACTOR seven (7) days advance written notice of its intent to terminate this Agreement due to insufficient funding.

- D. Compensation upon Termination. In the event this Agreement is terminated, CONTRACTOR shall be entitled to compensation for uncompensated services provided pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth herein through and including the effective date of such termination. However, this provision shall not limit or reduce any damages owed to COUNTY due to a breach of this Agreement by CONTRACTOR.

4. COMPENSATION:

- A. Maximum Amount Payable. The maximum amount payable by COUNTY for any and all services provided, and costs and expenses incurred, pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement is Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000). CONTRACTOR agrees to perform all services required by this Agreement for an amount not to exceed such maximum dollar amount. However, if local, state or federal funding or allowance rates are reduced or eliminated, COUNTY may, by amendment, reduce the maximum amount payable hereunder or terminate this Agreement as provided herein.
- B. Schedule of Rates. The specific rates and costs applicable to this Agreement are set forth in Exhibit B – Schedule of Rates, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as if set forth in full.
- C. Additional Services. Any additional services not otherwise set forth herein shall not be provided by CONTRACTOR, or compensated by COUNTY, without COUNTY's prior written authorization. Any and all unauthorized costs and expenses incurred above the maximum payable amount set forth herein shall be the responsibility of CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTOR shall notify COUNTY, in writing, at least six (6) weeks prior to the date upon which CONTRACTOR estimates that the maximum payable amount will be reached.

5. PAYMENT:

A. Amount Determination.

1. COUNTY shall submit claims for TCM encounters to California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) on a quarterly basis. Once COUNTY has received payment from DHCS for TCM encounters, CONTRACTOR shall submit to COUNTY quarterly invoices within 30 days of the quarter close reflecting performance fee for associated TCM encounters.
2. COUNTY shall pay a percentage of TCM revenue based on the Rate of Compensations (Exhibit B, Item 1).
3. After Annual Cost Report Reconciliation, COUNTY will: (i) receive a refunded credit from CONTRACTOR against future payments for fees paid to CONTRACTOR or a prompt repayment of the credit to COUNTY within thirty (30) calendar days or (ii) additional invoice from CONTRACTOR for TCM payments from DHCS to account for any additional funds received by COUNTY.
4. After the State's Audit and Investigation's Unit completes its interim and final audit and reconciliation, COUNTY will: (i) receive a refunded credit from CONTRACTOR against future payments for fees paid to CONTRACTOR or a prompt repayment of the credit to COUNTY within thirty (30) calendar days or (ii) additional invoice from CONTRACTOR for TCM payments from DHCS to account for any additional funds received by COUNTY.
5. In the event any funds recovered through this program from DHCS by COUNTY is

subsequently disallowed, the related fees paid to CONTRACTOR will be credited against future payments or promptly repaid to COUNTY within thirty (30) calendar days. The fee liability for disallowed funds is limited to the amount paid or owed to CONTRACTOR.

- B. Invoices shall be in a format approved, and include all appropriate backup documentation as specified, by Director and the Humboldt County Auditor-Controller. Payment for services provided pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall be made within thirty (30) days after the receipt of approved invoices. All invoices submitted pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall be sent to COUNTY at the following address:

COUNTY: Humboldt County DHHS – Public Health  
Attention: Public Health Financial Services  
507 F Street  
Eureka, California 95501

6. NOTICES:

All notices required to be given pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall be in writing and either served personally or sent by email, to the respective addresses set forth below. Notice shall be effective upon actual receipt or refusal as shown on the receipt obtained pursuant to the foregoing.

COUNTY: Humboldt County DHHS – Public Health  
Attention: Michele Stephens, DHHS Assistant Director  
[mstephens@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:mstephens@co.humboldt.ca.us)

CONTRACTOR: Justice Benefits, Inc.  
Attention: Megan Milas, Senior Vice President  
[mmilas@jbi-ltd.com](mailto:mmilas@jbi-ltd.com)

7. REPORTS:

CONTRACTOR agrees to provide COUNTY with all reports that may be required by any local, state and/or federal agencies for compliance with this Agreement. CONTRACTOR shall submit one (1) electronic copy of any and all reports required hereunder in a format that complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act and any other applicable local, state and federal accessibility laws, regulations and standards. All reports required hereunder shall be submitted in accordance with all applicable timeframes using the format required by the State of California as appropriate.

8. RECORD RETENTION AND INSPECTION:

A. Maintenance and Preservation of Records. CONTRACTOR agrees to timely prepare accurate and complete financial, performance and payroll records, documents and other evidence relating to the services provided pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, and to maintain and preserve said records for at least three (3) years from the date of final payment hereunder, except that if any litigation, claim, negotiation, audit or other action is pending, the records shall be retained until completion and resolution of all issues arising therefrom. Such records shall be original entry books with a general ledger itemizing all debits and credits for the services provided pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

B. Inspection of Records. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 8546.7, all records,

documents, conditions and activities of CONTRACTOR, and its subcontractors, related to the services provided pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, shall be subject to the examination and audit of the California State Auditor and any other duly authorized agents of the State of California for a period of three (3) years after the date of final payment hereunder. CONTRACTOR hereby agrees to make all such records available during normal business hours to inspection, audit and reproduction by COUNTY and any other duly authorized local, state and/or federal agencies. CONTRACTOR further agrees to allow interviews of any of its employees who might reasonably have information related to such records by COUNTY and any other duly authorized local, state and/or federal agencies. All examinations and audits conducted hereunder shall be strictly confined to those matters connected with the performance of this Agreement, including, without limitation, the costs of administering this Agreement.

- C. Audit Costs. In the event of an audit exception or exceptions related to the services provided pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the party responsible for not meeting the requirements set forth herein shall be responsible for the deficiency and for the cost of the audit. If the allowable expenditures cannot be determined because CONTRACTOR's documentation is nonexistent or inadequate, according to generally accepted accounting practices, the questionable cost shall be disallowed by COUNTY.

9. MONITORING:

CONTRACTOR agrees that COUNTY has the right to monitor all activities related to this Agreement, including, without limitation, the right to review and monitor CONTRACTOR's records, policies, procedures and overall business operations, at any time, in order to ensure compliance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement. CONTRACTOR shall cooperate with a corrective action plan, if deficiencies in CONTRACTOR's records, policies, procedures or business operations are identified by COUNTY. However, COUNTY is not responsible, and will not be held accountable, for overseeing or evaluating the adequacy of CONTRACTOR's performance hereunder.

10. CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION:

- A. Disclosure of Confidential Information. In the performance of this Agreement, CONTRACTOR may receive information that is confidential under local, state or federal law. CONTRACTOR hereby agrees to protect all confidential information in conformance with any and all applicable local, state and federal laws, regulations, policies, procedures and standards, including, without limitation: Division 19 of the California Department of Social Services Manual of Policies and Procedures – Confidentiality of Information; California Welfare and Institutions Code Sections 827, 5328, 10850 and 14100.2; California Health and Safety Code Sections 1280.15 and 1280.18; the California Information Practices Act of 1977; the California Confidentiality of Medical Information Act (“CMIA”); the United States Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act (“HITECH Act”); the United States Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (“HIPAA”) and any current and future implementing regulations promulgated thereunder, including, without limitation, the Federal Privacy Regulations contained in Title 45 of the Code of Federal Regulations (“C.F.R.”) Parts 160 and 164, the Federal Security Standards contained in 45 C.F.R. Parts 160, 162 and 164 and the Federal Standards for Electronic Transactions contained in 45 C.F.R. Parts 160 and 162, all as may be amended from time to time.
- B. HIPAA Business Associate Requirements. CONTRACTOR hereby agrees to adhere to the terms and conditions set forth in Exhibit C – County of Humboldt HIPAA Business Associate Agreement, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as if set forth in full.

- C. Continuing Compliance with Confidentiality Requirements. Each party hereby acknowledges that local, state and federal laws, regulations and standards pertaining to confidentiality, electronic data security and privacy are rapidly evolving and that amendment of this Agreement may be required to ensure compliance with such developments. Each party agrees to enter into negotiations concerning an amendment to this Agreement embodying written assurances consistent with the requirements of HIPAA, the HITECH Act, the CMIA and any other applicable local, state and federal laws, regulations or standards.

11. NON-DISCRIMINATION COMPLIANCE:

- A. Nondiscriminatory Delivery of Social Services. In connection with the execution of this Agreement, CONTRACTOR, and its subcontractors, shall not unlawfully discriminate in the administration of public assistance and social services programs. CONTRACTOR hereby assures that no person shall be excluded from participation in, be denied benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving local, state or federal financial assistance because of: race; religion or religious creed; color; age, over forty (40) years of age; sex, including, without limitation, gender identity and expression, pregnancy, childbirth and related medical conditions; sexual orientation, including, without limitation, heterosexuality, homosexuality and bisexuality; national origin; ancestry; marital status; medical condition, including, without limitation, cancer and genetic characteristics; mental or physical disability, including, without limitation, HIV status and AIDS; political affiliation; military service; denial of family care leave; or any other classifications protected by any and all applicable local, state or federal laws, regulations or standards, all as may be amended from time to time. COUNTY reserves the right to monitor the services provided hereunder in order to ensure compliance with the requirements of this provision.
- B. Professional Services and Employment. In connection with the execution of this Agreement, CONTRACTOR, and its subcontractors, shall not unlawfully discriminate in the provision of professional services or against any employee or applicant for employment because of: race; religion or religious creed; color; age, over forty (40) years of age; sex, including, without limitation, gender identity and expression, pregnancy, childbirth and related medical conditions; sexual orientation, including, without limitation, heterosexuality, homosexuality and bisexuality; national origin; ancestry; marital status; medical condition, including, without limitation, cancer and genetic characteristics; mental or physical disability, including, without limitation, HIV status and AIDS; political affiliation; military service; denial of family care leave; or any other classifications protected by any and all applicable local, state or federal laws, regulations or standards, all as may be amended from time to time. Nothing herein shall be construed to require the employment of unqualified persons.
- C. Compliance with Anti-Discrimination Laws. CONTRACTOR further assures that it, and its subcontractors, will abide by the applicable provisions of: Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975; the Food Stamp Act of 1977; Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990; the California Fair Employment and Housing Act; California Civil Code Sections 51, *et seq.*; California Government Code Sections 4450, *et seq.*; California Welfare and Institutions Code Section 10000; Division 21 of the California Department of Social Services Manual of Policies and Procedures; United States Executive Order 11246, as amended and supplemented by United States Executive Order 11375 and 41 C.F.R. Part 60; and any other applicable local, state or federal laws, regulations or standards, all as may be amended from time to time. The applicable regulations of the California Fair Employment and Housing Commission implementing California Government Code Section 12990, set forth in Sections 8101, *et seq.* of Title 2 of the California Code of Regulations are incorporated herein by reference as if set forth in full.

12. NUCLEAR-FREE HUMBOLDT COUNTY ORDINANCE COMPLIANCE:

By executing this Agreement, CONTRACTOR certifies that it is not a Nuclear Weapons Contractor, in that CONTRACTOR is not knowingly or intentionally engaged in the research, development, production or testing of nuclear warheads, nuclear weapons systems or nuclear weapons components as defined by the Nuclear-Free Humboldt County Ordinance. CONTRACTOR agrees to notify COUNTY immediately if it becomes a Nuclear Weapons Contractor as defined above. COUNTY may immediately terminate this Agreement if it determines that the foregoing certification is false or if CONTRACTOR subsequently becomes a Nuclear Weapons Contractor.

13. DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE CERTIFICATION:

By executing this Agreement, CONTRACTOR certifies that it will provide a drug-free workplace in accordance with the requirements of the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1990 (California Government Code Sections 8350, *et seq.*), by doing all of the following:

- A. Drug-Free Policy Statement. Publish, as required by California Government Code Section 8355(a)(1), a Drug-Free Policy Statement which notifies employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession or use of a controlled substance is prohibited, and specifies the actions to be taken against employees for violations.
- B. Drug-Free Awareness Program. Establish, as required by California Government Code Section 8355(a)(2), a Drug-Free Awareness Program which informs employees about:
  - 1. The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;
  - 2. CONTRACTOR's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;
  - 3. Any available counseling, rehabilitation and employee assistance programs; and
  - 4. Penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations.
- C. Drug-Free Employment Agreement. Ensure, as required by California Government Code Section 8355(a)(3), that every employee who provides services pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement will:
  - 1. Receive a copy of CONTRACTOR's Drug-Free Policy Statement; and
  - 2. Agree to abide by CONTRACTOR's Drug-Free Policy as a condition of employment.
- D. Effect of Non-Compliance. Failure to comply with the requirements set forth herein may result in termination of this Agreement and/or ineligibility for award of future contracts.

14. INDEMNIFICATION:

- A. Hold Harmless, Defense and Indemnification. CONTRACTOR shall hold harmless, defend and indemnify COUNTY and its agents, officers, officials, employees and volunteers from and against any and all claims, demands, losses, damages and liabilities of any kind or nature, including, without limitation, attorney's fees and other costs of litigation, arising out of, or in connection with, CONTRACTOR's negligent performance of, or failure to comply with, any of the duties and/or obligations contained herein, except such loss or damage which was caused by the sole negligence or willful misconduct of COUNTY.

- B. Effect of Insurance. Acceptance of the insurance required by this Agreement shall not relieve CONTRACTOR from liability under this provision. This provision shall apply to all claims for damages related to CONTRACTOR's performance hereunder, regardless of whether any insurance is applicable or not. The insurance policy limits set forth herein shall not act as a limitation upon the amount of indemnification or defense to be provided hereunder.

15. INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS:

This Agreement shall not be executed by COUNTY, and CONTRACTOR is not entitled to any rights hereunder, unless certificates of insurance, or other proof that the following provisions have been complied with, are filed with the Clerk of the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors.

- A. General Insurance Requirements. Without limiting CONTRACTOR's indemnification obligations set forth herein, CONTRACTOR, and its subcontractors hereunder, shall take out and maintain, throughout the entire term of this Agreement, and any extensions thereof, the following policies of insurance, placed with insurers authorized to do business in the State of California with a current A.M. Bests rating of no less than A: VII or its equivalent against personal injury, death and property damage which may arise from, or in connection with, the activities of CONTRACTOR or its agents, officers, directors, employees, licensees, invitees, assignees or subcontractors:

1. Comprehensive or Commercial General Liability Insurance at least as broad as Insurance Services Office Commercial General Liability Coverage (occurrence form CG 0001), in an amount of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) per occurrence for any one (1) incident, including, without limitation, personal injury, death and property damage. If a general aggregate limit is used, such limit shall apply separately hereto or shall be twice the required occurrence limit.
2. As stated in Exhibit A – Scope of Services, CONTRACTOR will not drive an automobile in the performance of the services provided pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement. If CONTRACTOR's responsibilities are changed in such a way that driving will be required during the performance of the services set forth herein, CONTRACTOR shall take out and maintain Automobile/Motor Liability Insurance with a limit of liability not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) combined single limit coverage. Such insurance shall include coverage of all owned, hired and non-owned vehicles, and be at least as broad as Insurance Service Offices Form Code 1 (any auto).
3. Workers' Compensation Insurance, as required by the California Labor Code, with statutory limits, and Employers Liability Insurance with a limit of no less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) per accident for bodily injury or disease. Said policy shall contain, or be endorsed to contain, a waiver of subrogation against COUNTY and its agents, officers, officials, employees and volunteers.
4. Professional Liability Insurance – Error and Omission Coverage including coverage in an amount no less than Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) for each occurrence (Four Million Dollars (\$4,000,000.00) general aggregate). Said insurance shall be maintained for the statutory period during which CONTRACTOR may be exposed to liability regarding the services provided pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement. CONTRACTOR shall require that such coverage be incorporated into its professional services agreements with any other entities.

- B. Special Insurance Requirements. Said policies shall, unless otherwise specified herein, be endorsed with the following provisions:
1. The Comprehensive or Commercial General Liability Policy shall provide the COUNTY, and its agents, officers, officials, employees and volunteers, are covered as additional insured for liability arising out of the operations performed by, or on behalf of, CONTRACTOR. The coverage shall contain no special limitations on the scope of protection afforded to COUNTY or its agents, officers, officials, employees and volunteers. Said policy shall also contain a provision stating that such coverage:
    - a. Includes contractual liability.
    - b. Does not contain exclusions as to property damage caused by explosion or collapse of structures or underground damage, commonly referred to as "XCU Hazards."
    - c. Is the primary insurance with regard to COUNTY.
    - d. Does not contain a pro-rata, excess only and/or escape clause.
    - e. Contains a cross liability, severability of interest or separation of insureds clause.
  2. The above-referenced policies shall not be canceled, non-renewed or materially reduced in coverage without thirty (30) days prior written notice being provided to COUNTY in accordance with the notice requirements set forth herein. It is further understood that CONTRACTOR shall not terminate such coverage until COUNTY receives adequate proof that equal or better insurance has been secured.
  3. The inclusion of more than one (1) insured shall not operate to impair the rights of one (1) insured against another insured, and the coverage afforded shall apply as though separate policies had been issued to each insured, but the inclusion of more than one (1) insured shall not operate to increase the limits of the insurer's liability.
  4. For claims related to this Agreement, CONTRACTOR's insurance is the primary coverage to COUNTY, and any insurance or self-insurance programs maintained thereby are excess to CONTRACTOR's insurance and will not be used to contribute therewith.
  5. Any failure to comply with the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall not affect the coverage provided to COUNTY or its agents, officers, officials, employees and volunteers.
  6. CONTRACTOR shall furnish COUNTY with certificates and original endorsements effecting the required coverage prior to execution of this Agreement. The endorsements shall be on forms approved by the Humboldt County Risk Manager. Any deductible or self-insured retention over One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) shall be disclosed to, and approved by, COUNTY. If CONTRACTOR does not keep all required policies in full force and effect, COUNTY may, in addition to any other available remedies, take out the necessary insurance and deduct the cost of said insurance from the monies owed to CONTRACTOR under this Agreement.
  7. COUNTY is to be notified immediately if twenty-five percent (25%) or more of any required insurance aggregate limit is encumbered, and CONTRACTOR shall be required to purchase additional coverage to meet the above-referenced aggregate limits.



- C. Insurance Notices. Any and all insurance notices required to be given pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall be sent to the addresses set forth below in accordance with the notice requirements contained herein.

COUNTY: County of Humboldt  
Attention: Risk Management  
825 Fifth Street, Room 131  
Eureka, California 95501

CONTRACTOR: Justice Benefits, Inc.  
Attention: Megan Milas, Senior Vice President  
1711 East Belt Line Road  
Coppell, Texas 75019

16. RELATIONSHIP OF PARTIES:

It is understood that this Agreement is by and between two (2) independent entities and is not intended to, and shall not be construed to, create the relationship of agents, servant, employee, partnership, joint venture or any other similar association. Both parties further agree that CONTRACTOR shall not be entitled to any benefits to which COUNTY employees are entitled, including, without limitation, overtime, retirement, leave or workers' compensation benefits. CONTRACTOR shall be solely responsible for the acts and omissions of its agents, officers, employees, assignees and subcontractors.

17. COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAWS, REGULATIONS AND STANDARDS:

- A. General Legal Requirements. CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with any and all local, state and federal laws, regulations, policies, procedures and standards applicable to the services provided pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.
- B. Licensure Requirements. CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with any and all local, state and federal licensure, certification and accreditation standards applicable to the services provided pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.
- C. Accessibility Requirements. CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with any and all applicable accessibility requirements set forth in the Americans with Disabilities Act, Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, California Government Code Section 1135 and any current and future implementing regulations, policies, procedures and standards promulgated thereunder, including, without limitation, the federal accessibility standards set forth in 36 C.F.R. Section 1194.1, all as may be amended from time to time.
- D. Conflict of Interest Requirements. CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with any and all applicable conflict of interest requirements set forth in the California Political Reform Act and any current and future implementing regulations, policies, procedures and standards promulgated thereunder, including, without limitation, COUNTY's Conflict of Interest Code, all as may be amended from time to time.

18. PROVISIONS REQUIRED BY LAW:

This Agreement is subject to any additional local, state and federal restrictions, limitations or conditions that may affect the terms, conditions or funding of this Agreement. This Agreement shall be read and enforced as though all legally required provisions are included herein, and if for any reason any such provision is not included, or incorrectly stated, the parties agree to amend the pertinent

section to make such insertion or correction.

19. REFERENCE TO LAWS, REGULATIONS AND STANDARDS:

In the event any law, regulation or standard referred to herein is amended during the term of this Agreement, the parties agree to comply with the amended provision as of the effective date thereof.

20. PROTOCOLS:

Each party hereby agrees that the inclusion of additional protocols may be required to make this Agreement specific. All such protocols shall be negotiated, determined and agreed upon by both parties hereto.

21. SEVERABILITY:

If any provision of this Agreement, or any portion thereof, is found by any court of competent jurisdiction to be unenforceable or invalid for any reason, such provision shall be severable and shall not in any way impair the enforceability of any other provision of this Agreement.

22. ASSIGNMENT:

Neither party shall delegate its duties or assign its rights hereunder, either in whole or in part, without the other party's prior written consent. Any assignment by CONTRACTOR in violation of this provision shall be void, and shall be cause for immediate termination of this Agreement. This provision shall not be applicable to service agreements or other arrangements usually or customarily entered into by either party to obtain supplies, technical support or professional services.

23. AGREEMENT SHALL BIND SUCCESSORS:

All provisions of this Agreement shall be fully binding upon, and inure to the benefit of, the parties and to each of their heirs, executors, administrators, successors and permitted assigns.

24. WAIVER OF DEFAULT:

The waiver by either party of any breach of this Agreement shall not be deemed to be a waiver of any such breach in the future, or of the breach of any other requirement of this Agreement. In no event shall any payment by COUNTY constitute a waiver of any breach of this Agreement which may then exist on the part of CONTRACTOR. Nor shall such payment impair or prejudice any remedy available to COUNTY with respect to the breach or default. COUNTY shall have the right to demand repayment of, and CONTRACTOR shall promptly refund, any funds which COUNTY determines were not expended in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

25. NON-LIABILITY OF COUNTY OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES:

No official or employee of COUNTY shall be personally liable for any default or liability under this Agreement.

26. AMENDMENT:

This Agreement may be amended at any time upon the mutual consent of both parties. No addition to, or alteration of, the terms of this Agreement shall be valid unless made in writing and signed by the parties hereto.

27. STANDARD OF PRACTICE:

CONTRACTOR warrants that it has the degree of learning and skill ordinarily possessed by reputable professionals practicing in similar localities in the same profession and under similar circumstances. CONTRACTOR's duty is to exercise such care, skill and diligence as professionals engaged in the same profession ordinarily exercise under like circumstances.

28. TITLE TO INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTS:

It is understood that any and all documents, information and reports concerning the subject matter of this Agreement prepared and/or submitted by CONTRACTOR shall become the property of COUNTY. However, CONTRACTOR may retain copies of such documents, information and reports for its records. In the event this Agreement is terminated, for any reason whatsoever, CONTRACTOR shall promptly turn over all such documents, information and reports to COUNTY without exception or reservation.

29. JURISDICTION AND VENUE:

This Agreement shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of California. Any dispute arising hereunder, or relating hereto, shall be litigated in the State of California and venue shall lie in the County of Humboldt unless transferred by court order pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure Sections 394 or 395.

30. ADVERTISING AND MEDIA RELEASE:

Any and all informational material related to this Agreement shall receive approval from COUNTY prior to being used as advertising or released to the media, including, without limitation, television, radio, newspapers and internet. CONTRACTOR shall inform COUNTY of any and all requests for interviews by the media related to this Agreement before such interviews take place; and COUNTY shall be entitled to have a representative present at such interviews. Any and all notices required by this provision shall be given to Director in accordance with the notice requirements set forth herein.

31. SUBCONTRACTS:

CONTRACTOR shall obtain prior written approval from COUNTY before subcontracting any of the services to be provided pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement. Any and all subcontracts shall be subject to all applicable terms and conditions of this Agreement, including, without limitation, the licensing, certification, privacy, security and confidentiality requirements set forth herein. CONTRACTOR shall remain legally responsible for the performance of all terms and conditions of this Agreement, including, without limitation, any and all services provided by third parties under subcontracts, whether approved by COUNTY or not.

32. ATTORNEYS' FEES:

If either party shall commence any legal action, including, without limitation, an action for declaratory relief, against the other by reason of the alleged failure of the other to perform any of its obligations hereunder, the party prevailing in said action shall be entitled to recover court costs and reasonable attorneys' fees, including, but not limited to, the reasonable value of services rendered by the Humboldt County Counsel's Office, to be fixed by the court, and such recovery shall include court costs and attorneys' fees on appeal, if applicable. As used herein, the term "prevailing party" means the party who dismisses an action in exchange for payment of substantially all sums allegedly due, performance of provisions allegedly breached, or other considerations substantially equal to the relief

sought by said party, as well as the party in whose favor final judgment is rendered.

33. SURVIVAL OF PROVISIONS:

The duties and obligations of the parties set forth in Section 3(d) – Compensation upon Termination, Section 8 – Record Retention and Inspection, Section 10 – Confidential Information, and Section 14 – Indemnification shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement.

The duties and obligations of the parties set forth in subsections A.3, A.4, and A.5 of Section 5 – Payment shall survive the expiration or termination of the agreement with respect to the Annual Cost Report Reconciliation, the State’s Audit and Investigation’s Unit interim and final audit and reconciliation, DHCS’s audit and reconciliation.

34. CONFLICTING TERMS OR CONDITIONS:

In the event of any conflict in the terms or conditions set forth in any other agreements in place between the parties hereto and the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement, the terms and conditions set forth herein shall have priority.

35. INTERPRETATION:

This Agreement, as well as its individual provisions, shall be deemed to have been prepared equally by both of the parties hereto, and shall not be construed or interpreted more favorably for one (1) party on the basis that the other party prepared it.

36. INDEPENDENT CONSTRUCTION:

The titles of the sections and subsections set forth herein are inserted for convenience of reference only and shall be disregarded in construing or interpreting any of the provisions of this Agreement.

37. FORCE MAJEURE:

Neither party hereto shall be liable or responsible for delays or failures in performance resulting from events beyond the reasonable control, and without the fault or negligence, of such party. Such events shall include, without limitation, acts of God, strikes, lockouts, riots, acts of war, epidemics, pandemics, acts of government, fire, power failures, nuclear accidents, earthquakes, unusually severe weather, acts of terrorism or other disasters, whether or not similar to the foregoing.

38. ENTIRE AGREEMENT:

This Agreement contains all of the terms and conditions agreed upon by the parties hereto and no other agreements, oral or otherwise, regarding the subject matter of this Agreement shall be deemed to exist or to bind either of the parties hereto. In addition, this Agreement shall supersede in their entirety any and all prior agreements, promises, representations, understandings and negotiations of the parties, whether oral or written, concerning the same subject matter. Any and all acts which may have already been consummated pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement are hereby ratified.

39. COUNTERPART EXECUTION:

This Agreement, and any amendments hereto, may be executed in one (1) or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original and all of which, when taken together, shall be deemed to be one (1) and the same agreement. This Agreement, and any amendments hereto, may be signed by

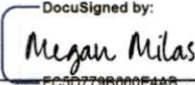
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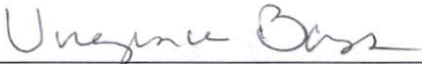
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JUSTICE BENEFITS, INC.:

By:   
Name: Megan Milas  
Title: Senior Vice Preseident

Date: 5/18/2021

COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT:

By:   
Virginia Bass, Chair  
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

Date: 6/15/21

INSURANCE AND INDEMNIFICATION REQUIREMENTS APPROVED:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Risk Management

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**LIST OF EXHIBITS:**

- Exhibit A – Scope of Services
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By: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT:

By: Virginia Bass  
Virginia Bass, Chair  
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

Date: 6/15/2021

INSURANCE AND INDEMNIFICATION REQUIREMENTS APPROVED:

By: Rauly  
Risk Management

Date: 05/25/2021

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**EXHIBIT A**  
**SCOPE OF SERVICES**

Justice Benefits, Inc  
For Fiscal Years 2021-2022 through 2024-2025

Consultation services for Targeted Case Management (TCM) and Medi-Cal Administrative Activities (MAA).

1. SERVICES:

CONTRACTOR will provide five (5) types of services to the COUNTY including training and webinars, TCM Cost Report preparation, TCM invoice review and processing, quality assurance and claim maximization, and audit support.

**General Training and Webinars**

CONTRACTOR will provide both MAA/TCM time study trainings and TCM training to all participants.

- For both MAA and TCM, the CONTRACTOR will perform on-site or web-based trainings with the MAA/TCM time study participants staff to ensure a thorough understanding of the MAA/TCM time study. This will include the Annual MAA/TCM Time Study Training.
- CONTRACTOR will perform on-site or web-based trainings with COUNTY staff to ensure a thorough understanding of TCM claiming.
- CONTRACTOR will be available for refresher trainings and training new MAA/TCM staff. As new employees are hired, or as COUNTY determines it is needed, additional routine trainings can be provided.
- CONTRACTOR will immediately develop a training plan for the COUNTY. This training plan will be provided to the MAA/TCM Coordinator for approval prior to implementation.
- CONTRACTOR training materials will be provided for each COUNTY participant.
- CONTRACTOR on-site trainings will include an attendance sign in sheet. Live webinar trainings will include an electronic attendance report generated from an online training platform and will be recorded. These will be kept on hand in case of audit. Original roster for all trainings will be provided to COUNTY.
- CONTRACTOR will be available to answer MAA questions regarding coding time.
- CONTRACTOR will be available to answer TCM questions regarding coding time, case management best practices, deadlines, and documentation.
- CONTRACTOR will provide a toll-free telephone number for support during regular business hours.

**TCM Cost Report**

Each fiscal year, CONTRACTOR will compile a TCM Annual Cost Report for reimbursement on behalf of the COUNTY. CONTRACTOR will customize the Annual Cost Report to the COUNTY's organizational structure and accounting systems.

- CONTRACTOR will analyze and review all expenditures, revenue, and payroll data to ensure all reimbursement opportunities are included and ensure maximum reimbursement.
- CONTRACTOR will compile Time Study results for the TCM Annual Cost Report.
- CONTRACTOR will provide continuous follow up with staff on any missing information or needed documentation to ensure maximum reimbursement.
- CONTRACTOR financial staff will prepare TCM Annual Cost Report and submit to COUNTY for approval no later than five (5) days prior to October 31 each year. If the COUNTY

disapproves of the Annual Cost Report, CONTRACTOR would then revise the report and resubmit it to the COUNTY.

- As soon as the claiming period closes, CONTRACTOR will request all the information to compile the TCM Annual Cost Report. CONTRACTOR will email request letters to the COUNTY fiscal contacts with specific due dates and descriptions of the types of data being requested.
- CONTRACTOR will monitor for changes to the TCM claiming processes and will incorporate any changes required into the time study and/or training materials.
- CONTRACTOR will monitor to ensure the COUNTY receives the appropriate Federal reimbursements.

#### **TCM Invoice Review and Processing**

CONTRACTOR will utilize Encounter Log data to prepare all TCM Encounters for submittal into the online TCM system. CONTRACTOR will coordinate with the COUNTY to schedule upload of TCM Encounters into the online TCM system on an agreed upon time frame.

- CONTRACTOR will monitor to ensure the COUNTY receives the appropriate Federal reimbursements.
- CONTRACTOR will provide monthly updates on what has been successfully claimed for each reimbursement.
- CONTRACTOR will work with the COUNTY's fiscal staff to ensure that the best claiming practices are being utilized. CONTRACTOR will assist the COUNTY with all claiming procedures from start to finish.
- CONTRACTOR will coordinate with COUNTY to ensure all Encounters are recorded in the COUNTY's Electronic Case Management System, Persimmony.
- CONTRACTOR will follow up and/or resubmit any Encounters that do not have a status of Claimable or Paid when submitted into the online TCM system.

#### **Quality Assurance and Claim Maximization**

CONTRACTOR will put in place an auditing and quality assurance processes to ensure the COUNTY claims are accurate. On an ongoing and quarterly basis, CONTRACTOR will provide the COUNTY with time study audits and TCM encounter audits.

- CONTRACTOR will complete a thorough assessment of the COUNTY staff, processes of the COUNTY staff, and processes to file the appropriate paperwork with the COUNTY, as needed, in order for the COUNTY to file TCM claims.
- CONTRACTOR will review current case plans and ensure staff are educated regarding appropriate documentation for TCM claiming.
- CONTRACTOR will work closely with the COUNTY to update claiming policies when needed.
- CONTRACTOR will provide monthly updates on what has been successfully claimed for each reimbursement.
- CONTRACTOR will submit to the COUNTY recommendations for case plan improvements for adherence to state and federal guidelines.
- At the conclusion of any CONTRACTOR audit, CONTRACTOR will provide the COUNTY findings of any inaccuracies and recommendations for ongoing improvement. The COUNTY will review recommendations provided by CONTRACTOR to determine what items will be accepted for implementation.

#### **Audit Support**

- CONTRACTOR will provide the COUNTY with additional trainings and support on any audit findings.



- CONTRACTOR will make themselves available either on-site or provide live webinar options to assist the COUNTY through any State or Federal Audit that they may undergo.

2. SCHEDULE:

- Work shall be completed in the duration of the term of this agreement.
- CONTRACTOR will complete and submit the Annual TCM Cost Report to the COUNTY no later than five (5) days prior to the October 31<sup>st</sup> deadline so that the COUNTY can review prior to submittal.
- CONTRACTOR will provide regular feedback for the services provided to the COUNTY on a pre-agreed upon timeline, monthly or quarterly.
- CONTRACTOR will conduct the Annual MAA/TCM Time Study Training prior to the beginning of each fiscal year in order to comply with Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) regulations. Training dates will be set in advance and will accommodate COUNTY staff schedules. CONTRACTOR shall train all new incoming staff within an agreed upon timeframe.
- CONTRACTOR shall perform, in a timely manner, those services and work identified in this Exhibit.

3. DELIVERABLES:

For the COUNTY, CONTRACTOR shall:

- Provide time study training plans as developed by CONTRACTOR and approved by the COUNTY and deliver related training sessions as determined in the associated training plan.
- Provide TCM training plans as developed by CONTRACTOR and approved by the COUNTY and deliver related training sessions as determined in the associated training plan.
- Provide training rosters after each training session.
- Provide the TCM Cost Report for review and submittal.
- Provide reports of billable TCM encounters for TCM billing.
- Provide TCM billing reports for COUNTY review after billing.
- Provide recommendations for TCM programmatic improvements.
- Provide quality assurance reports at the conclusion of CONTRACTOR audits of the TCM program.

CONTRACTOR shall submit one (1) electronic copy of any and all deliverables required hereunder in a format that complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act and any other applicable local, state and federal accessibility laws, regulations and standards.

4. ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA:

CONTRACTOR agrees to perform the services required by this Agreement to the best of CONTRACTOR's ability in an efficient, thorough, and competent manner. CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with all state and federal laws, ensuring the TCM Cost Report is in compliance. CONTRACTOR shall provide monthly updates to the COUNTY.

5. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:

CONTRACTOR agrees to provide the COUNTY with all reports and feedback required by this Agreement and as detailed in Section 1: SERVICES. Reports shall be reviewed and approved by the COUNTY prior to submittal to DHCS. All reports shall be in a format that complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act and any other applicable local, state and federal accessibility laws, regulations and standards.

6. PLACE OF PERFORMANCE:

Justice Benefits Inc.  
1711 East Belt Line Road  
Coppell, Texas 75019

7. COUNTY RESPONSIBILITIES:

**Financial Support**

CONTRACTOR will provide the COUNTY with financial support and assistance and will help the COUNTY with all claiming procedures from start to finish. COUNTY will provide the requested financial information to CONTRACTOR in a timely manner so that CONTRACTOR can adhere to the TCM Annual Cost Report deadline.

- COUNTY will provide CONTRACTOR with initial reports and documentation in order for CONTRACTOR to determine the most efficient and accurate route to pursue for the COUNTY's TCM claims.
- COUNTY will provide CONTRACTOR with expenditure reports for analysis.
- COUNTY will provide CONTRACTOR with payroll data.
- COUNTY will provide CONTRACTOR with revenue data for Certified Public Expenditure (CPE) requirement.
- COUNTY will provide any additional financial reports/information needed to complete the Annual Cost Report in order to ensure all reimbursement opportunities are included. COUNTY will provide further information if requested by CONTRACTOR on any missing information or needed documentation to ensure maximized reimbursement.
- COUNTY will coordinate with CONTRACTOR to determine deadlines for TCM claim document submittal to CONTRACTOR, based on the availability of reports and documents. COUNTY will ensure all documents are submitted timely to CONTRACTOR.
- COUNTY will coordinate with CONTRACTOR to determine deadlines for TCM cost report document submittal to CONTRACTOR, based on the availability of reports and documents. COUNTY will ensure all documents are submitted timely to CONTRACTOR.
- COUNTY will review the TCM Annual Cost Report completed by CONTRACTOR and will submit to DHCS for processing and payment.

**Department Support**

- COUNTY will determine and document eligible targeted population in a manner consistent with federal and state guidelines.
- COUNTY will keep a record of all TCM encounters.
- COUNTY will encourage time study participants and supervisors to complete time study entries in a timely manner.
- COUNTY will stress the importance of accurate case plan documentation.

**Training Support**

CONTRACTOR will perform trainings with the COUNTY's staff to provide a thorough understanding of TCM and CONTRACTOR will provide MAA/TCM time study trainings.

- For on-site trainings, COUNTY will provide training space adequate for the number of training participants.
- COUNTY staff will participate in trainings provided by CONTRACTOR.

COUNTY will participate in periodic "refresher" trainings provided by CONTRACTOR either on-site or via webinar.

8. RESTRICTIONS:

CONTRACTOR shall not drive an automobile in the performance of the services provided pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement. If CONTRACTOR's responsibilities are changed in such a way that driving will be required during the performance of the services required hereunder, CONTRACTOR shall take out and maintain Automobile/Motor Liability Insurance with a limit of liability not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) combined single limit coverage prior to the commencement of any such driving. Such insurance shall include coverage of all owned, hired and non-owned vehicles, and be at least as broad as Insurance Service Offices Form Code 1 (any auto).

**EXHIBIT B**  
**SCHEDULE OF RATES**  
**JUSTICE BENEFITS, INC.**

For Fiscal Years 2021-2022 through 2024-2025

COUNTY will pay CONTRACTOR 10% of TCM reimbursement for the first two years of the contract; in years three and four the compensation rate increases to 11% of the TCM reimbursement.

1. RATE OF COMPENSATION:

		Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4
Year 1	FY 2021/22	10%	10%	10%	10%
Year 2	FY 2022/23	10%	10%	10%	10%
Year 3	FY 2023/24	11%	11%	11%	11%
Year 4	FY 2024/25	11%	11%	11%	11%

Any consecutive renewals or new contracts following this contract: 11%

The maximum amount payable by COUNTY for any and all services provided, and costs and expenses incurred, pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement is Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000).

**EXHIBIT C**  
**COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT HIPAA BUSINESS ASSOCIATE AGREEMENT**  
**JUSTICE BENEFITS, INC.**

For Fiscal Years 2021-2022 through 2024-2025

**RECITALS:**

**WHEREAS**, COUNTY, as a “Covered Entity” wishes to disclose certain information to CONTRACTOR, hereafter known as “BUSINESS ASSOCIATE” pursuant to the terms of the Agreement, some of which may constitute Protected Health Information (“PHI”).

**WHEREAS**, COUNTY 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 and Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act, Public Law 111-005 (“the HITECH Act”), and regulations promulgated thereunder by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (the “HIPAA Regulations”) and other applicable laws.

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to HIPAA Regulations, the Privacy Rule and Security Rule (defined below) COUNTY is required to enter into an Agreement 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 Agreement.

**NOW THEREFORE**, the parties hereto mutually agree as follows:

**1. DEFINITIONS:**

- A. **Breach.** As used herein, the term “Breach” shall have the meaning given to such term under the HITECH Act and HIPAA Regulations [42 U.S.C. Section 17921 and 45 C.F.R. Section 164.402].
- B. **Breach Notification Rule.** As used herein, the term “Breach of Notification Rule” shall mean the HIPAA Regulation that is codified at 45 C.F.R. Parts 160 and 164, Subparts A and D.
- C. **Business Associate.** As used herein, the term “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.
- D. **Covered Entity.** As used herein, the term “Covered Entity” shall have the meaning given to such term under the Privacy and Security Rules, including, without limitation, 45 C.F.R. Section 160.103.
- E. **Designated Record Set.** As used herein, the term “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.** As used herein, the term “Electronic Protected Health Information” means Protected Health Information that is maintained in or transmitted by electronic media.
- G. **Electronic Health Record.** As used herein, the term “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.

- H. **Health Care Operations.** As used herein, the term “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.** As used herein, the term “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.** As used herein, the term “Protected Health Information” (“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 the 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.** As used herein, the term “Protected Information” shall mean PHI provided by COUNTY to BUSINESS ASSOCIATE or created, maintained, received, or transmitted by BUSINESS ASSOCIATE on COUNTY’s behalf.
- L. **Security Incident.** As used herein, the term “Security Incident” shall have the same meaning given to such term under the Security Rule, including, but not limited to, 45 C.F.R. Section 164.304.
- M. **Security Rule.** As used herein, the term “Security Rule” shall mean the HIPAA Regulation that is codified at 45 C.F.R. Parts 160 and 164, Subparts A and C.
- N. **Unsecured PHI.** As used herein, the term “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) and 45 C.F.R. Section 164.402.

2. **OBLIGATIONS OF BUSINESS ASSOCIATE:**

- A. **Permitted Uses.** BUSINESS ASSOCIATE shall use Protected Information only for the purpose of performing BUSINESS ASSOCIATE’s obligations under the Agreement and as permitted or required under the Agreement, or as required by law. 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 COUNTY. However, BUSINESS ASSOCIATE may use Protected Information as necessary (i) for the proper management and administration of BUSINESS ASSOCIATE; (ii) to carry out the legal responsibilities of BUSINESS ASSOCIATE; or (iii) as required by law. [45 C.F.R. Sections 164.504(e)(2), 164.504(e)(4)(i)].
- B. **Permitted Disclosures.** BUSINESS ASSOCIATE shall disclose Protected Information only for the purpose of performing BUSINESS ASSOCIATE’s obligations under the Agreement and as permitted or required under the Agreement, or as required by law. 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 COUNTY. However, BUSINESS ASSOCIATE may disclose Protected Information as necessary (i) for the proper management and administration of BUSINESS ASSOCIATE; (ii) to carry out the legal responsibilities of BUSINESS ASSOCIATE; or (iii) as required by law. 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 Agreement and used or disclosed only as required by law or for the purposes for which it was disclosed to such third-party, and (ii) a written agreement from such third-party to immediately notify BUSINESS ASSOCIATE of any breaches, suspected breaches, security incidents, or unauthorized uses or disclosures of the Protected Information in accordance with paragraph 2.1. of the Agreement, to the extent it has obtained knowledge of such occurrences [42 U.S.C. Section 17932; 45 C.F.R. Section 164.504(e)].

- C. **Prohibited Uses and Disclosures.** BUSINESS ASSOCIATE shall not use or disclose PHI other than as permitted or required by the Agreement, or as required by law. 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 PHI solely relates [42 U.S.C. Section 17935(a) and 45 C.F.R. Section 164.522(a)(vi)]. BUSINESS ASSOCIATE shall not directly or indirectly receive remuneration in exchange for Protected Information, except with prior written consent of COUNTY and as permitted by the HITECH Act, 42 U.S.C. Section 17935(d)(2), and the HIPAA regulations, 45 C.F.R. Section 164.502(a)(5)(ii); however this prohibition shall not affect payment by COUNTY to BUSINESS ASSOCIATE for services provided pursuant to the Agreement.
- 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, including, but not limited to, administrative, physical and technical safeguards in accordance with the Security Rule, including but not limited to, 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, procedures and documentation requirements of the Security Rule, including, but not limited to, 45 C.F.R. Section 164.316. [42 U.S.C. Section 17931].
- E. **Business Associate's Subcontractors and Agents.** BUSINESS ASSOCIATE shall ensure that any agents and subcontractors that create, receive, maintain or transmit Protected Information on behalf of COUNTY, agree in writing to the same restrictions and conditions that apply to COUNTY with respect to such Protected Information and implement the safeguards required by paragraph 2(D) 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)).
- F. **Access to Protected Information.** If BUSINESS ASSOCIATE maintains a designated record set on behalf of COUNTY, BUSINESS ASSOCIATE shall make Protected Information maintained by BUSINESS ASSOCIATE or its agents or subcontractors in Designated Record Sets available to COUNTY for inspection and copying within five (5) days of a request by COUNTY to enable COUNTY to fulfill its obligations under California 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 Protected Information in electronic format, BUSINESS ASSOCIATE shall provide such information in electronic format as necessary to enable COUNTY to fulfill its obligations under the HITECH Act and HIPAA Regulations, including, but not limited to, 42 U.S.C. Section 17935(e) and 45 C.F.R. Section 164.524.

- G. Amendment of PHI.** If BUSINESS ASSOCIATE maintains a designated record set on behalf of COUNTY, within ten (10) days of a request by COUNTY for an amendment of Protected Information or a record about an individual contained in a Designated Record Set, BUSINESS ASSOCIATE and its agents and subcontractors shall make such Protected Information available to COUNTY for amendment and incorporate any such amendment or other documentation to enable COUNTY to fulfill its obligations under the Privacy Rule, including, but not limited to, 45 C.F.R. Section 164.526. If an individual requests an amendment of Protected Information directly from BUSINESS ASSOCIATE or its agents or subcontractors, BUSINESS ASSOCIATE must notify COUNTY in writing within five (5) days of the request and of any approval or denial of amendment of Protected Information maintained by BA or its agents or subcontractors [45 C.F.R. Section 164.504(e)(2)(ii)(F)].
- H. Accounting of Disclosures.** Within ten (10) days of a request by COUNTY for an accounting of disclosures of Protected Information, BUSINESS ASSOCIATE and its agents and subcontractors shall make available to COUNTY the information required to provide an accounting of disclosures to enable COUNTY 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 COUNTY. BUSINESS ASSOCIATE agrees to implement a process that allows for an accounting to be collected and maintained by BUSINESS ASSOCIATE and its agents and 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. 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. If a patient submits a request for an accounting directly to BUSINESS ASSOCIATE or its agents or subcontractors, BUSINESS ASSOCIATE shall within five (5) days of the request forward it to COUNTY in writing.
- I. 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 COUNTY and to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (the "Secretary") for purposes of determining BUSINESS ASSOCIATE's compliance with HIPAA [45 C.F.R. Section 164.504(e)(2)(ii)(I)]. BUSINESS ASSOCIATE shall concurrently provide COUNTY with a copy of any Protected Information and other records that BUSINESS ASSOCIATE provides to the Secretary.
- J. Minimum Necessary.** BUSINESS ASSOCIATES and its agents and 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)]. 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."
- K. Data Ownership.** BUSINESS ASSOCIATE understands that BUSINESS ASSOCIATE has no ownership rights with respect to the Protected Information.
- L. Notification of Possible Breach.** BUSINESS ASSOCIATE shall notify COUNTY within twenty-four (24) hours of any suspected or actual breach of Protected Information; any use or



disclosure of Protected Information not permitted by the Agreement; any security incident (i.e., any attempted or successful unauthorized access, use, disclosure, modification, or destruction of information or interference with system operations in an information system) related to Protected Information, and any actual or suspected use or disclosure of data in violation of any applicable federal or state laws by BUSINESS ASSOCIATE or its agents or subcontractors. The notification shall include, to the extent possible, the identification of each individual whose unsecured Protected Information has been, or is reasonably believed by the BUSINESS ASSOCIATE to have been accessed, acquired, used, or disclosed, as well as any other available information that COUNTY is required to include in notification to the individual, the media, the Secretary, and any other entity under the Breach Notification Rule and any other applicable state or federal laws, including, but not limited, to 45 C.F.R. Section 164.404 through 45 C.F.R. Section 164.1408, at the time of the notification required by this paragraph or promptly thereafter as information becomes available. BUSINESS ASSOCIATE shall take (i) prompt corrective action to cure any deficiencies and (ii) any action pertaining to unauthorized uses or disclosures required by applicable federal and state laws. [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)]. Any and all notices required pursuant to the terms and conditions of this provision shall be submitted to COUNTY at the following address:

**COUNTY:** Humboldt COUNTY DHHS Compliance and Quality Assurance Office  
Attention: Compliance and Quality Assurance Administrator & Privacy Officer  
507 F Street  
Eureka, California 95501  
(707) 441-5410

- M. Breach Pattern or Practice by Business Associate's Subcontractors and Agents.** Pursuant to 42 U.S.C. Section 17934(b) and 45 C.F.R. Section 164.504(e)(1)(ii), if BUSINESS ASSOCIATE knows of a pattern or activity or practice of a subcontractor or agent that constitutes a material breach or violation of the subcontractor or agent's obligations under the Agreement or other arrangement, BUSINESS ASSOCIATE must take reasonable steps to cure the breach or end the violation. If the steps are unsuccessful, BUSINESS ASSOCIATE must terminate the Agreement or other arrangement if feasible. BUSINESS ASSOCIATE shall provide written notice to COUNTY of any pattern of activity or practice of a subcontractor or agent that BUSINESS ASSOCIATE believes constitutes a material breach or violation of the subcontractor or agent's obligations under the Agreement or other arrangement within five (5) days of discovery and shall meet with COUNTY to discuss and attempt to resolve the problem as one (1) of the reasonable steps to cure the breach or end the violation.
- N. Audits, Inspection and Enforcement.** Within ten (10) days of a request by COUNTY, BUSINESS ASSOCIATE and its agents and subcontractors shall allow COUNTY or its agents or subcontractors 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 Agreement for the purpose of determining whether BUSINESS ASSOCIATE has complied with this Agreement or maintains adequate security safeguards. BUSINESS ASSOCIATE shall notify COUNTY within five (5) days of learning that BUSINESS ASSOCIATE has become the subject of an audit, compliance review, or complaint investigation by the Office for Civil Rights or other state or federal government entity.

### **3. TERMINATION:**

- A. Material Breach.** A breach by BUSINESS ASSOCIATE of any provision of this Agreement, as determined by COUNTY, 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. Effect of Termination.** Upon termination of the Agreement for any reason, BUSINESS ASSOCIATE shall, at the option of COUNTY, 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 COUNTY, BUSINESS ASSOCIATE shall continue to extend the protections of Section 2 of this Agreement to such information, and limit further use and disclosure of such PHI to those purposes that make the return or destruction of the information infeasible [45 C.F.R. Section 164.504(e)(ii)(2)(J)]. If COUNTY elects destruction of the PHI, BUSINESS ASSOCIATE shall certify in writing to COUNTY that such PHI has been destroyed in accordance with the Secretary's guidance regarding proper destruction of PHI.

**4. INTERPRETATION:**

Any ambiguity in this Agreement shall be resolved in favor of a meaning that complies and is consistent with HIPAA, the HITECH Act, and the HIPAA regulations.