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This Professional Services Agreement is entered into by and between the City of San Antonio, a Texas Municipal Corporation (hereinafter referred to as “City”), acting by and through the City Manager or designee, pursuant to Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_ passed and approved on \_\_\_\_\_, 2024, and the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, an agency of the State of Texas and a component institution of the University of Texas System governed by the Board of Regents, (hereinafter referred to as “CONTRACTOR”), both of which may be referred to herein collectively as the “Parties.”

The Parties hereto severally and collectively agree, and by the execution hereof are bound, to the mutual obligations herein contained and to the performance and accomplishment of the tasks hereinafter described.

**WITNESSETH**

WHEREAS, City provides dental services for children at non-traditional settings such as Head Start and elementary schools; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Developmental Dentistry is part of CONTRACTOR’s School of Dentistry; and

WHEREAS, the City does not have the capacity or resources to meet the demand for dental services for children that require comprehensive dental treatment; and

WHEREAS, the City believes it is in the best interest of the City for CONTRACTOR to provide children with quality dental care in an appropriate clinical and/or surgical environment;

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

**I.**  
**PURPOSE/DEFINITIONS**

The purpose of this Agreement is to establish the terms and conditions under which CONTRACTOR will provide City with certain specified dental health services for uninsured or underinsured children eligible for care through the Title V Dental Grant, the City’s Medicaid 1115 Waiver Program and funds from the City’s General Fund. This Agreement shall also establish the City's and CONTRACTOR's obligations, costs, and the manner and method of payment for provided services.

As used in this Agreement, the following terms shall have meanings as set out below:

“City” is defined in the preamble of this Agreement and includes its successors and assigns.

“CONTRACTOR” is defined in the preamble of this Agreement and includes its successors.

“Director” shall mean the director of the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District (“Metro Health”).

"Medicaid 1115 Waiver Program" shall mean the City's Medicaid 1115 Waiver Program which funds in part this Agreement consistent with Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) Services regulations.

“Title V Dental Grant” shall mean the Title V Fee for Service Child Dental Grant Program administered by the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) which funds in part this Agreement and is made in accordance with awards by the Health Resources and Services Administration (Federal Award Identification number B0452955, CFDA #93.994).

“Project or Program” shall mean the general scope of services of this Agreement as well as the overall objectives and goal of the City’s Title V Dental Grant and City's Medicaid 1115 Waiver Program.

“System Agency” means the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) or any of the agencies of the State of Texas that are overseen by HHSC under authority granted under State law and the officers, employees, and designees of those agencies. These agencies include: HHSC and the Department of State Health Services (DSHS).

## **II.**

### **TERM**

2.1 Unless sooner terminated in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement, the term of this Agreement shall start September 1, 2024 and terminate on August 31, 2025. At City’s sole option, this Agreement may be renewed under the terms and conditions set out herein for three (3) additional one-year period(s). Renewals shall be in writing and signed by Director or designee, without further action by the San Antonio City Council, subject to and contingent upon appropriation of funding, therefore.

## **III.**

### **CONTRACTOR SERVICES**

3.1 In alignment with public health dental program activities, Metro Health will perform Title V Dental Grant eligibility screening and intake documentation, as required by the grant; however, for children in need of dental care Metro Health will refer eligible children to the CONTRACTOR’s pediatric dental clinic(s) for further evaluation and treatment. Upon referral by Metro Health, CONTRACTOR shall:

3.1.1 Determine treatment plan to include diagnostic, preventive and restorative dental care services as set out in the Title V Dental Grant for each referred child.

3.1.2 Determine the family's income eligibility, as required by the Title V Dental Grant, for a sliding scale/reduced fee based on the established protocol to include proof of income, proof of address and proof of date of birth. Proof of income to be determined by paycheck stub/statement or employer letter. CONTRACTOR will ensure that all required signatures and dates are obtained on the Title V application before a patient can be seen for Title V Services.

3.1.3 Waive all co-payments for procedures covered by the Program and determine fees for non-covered procedures based on the established sliding fee scale based on family income.

3.1.4 Provide required dental treatment for each child in an outpatient setting through the CONTRACTOR's pediatric dental facility(s) and/or other facilities designated for pediatric dental patients consistent with the attached schedule of procedures set out and incorporated herein for all purposes as **Attachment I**.

3.1.5 Communicate on an ongoing basis with Metro Health Case Managers regarding treatment plan and status for each referred child to include initial appointment date, treatment plan, request for sedation/oral surgery, failed appointments, treatment received, treatment completed and documentation of treatment notes.

3.1.6 Have the capacity to provide emergency dental care within 24 hours of patient calling for an appointment.

3.1.7 Submit a monthly, secured (such as password protected), electronic report of all dental services provided to each Title V patient by the 12th of each month for the previous month. Report must include name of patient, date of birth of patient, patient account number, age of patient, date of service, treatment code, description of treatment code, Tooth ID if applicable, tooth surface if applicable, Title V fee for procedure, and if CONTRACTOR has multiple locations, location where treatment was completed.

3.1.8 Adhere to all contractor requirements for the Title V Dental Grant provided to CONTRACTOR by City in writing, and provide, upon specific written request from City, related documentation required for inclusion in any report concerning the grant.

3.1.9 CONTRACTOR shall comply with all applicable confidentiality and medical privacy laws, to include but shall not be limited to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA).

3.1.10 CONTRACTOR shall comply with those terms and conditions provided to CONTRACTOR by City in writing that are associated with the City's grant from the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) as a pass through from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) the funding entity(ies) for this agreement. Requirements may include contract requirements from the HHSC, DHHS and HRSA, to include but not limited to: the Notice of Award, federal laws, regulations, policies, 2 C.F.R. Part 200,

entitled Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, Audit Requirements for Federal Awards and HRSA general terms and conditions. CONTRACTORS must adhere to compliance requirements that are applicable to the specific funding source(s) from which funds paid to CONTRACTOR originated. CONTRACTOR shall agree to comply with all terms and conditions associated with said funds as directed by the City and the funding entity(ies).

3.2 CONTRACTOR understands and agrees that the services to be provided under this Agreement are expected to have a total value of \$281,975.00, but that the cumulative total for all invoices presented by CONTRACTOR under this Agreement shall not exceed a total amount of \$225,580.00. If this Agreement is renewed, during a renewal period CONTRACTOR understands and agrees that the services to be provided under this Agreement are expected to have a total value of \$200,000.00, but that the cumulative total for all invoices presented by CONTRACTOR under this Agreement shall not exceed a total amount of \$160,000.00.

3.3 CONTRACTOR and the Director, or his designee, shall engage in an annual quality assurance evaluation for the purpose of: 1) maintaining the highest standards of clinical care, appropriate for the public health Program; 2) ensuring compliance with clinical licensure regulations; and 3) other matters of interest raised by CONTRACTOR or the Director.

3.4 CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with and be subject to all applicable subcontractor provisions as outlined in the current Statement of Work, Data Use Agreement and HHSC Uniform Terms and Conditions for the Title V Dental Grant and that are provided to CONTRACTOR by City attached hereto and incorporated herein for all purposes as **Attachment II**.

3.5 All work performed by CONTRACTOR hereunder shall be performed to the satisfaction of City, as determined by the Director. The determination made by Director shall be final, binding and conclusive on all Parties hereto. City shall be under no obligation to pay for any work performed by CONTRACTOR, which is not satisfactory to Director. City shall have the right to terminate this Agreement, in accordance with Article VII. Termination, in whole or in part, should CONTRACTOR's work not be satisfactory to Director; however, City shall have no obligation to terminate and may, withhold payment for any unsatisfactory work, as stated herein, even should City elect not to terminate.

All scope of services and work to be performed by CONTRACTOR hereunder is outlined hereinabove and no additional work or services other than described herein shall be requested or expected by the City, without prior approval and agreement of all Parties, as evidenced in writing and approved by CONTRACTOR.

#### **IV.**

#### **COMPENSATION TO CONTRACTOR**

4.1 In consideration of CONTRACTOR's performance in a satisfactory and efficient manner, as determined solely by the Director, of all services, activities, duties and responsibilities set forth in this Agreement, City agrees to pay CONTRACTOR as set out below:

4.1.1 The maximum amount to be paid by City and the cumulative total of all invoices from CONTRACTOR shall not exceed the amount of \$225,580.00.

4.1.2 City agrees to pay CONTRACTOR for services provided as outlined in the HHSC Title V Dental Grant Fee Schedule attached hereto and incorporated herein for all purposes as **Attachment I**. Rates are subject to change at HHSC's sole discretion.

4.1.3 If this Agreement is renewed, the City agrees to pay an amount up to a maximum of \$160,000.00 during a renewal period. The maximum amount to be paid by City and the cumulative total of all invoices from CONTRACTOR during a renewal term shall not exceed the amount of \$160,000.00

4.2 CONTRACTOR shall submit patient receipts/encounter forms with detailed description of services rendered by the 13<sup>th</sup> of each month for the previous month's services. City shall pay CONTRACTOR within thirty days of receipt of the invoice.

4.3 Such invoice shall separately detail the amount of compensation due for services. City shall make its payment within thirty (30) days of receipt of each invoice. If any amount set out in any invoice is disputed by City, then City agrees to notify CONTRACTOR in writing of the disputed amount, and the basis for the dispute, within fifteen (15) days of receipt of such invoice. The Parties agree that only the disputed amount may be retained by City until the disputed matter is resolved, and that the undisputed balance must be paid in accordance with the terms of this Section.

4.4 City and CONTRACTOR will determine fees for additional services by mutual agreement through an amendment(s) of this Agreement. In the event the Parties agree that CONTRACTOR is to provide additional services and also agree as to the basis for calculating the compensation for such services, the City agrees to pay for such services in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.

4.5 Invoices shall be submitted to: [Accounts.Payable@sanantonio.gov](mailto:Accounts.Payable@sanantonio.gov) and copy to SAMHD.Invoices@sanantonio.gov or by mail to City of San Antonio, Accounts Payable, P.O. Box 839976, San Antonio, Texas 78283-3976, with a copy to City of San Antonio, San Antonio Metropolitan Health District, P.O. Box 839966, San Antonio, Texas 78283-3966.

4.6 No additional fees or expenses of CONTRACTOR shall be charged by CONTRACTOR nor be payable by City. The Parties hereby agree that all compensable expenses of CONTRACTOR have been provided for in the total payment to CONTRACTOR as specified in Section 4.1 above. Total payments to CONTRACTOR cannot exceed that amount set forth in Section 4.1 above, without prior approval and agreement of all Parties.

4.7 Final acceptance of work products and services require written approval by City, as determined by the Director as the City's approval official. Payment will be made to CONTRACTOR following written approval of the final work products and services by Director. City shall not be obligated or liable under this Agreement to any party, other than CONTRACTOR, for the payment of any monies or the provision of any goods or services.

4.8 Reimbursement of eligible expenses, as determined by the City, will be made according to standard procedures followed by City, as requested upon receipt of billing from the CONTRACTOR.

**V.**

**OWNERSHIP OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND DOCUMENTS**

5.1 Any and all writings, documents or information in whatsoever form and character produced by CONTRACTOR pursuant to the provisions of this Agreement is the exclusive property of CITY; and no such writing, document or information shall be the subject of any copyright or proprietary claim by CONTRACTOR.

5.2 CONTRACTOR understands and acknowledges that as the exclusive owner of any and all such writings, documents and information, CITY has the right to use all such writings, documents and information as CITY desires, without restriction.

5.3 Any and all work product that is copyrightable under United States copyright law is deemed to be "work made for hire" owned by City, as provided by Title 17 of the United States Code. To the extent that work product does not qualify as a "work made for hire" under applicable federal law, CONTRACTOR hereby irrevocably assigns and transfers to City, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title, and interest in and to the work product, including any and all intellectual property rights embodied therein or associated therewith, and in and to all works based upon, derived from, or incorporating the work product, and in and to all income, royalties, damages, claims and payments now or hereafter due or payable with respect thereto, and in and to all causes of action, either in law or in equity for past, present or future infringement based on the copyrights, and in and to all rights corresponding to the foregoing. CONTRACTOR agrees to execute all papers and to perform such other acts as City may deem necessary to secure for City or its designee the rights herein assigned.

5.4 In accordance with Texas law, CONTRACTOR acknowledges and agrees that all local government records created or received in the transaction of official business or the creation or maintenance of which were paid for with public funds are declared to be public property and subject to the provisions of Chapter 201 of the Texas Local Government Code and Subchapter J, Chapter 441 of the Texas Government Code. Thus, no such local government records produced by or on the behalf of CONTRACTOR pursuant to the resulting contract shall be the subject of any copyright or proprietary claim by CONTRACTOR.

5.5 CONTRACTOR acknowledges and agrees that all local government records, as described herein, produced in the course of the work required by this Agreement, shall belong to and be the property of City and shall be made available to the City at any time. CONTRACTOR further agrees to make such records available to City at any time and to turn over all such records to City upon termination of this Agreement. CONTRACTOR agrees that it shall not, under any circumstances, release any records created during the course of performance of this Agreement to any entity without the written permission of the Director, unless required to do so by law or a court of competent jurisdiction. CONTRACTOR shall notify City of such request as set forth in Article VIII, of this Agreement.

The term “local government record” as used in this document means any document, paper, letter, book, map, photograph, sound or video recording, microfilm, magnetic tape, electronic medium, or other information recording medium, regardless of physical form or characteristic and regardless of whether public access to it is open or restricted under the laws of the state, created or received by local government or any of its officials or employees pursuant to law including an ordinance, or in the transaction of official business.

5.6 CONTRACTOR, if selected, agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations governing documents and document ownership, access and retention.

5.7 City Data. Vendors awarded a contract with the City of San Antonio agree to comply with the City’s Data Governance Administrative Directive 7.12 and Data Security Administrative Directive 7.3a in the same manner required of City employees, interns, volunteers and trainees, for City Data arising out of, resulting from or related to Vendor’s activities under such contract. As between City and CONTRACTOR, City is and will remain the sole and exclusive owner of all right, title, and interest in and to all City Data, including all intellectual property rights relating thereto, subject only to any limited license expressly granted to CONTRACTOR.

## VI. **REQUESTS FOR AND RETENTION OF RECORDS**

6.1 CONTRACTOR and its subcontractors, if any, shall properly, accurately and completely maintain all documents, papers, and records, and other evidence pertaining to the services rendered hereunder (hereafter referred to as “documents”), and shall make such materials available to the City at their respective offices, at all reasonable times and as often as City may deem necessary during the Agreement period, including any extension or renewal hereof, and the record retention period established herein, for purposes of audit, inspection, examination, and making excerpts or copies of same by City and any of its authorized representatives. “Documents” do not include CONTRACTOR confidential, proprietary, or privileged information.

6.2 CONTRACTOR shall retain any and all documents produced as a result of services provided hereunder for a period of four (4) years (hereafter referred to as “retention period”) from the date of termination of the Agreement, or as may be required by the grantor of funds if such other time period is disclosed to CONTRACTOR by City in writing. If, at the end of the retention period, there is litigation or other questions arising from, involving or concerning this documentation or the services provided hereunder, CONTRACTOR shall retain the records until the resolution of such litigation or other such questions. CONTRACTOR acknowledges and agrees that City shall have access to any and all such documents at any and all reasonable times, as deemed necessary by City, during said retention period. City may, at its election, require CONTRACTOR to return said documents to City prior to or at the conclusion of said retention.

6.3 The Public Information Act, Government Code applies to both Parties and each Party will fulfill its statutory obligations regarding public information requests.

For the purposes of communicating and coordinating with regard to public information requests, all communications shall be made to the designated public information liaison for each

Party. Each Party shall designate in writing to the other Party the public information liaison for its organization and notice of a change in the designated liaison shall be made promptly to the other Party.

## **VII.**

### **TERMINATION**

7.1 For purposes of this Agreement, "termination" of this Agreement shall mean termination by expiration of the Agreement term as stated in Article II. Term, or earlier termination pursuant to any of the provisions hereof.

7.2 Termination Without Cause. This Agreement may be terminated by either Party upon thirty (30) calendar days written notice, which notice shall be provided in accordance with Article VIII. Notice.

7.3 Termination For Cause. Upon written notice, which notice shall be provided in accordance with Article VIII. Notice, City may terminate this Agreement as of the date provided in the notice, in whole or in part, upon the occurrence of one (1) or more of the following events, each of which shall constitute an Event for Cause under this Agreement:

7.3.1 The sale, transfer, pledge, conveyance or assignment of this Agreement without prior approval, as provided in Article XII. Assignment and Subcontracting; or

7.3.2 Any material breach of the terms of this Agreement as determined solely by City.

7.4 Defaults With Opportunity for Cure. Should CONTRACTOR default in the performance of this Agreement in a manner stated in this section 7.4 below, same shall be considered an event of default. City shall deliver written notice of said default specifying such matter(s) in default. CONTRACTOR shall have ten (10) business days after receipt of the written notice, in accordance with Article VIII. Notice, to cure such default. If CONTRACTOR fails to cure the default within such ten-day cure period, City shall have the right, without further notice, to terminate this Agreement in whole or in part as City deems appropriate, and to contract with another contractor to complete the work required in this Agreement. City shall also have the right to offset the cost of said new Agreement with a new contractor against CONTRACTOR's future or unpaid invoice(s), subject to the duty on the part of City to mitigate its losses to the extent required by law. Any one or more of the following events shall be deemed an "event of default" hereunder:

7.4.1 The sale, transfer, pledge, conveyance or assignment of this Agreement without prior approval, as provided in Article XV. Assignment and Subcontracting;

7.4.2 Bankruptcy or selling substantially all of Contractor's assets;

7.4.3 Failing to perform or failing to comply with any material covenant herein required;



7.4.4 Performing the services unsatisfactorily, as determined by the Director;

7.4.5 The failure to meet reporting requirements of the Medicaid 1115 Waiver Program and Title V Dental Grant, as set out and determined by City; or

7.4.6 Notification of any investigation, claim or charge by a local, state or federal agency involving fraud, theft or the commission of a felony.

7.5 Termination By Law. If any state or federal law or regulation is enacted or promulgated which prohibits the performance of any of the duties herein, or, if any law is interpreted to prohibit such performance, this Agreement shall automatically terminate as of the effective date of such prohibition.

7.6 Loss of Funding. If Medicaid 1115 Waiver Program and Title V Dental Grant funding is not received by City in a sufficient amount to pay any of City's obligations under the terms of this Agreement, then upon written notice by City to CONTRACTOR of such lack of funding, this Agreement will terminate and neither City nor CONTRACTOR will have any further obligations hereunder. Lack of funding is not and shall not be considered a breach of this Agreement. Payment for services performed by CONTRACTOR through the effective date of termination shall be made pursuant to Article VII herein.

7.7 Regardless of how this Agreement is terminated, CONTRACTOR shall affect an orderly transfer to City or to such person(s) or firm(s) as the City may designate, at no additional cost to City, all completed or partially completed documents, papers, records, charts, reports, and any other materials or information produced as a result of or pertaining to the services rendered by CONTRACTOR, or provided to CONTRACTOR, hereunder, regardless of storage medium, if so requested by City, or shall otherwise be retained by CONTRACTOR in accordance with Article VI. Requests for and Retention of Records. Any record transfer shall be completed within thirty (30) calendar days of a written request by City and shall be completed at CONTRACTOR's sole cost and expense; records may be provided to City in the format in which CONTRACTOR maintains such records.

7.8 Within thirty (30) calendar days of the earlier of the following: the effective date of completion, or termination or expiration of this Agreement, CONTRACTOR shall submit to City its claims, in detail, for the monies owed by City for services performed under this Agreement through the effective date of termination. Failure by CONTRACTOR to submit its claims within said thirty (30) calendar days shall negate any liability on the part of City and constitute a Waiver by CONTRACTOR of any and all right or claims to collect moneys that CONTRACTOR may rightfully be otherwise entitled to for services performed pursuant to this Agreement.

7.9 Upon the effective date of expiration or termination of this Agreement, CONTRACTOR shall cease all operations of work being performed by CONTRACTOR or any of its subcontractors pursuant to this Agreement.

7.10 Termination not sole remedy. In no event shall City's action of terminating this Agreement, whether for cause or otherwise, be deemed an election of City's remedies, nor shall

such termination limit, in any way, at law or at equity, City's right to seek damages from or otherwise pursue CONTRACTOR for any default hereunder or other action.

7.11 City shall pay CONTRACTOR for conforming goods delivered and services provided prior to the date of termination regardless of the reason for termination, offset by any amounts due and owing from the CONTRACTOR to the City.

## **VIII.** **NOTICE**

8.1 Except where the terms of this Agreement expressly provide otherwise, any election, notice or communication required or permitted to be given under this Agreement shall be in writing and deemed to have been duly given if and when delivered personally (with receipt acknowledged), or three (3) days after depositing same in the U.S. mail, first class, with proper postage prepaid, or upon receipt if sending the same by certified mail, return receipt requested, or upon receipt when sent by a commercial courier service (such as Federal Express or DHL Worldwide Express) for expedited delivery to be confirmed in writing by such courier, at the addresses set forth below or to such other address as either party may from time to time designate in writing.

**If to City, to:**

City of San Antonio  
Attn: Director  
San Antonio Metropolitan Health District  
100 W. Houston, 14th floor  
San Antonio, Texas 78205

**If intended for CONTRACTOR, to:**

The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio  
School of Dentistry  
Attn: Dr. Suman Challa  
7703 Floyd Curl Drive  
San Antonio, Texas 78229

AND

The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio  
Developmental Dentistry  
Attn: Misty Espinoza  
7703 Floyd Curl Dr.  
San Antonio, TX 78229

## **IX.**

### **SPECIAL PROVISIONS**

9.1 CONTRACTOR acknowledges that funds for this Agreement are from federal funds provided to the City through the DSHS Contract under the Title V Dental Grant (Contract No. HHS001392700009). CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with and be subject to all applicable subcontractor provisions as outlined in the current Statement of Work, the HHSC Uniform Terms and Conditions and as applicable, the HHSC Data Use Agreement Government Version) attached hereto as well as applicable federal and state cost principles, audit requirements and administrative requirements incorporated herein by reference. These requirements and conditions are incorporated into this Agreement through acceptance by CONTRACTOR of any funding provided by HHSC or DSHS. CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with all terms and conditions associated with said funds as directed by the City in order to enable City to comply with its obligations under the DSHS Contract to include, but not limited to the following:

#### **9.1.1 RECORD MAINTENANCE AND RETENTION**

A. CONTRACTOR shall keep and maintain under GAAP or GASB, as applicable, full, true, and complete records necessary to fully disclose to the System Agency, the Texas State Auditor's Office, the United States Government, and their authorized representatives all information required to determine compliance with the terms and conditions of this Grant Agreement and all state and federal rules, regulations, and statutes. CONTRACTOR shall ensure these same requirements are included in all subcontracts.

B. CONTRACTOR shall maintain and retain legible copies of this Grant Agreement and all records relating to the performance of the Grant Agreement, including supporting fiscal documents adequate to ensure that claims for grant funds are in accordance with applicable State of Texas requirements. These records shall be maintained and retained by the CONTRACTOR for a minimum of seven (7) years after the Grant Agreement expiration date or seven (7) years after all audits, claims, litigation, or disputes involving the Grant Agreement are resolved, whichever is later. CONTRACTOR shall ensure these same requirements are included in all subcontracts.

#### **9.1.2 AGENCY'S RIGHT TO AUDIT**

A. CONTRACTOR shall make available at reasonable times and upon reasonable notice, and for reasonable periods, work papers, reports, books, records, supporting documents kept current by CONTRACTOR pertaining to the Grant Agreement for purposes of inspecting, monitoring, auditing, or evaluating by System Agency and the State of Texas. CONTRACTOR shall ensure these same requirements are included in all subcontracts.

B. In addition to any right of access arising by operation of law, CONTRACTOR and any of CONTRACTOR's affiliate or subsidiary organizations, or Subcontractors shall permit the System Agency or any of its duly authorized representatives, as well as duly authorized federal, state or local authorities, unrestricted access to and the right to examine any site where business is conducted or services are performed, and all records, which includes but is not limited to financial, client and patient records, books, papers or documents related to this Grant Agreement. CONTRACTOR shall permit the System Agency or any of its duly authorized federal, state, or local authorities unrestricted access to and the right to examine all external contracts and or pricing models or methodologies related to the Grant

Agreement. CONTRACTOR shall ensure these same requirements are included in all subcontracts. If the Grant Agreement includes federal funds, federal agencies that shall have a right of access to records as described in this section include: the federal agency providing the funds, the Comptroller General of the United States, the General Accounting Office, the Office of the Inspector General, and any of their authorized representatives. In addition, agencies of the State of Texas that shall have a right of access to records as described in this section include: the System Agency, HHS's contracted examiners, the State Auditor's Office, the Office of the Texas Attorney General, and any successor agencies. Each of these entities may be a duly authorized authority.

C. If deemed necessary by the System Agency or any duly authorized authority, for the purpose of oversight, including, but not limited to, reviews, inspections, audits and investigations, CONTRACTOR shall produce original documents related to this Grant Agreement.

D. The System Agency and any duly authorized authority shall have the right to audit billings both before and after payment, and all documentation that substantiates the billings and payments related to the Grant Agreement, including those related to a Subcontractor.

E. CONTRACTOR shall include the System Agency's and any of its duly authorized representatives', as well as duly authorized federal, state, or local authorities, unrestricted right of access to, and examination of, sites and information related to this Grant Agreement in any Subcontract it awards.

#### 9.1.3 RESPONSE/COMPLIANCE WITH AUDIT OR INSPECTION FINDINGS

A. CONTRACTOR must act to ensure its and its Subcontractors' compliance with all corrections necessary to address any finding of noncompliance with any law, regulation, audit requirement, or generally accepted accounting principle, or any other deficiency identified in any audit, review, inspection or investigation of the Grant Agreement and the services and Deliverables provided. Any such correction will be at CONTRACTOR's or its Subcontractor's sole expense. Whether CONTRACTOR's action corrects the noncompliance shall be solely the decision of the System Agency.

B. As part of the services, CONTRACTOR must provide to HHS upon request a copy of those portions of CONTRACTOR's and its Subcontractors' internal audit reports relating to the services and Deliverables provided to the State under the Grant Agreement.

C. CONTRACTOR shall include the requirement to provide to System Agency (and any of its duly authorized federal, state, or local authorities) internal audit reports related to this Grant Agreement in any Subcontract it awards. Upon request by System Agency, CONTRACTOR shall enforce this requirement against its Subcontractor. Further, CONTRACTOR shall include in any Subcontract it awards a requirement that all Subcontractor Subcontracts must also include these provisions.

#### 9.1.4 STATE AUDITOR'S RIGHT TO AUDIT

The state auditor may conduct an audit or investigation of any entity receiving funds from the state directly under the Grant Agreement or indirectly through a subcontract under the Grant Agreement. The acceptance of funds directly under the Grant Agreement or indirectly through a subcontract under the Grant Agreement acts as acceptance of the

authority of the state auditor, under the direction of the legislative audit committee, to conduct an audit or investigation in connection with those funds. Under the direction of the legislative audit committee, an entity that is the subject of an audit or investigation by the state auditor must provide the state auditor with access to any information the state auditor considers relevant to the investigation or audit. CONTRACTOR shall ensure the authority to audit funds received indirectly by subcontractors through the contract and the requirement to cooperate is included in any subcontract it awards.

#### 9.1.5 POLITICAL ACTIVITIES

Grant funds cannot be used for the following activities:

A. CONTRACTOR and their relevant sub-grantees or subcontractors are prohibited from using grant funds directly or indirectly for political purposes, including lobbying, advocating for legislation, campaigning for, endorsing, contributing to, or otherwise supporting political candidates or parties, and voter registration campaigns. CONTRACTOR may use private, or non-System Agency money or contributions for political purposes but may not charge to, or be reimbursed from, System Agency contracts or grants for the costs of such activities.

B. Grant-funded employees may not use official authority or influence to achieve any political purpose and grant funds cannot be used for the salary, benefits, or any other compensation of an elected official.

C. Grant funds may not be used to employ, in any capacity, a person who is required by Chapter 305 of the Texas Government Code to register as a lobbyist. Additionally, grant funds cannot be used to pay membership dues to an organization that partially or wholly pays the salary of a person who is required by Chapter 305 of the Texas Government Code to register as a lobbyist.

D. As applicable, Grantee will comply with 31 USC § 1352, relating to the limitation on use of appropriated funds to influence certain Federal contracting and financial transactions. CONTRACTOR certifies that it and its principals are not suspended or debarred from doing business with the state or federal government as listed on the *State of Texas Debarred Vendor List* maintained by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts and the *System for Award Management (SAM)* maintained by the General Services Administration. This certification is made pursuant to the regulations implementing Executive Order 12549 and Executive Order 12689, Debarment and Suspension, 2 C.F.R., Part 376, and any relevant regulations promulgated by the Department or Agency funding this project. This provision shall be included in its entirety in Contractor's subcontracts, if any, if payment in whole or in part is from federal funds.

9.2 CONTRACTOR acknowledges that funds for this Agreement are from federal funds provided to the City through the DSHS and Medicaid 1115 Waiver Program. As such, the CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with applicable terms and conditions associated with said funds as directed by the federal funding entity(ies), City or as required in this Agreement, including but not limited to: 2 C.F.R. Part 200, entitled Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards incorporated herein by reference. CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with terms and conditions as applicable, including but not limited to the following provisions and certifications and shall include applicable 2 C.F.R. Part 200 provisions in any subcontract:

9.2.1 CONTRACTOR and its subcontractors shall comply with section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, including, but not limited to, the regulatory provisions of 40 CFR Part 247, and Executive Order 12873, as they apply to the procurement of the items designated in Subpart B of 40 CFR Part 247.

9.2.2 Debarment and Suspension. CONTRACTOR is required to verify that neither the CONTRACTOR nor its principals, as defined at 2 CFR 180.995, are excluded or disqualified as defined at 2 CFR 180.940 and 2 CFR 180.935, respectively. The CONTRACTOR is required to comply with 2 CFR Part 180, Subpart C and must include the requirement to comply with 2 CFR Part 180, Subpart C in any lower tier covered transaction it enters into.

By signing this Agreement, CONTRACTOR certifies that:

Neither it nor its principals are presently debarred, suspended for debarment, declared ineligible or voluntarily excluded from participation in any State or Federal Program; and

CONTRACTOR shall provide immediate written notice to City if, at any time during the term of this Agreement, including any renewals hereof. CONTRACTOR learns that its certification was erroneous when made or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.

The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact relied upon by City. If it is later determined that CONTRACTOR knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to remedies available to City, the Federal Government may pursue available remedies, including but not limited to suspension and/or debarment. CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with the requirements of 2 CFR Part 180, Subpart C while this offer is valid and throughout the period of any contract that may arise from this Agreement. CONTRACTOR further agrees to include a provision requiring such compliance in its lower tier covered transactions.

9.2.3 Clean Air Act and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act.

CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders, or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. §§ 7401-7671q) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. §§ 1251-1387), as amended. CONTRACTOR agrees to report each violation to City and understands that City will, in turn, report each violation as required to the federal agency providing funds for this Agreement and the appropriate EPA Regional Office. CONTRACTOR agrees to include these requirements in each subcontract to this Agreement exceeding \$150,000 financed in whole or in part with federal funds.

9.2.4 Certification Regarding Lobbying.

Certification for Contracts, Grants, Loans, and Cooperative Agreements

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

(1) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for Influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any 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 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, the undersigned shall complete and submit standard Form-L.LL. "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities," In accordance with its instructions.

(3) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly. This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. 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.

#### Statement for Loan Guarantees and Loan Insurance

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

If any funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this commitment providing for the United States to insure or guarantee a loan, the undersigned shall complete and submit standard Form-L.LL, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities," in accordance with its instructions. Submission of this statement 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 statement shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

9.3 CONTRACTOR shall provide and perform all services required under this Agreement in compliance with all terms and conditions of the Medicaid 1115 Waiver Program, policy terms and conditions contained in applicable Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Grant Policy Statements (GPS), available at: <http://www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/grants/grants/policies-regulations/hhsgpsl07.pdf>, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for HHS awards at 45 C.F.R. Part 75, requirements imposed by-program statutes and regulations, Executive Orders-and

HHS grant administration regulations, as applicable; as well as CMS General Terms and Conditions for Non-research awards at <https://www.cms.gov/files/document/standard-terms-and-conditions-revised-final-clean-4142020.pdf>, and any requirements or limitations in any applicable appropriations acts.

9.4 In the event of an inconsistency or conflict between this Agreement and the Title V Dental Grant or the City's Medicaid 1115 Waiver Program, the terms and conditions of the Title V Dental Grant and the City's Medicaid 1115 Waiver Program shall govern and control.

## **X. AUDIT**

10.1 The CONTRACTOR agrees and understands that upon notification from federal, state, or local entities that have conducted program reviews and/or audits of the CONTRACTOR or its programs of any findings about accounting deficiencies, or violations of CONTRACTOR's financial operations, a copy of the notification, review, investigation, and audit violations report must be forwarded to Metro Health within a period of ten (10) calendar days upon the CONTRACTOR's receipt of the report.

10.2 CONTRACTOR shall during normal business hours, make available to City and/or the applicable state or federal funding agency or any other auditing entity the books, records, documents, reports and evidence with respect to all matters covered by this Agreement and shall continue to be so available for a minimum period of three (3) years or whatever period is determined necessary based on the Records Retention guidelines, established by applicable law for this Agreement. Said records shall be maintained for the required period beginning immediately after Agreement termination, save and except if there is litigation or if the audit report covering such agreement has not been accepted, then the CONTRACTOR shall retain the records until the resolution of such issues has satisfactorily occurred. The auditing entity shall have the authority to audit, examine and make excerpts, transcripts, and copies from all such books and records used by CONTRACTOR in accounting for expenses incurred under this Agreement, all contracts, invoices, materials, payrolls, records of personnel, conditions of employment and other data relating to matters covered by this Agreement.

10.3 The City may, in its sole and absolute discretion, require the CONTRACTOR to use any and all of the City's accounting or administrative procedures used in the planning, controlling, monitoring and reporting of all fiscal matters relating to this Agreement, and the CONTRACTOR shall abide by such requirements.

10.4 When an audit or examination determines that the CONTRACTOR has expended funds or incurred costs which are questioned by the City and/or the applicable state or federal governing agency, the CONTRACTOR shall be notified and provided an opportunity to address the questioned expenditure or costs.

10.5 Should any expense or charge that has been reimbursed be subsequently disapproved or disallowed as a result of any site review or audit, the CONTRACTOR will immediately refund such amount to the City no later than ten (10) calendar days from the date of



notification of such disapproval or disallowance by the City. At its sole option, Metro Health may instead deduct such claims from subsequent reimbursements; however, in the absence of prior notice by City of the exercise of such option, CONTRACTOR shall provide to City a full refund of such amount no later than ten (10) calendar days from the date of notification of such disapproval or disallowance by the City. If CONTRACTOR is obligated under the provision hereof to refund a disapproved or disallowed cost incurred, such refund shall be required and be made to City by check, cashiers check or money order. Should the City, at its sole discretion, deduct such claims from subsequent reimbursements, the CONTRACTOR is forbidden from reducing Project expenditures and CONTRACTOR must use its own funds to maintain the Project.

10.6 CONTRACTOR agrees and understands that all expenses, fees, fines and penalties associated with the collection of delinquent debts owed by CONTRACTOR shall be the sole responsibility of the CONTRACTOR and shall not be paid from any Project funds received by the CONTRACTOR under this Agreement. Delinquent debts that would otherwise be identified as allowable costs may be paid with Project funds with approval of Metro Health.

10.7 If the City determines, in its sole discretion, that CONTRACTOR is in violation of the above requirements, the City shall have the right to dispatch auditors of its choosing to conduct the required audit and to have the CONTRACTOR pay for such audit from non City resources .

## **XI.**

### **ADMINISTRATION OF AGREEMENT AND RESTRICTIONS ON USE OF FUNDS**

11.1 CONTRACTOR agrees to be subject to the terms and conditions that the City must comply with in its participation in the Medicaid 1115 Waiver Program and Title V Dental Grant.

11.2 In the event that any disagreement or dispute should arise between the Parties hereto pertaining to the interpretation or meaning of any part of this Agreement or its governing rules, regulations, laws, codes or ordinances, the City Manager or the Director of Metro Health, as representatives of the City and the parties ultimately responsible for all matters of compliance with the Medicaid 1115 Waiver Program and Title V Dental Grant and City rules and regulations, shall have the final authority to render or secure an interpretation.

11.3 CONTRACTOR shall not use funds awarded from this Agreement as matching funds for any federal, state or local grant without the prior written approval of the Director of Metro Health.

11.4 Unless otherwise stated herein, within a period not to exceed thirty (30) calendar days after the expiration, or early termination, date of the Agreement, CONTRACTOR shall submit all required deliverables to City.

11.5 CONTRACTOR shall maintain financial records, supporting documents, statistical records, and all other books, documents, papers or other records pertinent to this Agreement or the grant in accordance with the official records retention schedules established within the Local Government Records Act of 1989 and any amendments thereto, or for such period as may be specifically required by 45 C.F.R §75.361, as applicable, whichever is longer. Notwithstanding

the foregoing, CONTRACTOR shall maintain all Agreement and grant related documents for no less than three (3) years from the date of City's submission of the annual financial report covering the funds awarded hereunder. If an audit, litigation, or other action involving the records has been initiated before the end of the three (3) year period, CONTRACTOR agrees to maintain the records until the end of the three (3) year period or until the audit, litigation, or other action is completed, whichever is later.

11.6 CONTRACTOR shall make available to City, the State, or any of their duly authorized representatives, upon appropriate notice, such books, records, reports, documents, papers, policies and procedures as may be necessary for audit, examination, excerpt, transcription, and copy purposes, for as long as such records, reports, books, documents, and papers are retained. This right also includes timely and reasonable access to CONTRACTOR's facility and to CONTRACTOR's personnel for the purpose of interview and discussion related to such documents. CONTRACTOR shall, upon request, transfer certain records to the custody of City or the State, when City or State determines that the records possess long-term retention value.

11.7 Metro Health is assigned monitoring, fiscal control, and evaluation of certain projects funded by the City with general or grant funds, including the Project covered by this Agreement. Therefore, CONTRACTOR agrees to permit City and/or State to evaluate, through monitoring, reviews, inspection or other means, the quality, appropriateness, and timeliness of services delivered under this Agreement and to assess CONTRACTOR's compliance with applicable legal and programmatic requirements. At such times and in such form as may be required by Metro Health, the CONTRACTOR shall furnish to Metro Health and the Grantor of the Funds, if applicable, such statements, reports, records, data, all policies and procedures and information as may be requested by Metro Health and shall permit the City and Grantor of the Funds, if applicable, to have interviews with its personnel, board members and program participants pertaining to the matters covered by this Agreement. CONTRACTOR agrees that the failure of the City to monitor, evaluate, or provide guidance and direction shall not relieve the CONTRACTOR of any liability to the City for failure to comply with the terms of the Project or the terms of this Agreement.

11.8 City may, at its discretion, conduct periodic, announced monitoring visits to ensure program and administrative compliance with this Agreement and Project goals and objectives. City reserves the right to make unannounced visits to CONTRACTOR, or CONTRACTOR subcontractor, sites when it is determined that such unannounced visits are in the interest of effective Program management and service delivery.

11.9 City agrees that it will present the findings of any such review to the CONTRACTOR in a timely manner and will attempt to convey information of Program strengths and weaknesses and assist with Program improvement.

11.10 Unless otherwise provided herein, all reports, statements, records, data, policies and procedures or other information requested by Metro Health shall be submitted by CONTRACTOR to City within five (5) working days of the request. The parties agree that a shorter time frame may be necessary for response in the case of the single audit and shall cooperate to meet deadlines necessary to comply with the single audit requirements. In the event that CONTRACTOR fails to

deliver the required reports or information or delivers incomplete information within the prescribed time period, the City may, upon reasonable notice, suspend reimbursements to CONTRACTOR until such reports are delivered to City. Furthermore, the CONTRACTOR ensures that all information contained in all required reports or information submitted to City is accurate.

11.11 CONTRACTOR agrees to maintain in confidence all information pertaining to the Project or other information and materials prepared for, provided by, or obtained from City including, without limitation, reports, information, project evaluation, project designs, data, other related information (collectively, the "Confidential Information") and to use the Confidential Information for the sole purpose of performing its obligations pursuant to this Agreement. CONTRACTOR shall protect the Confidential Information and shall take all reasonable steps to prevent the unauthorized disclosure, dissemination, or publication of the Confidential Information. If disclosure is required (i) by law or (ii) by order of a governmental agency or court of competent jurisdiction, CONTRACTOR shall give the Director of Metro Health prior written notice that such disclosure is required with a full and complete description regarding such requirement. CONTRACTOR shall establish specific procedures designed to meet the obligations of this Article, including, but not limited to execution of confidential disclosure agreements, regarding the Confidential Information with CONTRACTOR's employees and subcontractors prior to any disclosure of the Confidential Information. This Article shall not be construed to limit the State's or the City's or its authorized representatives' right to obtain copies, review and audit records or other information, confidential or otherwise, under this Agreement. Upon termination or expiration of this Agreement, CONTRACTOR shall return to City all copies of materials related to the Project, including the Confidential Information. All confidential obligations contained herein (including those pertaining to information transmitted orally) shall survive the termination of this Agreement. The Parties shall ensure that their respective employees, agents, and contractors are aware of and shall comply with the aforementioned obligations.

Each Party shall comply and shall cause its employees or persons performing hereunder to comply with applicable provisions of federal and state medical privacy laws and regulations to include the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), to the extent such state and Federal laws and regulations are in effect during the term hereof and agree to enter into any such other agreements between the Parties as may be required in order to evidence such compliance with HIPAA.

11.12 Prohibited Political Activity. CONTRACTOR agrees that no funds provided from or through the City shall be contributed or used to conduct political activities for the benefit of any candidate for elective public office, political party, organization or cause, whether partisan or non-partisan, nor shall the personnel involved in the administration of the Project provided for in this Agreement be assigned to work for or on behalf of any partisan or non-partisan political activity.

11.13 CONTRACTOR agrees that no funds provided under this Agreement may be used in any way to attempt to influence, in any manner, a member of Congress or any other State or local elected or appointed official.

11.14 The prohibitions set forth in Sections 11.12 and 11.13 above include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a. an activity to further the election or defeat of any candidate for public office or for any activity undertaken to influence the passage, defeat or final content of local, state or federal legislation;
- b. working or directing other personnel to work on any political activity during time paid for with City funds, including, but not limited to activities such as taking part in voter registration drives, voter transportation activities, lobbying, collecting contributions, making speeches, organizing or assisting at meetings or rallies, or distributing political literature;
- c. coercing personnel, whether directly or indirectly, to work on political activities on their personal time, including activities such as taking part in voter registration drives, voter transportation activities, lobbying, collecting contributions, making speeches, organizing or assisting at meetings or rallies, or distributing political literature; and
- d. using facilities or equipment paid for, in whole or in part with City funds for political purposes including physical facilities such as office space, office equipment or supplies, such as telephones, computers, fax machines, during and after regular business hours.

11.15 To ensure that the above policies are complied with, CONTRACTOR shall provide every member of its personnel paid out of Agreement funds with a statement provided by CONTRACTOR of the above prohibitions and have each said individual sign a statement acknowledging receipt of the policy. Such statement shall include a paragraph that directs any staff person who has knowledge of violations or feels that he or she has been pressured to violate the above policies to call and report the same to Metro Health. CONTRACTOR shall list the name and number of a contact person from Metro Health on the statement that CONTRACTOR's personnel can call to report said violations.

11.16 CONTRACTOR agrees that in any instance where an investigation of the above is ongoing or has been confirmed, reimbursements paid to the CONTRACTOR under this Agreement may, at the City's discretion, be withheld until the situation is resolved, or the appropriate member of the CONTRACTOR's personnel is terminated.

11.17 This Agreement shall not be construed to prohibit any person from exercising his or her right to express his or her opinion or to limit any individual's right to vote. Further, CONTRACTOR and staff members are not prohibited from participating in political activities on their own volition, if done during time not paid for with Agreement funds.

11.18 Adversarial proceedings. Except in circumstances where the following is in

conflict with federal law or regulations pertaining to this grant, the CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with the following special provisions,

- a. Under no circumstances will the funds received under this Agreement be used, either directly or indirectly, to pay costs or attorney fees incurred in any adversarial proceeding against the City or any other public entity; and
- b. The CONTRACTOR, at the City's option, could be ineligible for consideration to receive any future funding while any adversarial proceeding against the City remains unresolved.

## **XII.** **INSURANCE**

CONTRACTOR and the City shall maintain a commercial insurance or a self-insurance fund for liability claims and causes of action to meet their statutory obligations for their employees' acts, negligence and/or malpractice. CONTRACTOR shall maintain a commercial insurance or self-insurance fund for liability claims and causes of action to meet its statutory obligations for its students' acts, negligence and/or malpractice.

It is the policy of the State of Texas not to acquire commercial general liability insurance for torts committed by employees of the State who are acting within the scope of their employment. Rather, third parties must look to the Texas Tort Claims Act for relief with respect to property damage, personal injury, and death proximately caused by the wrongful act or omission or negligence of an employee acting within his scope of employment as more fully set out above. Notwithstanding the foregoing, each component of the University of Texas System may enroll qualified personnel into the UT Systems Professional Medical Liability Benefit Plan, under the authority of Chapter 59, Texas Education Code. A copy of the plan can be found at: <http://www.utsystem.edu/ogc/health/homepage.htm>. CONTRACTOR has and will maintain in force during the term of this agreement adequate insurance to cover its indemnification obligations, including worker's compensation/employer's liability coverage provided at statutory minimum coverage.

## **XIII.** **INDEMNIFICATION**

CONTRACTOR and City acknowledge they are subject to, and comply with, the applicable provisions of the Texas Tort Claims Act, as set out in the Civil Practice and Remedies Code, Section 101.001, *et. seq.*, and the remedies authorized therein regarding claims or causes of action that may be asserted by third parties for accident, injury or death.

## **XIV.** **STATE LIMITATIONS**

The Parties acknowledge that CONTRACTOR is an agency of the State of Texas and

under the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas possesses certain rights and privileges, is subject to certain limitations and restrictions, and only has such authority as is granted to it under the Constitution and the laws of the State of Texas. Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement, nothing in this Agreement is intended to be, nor will it be construed to be, a waiver of the sovereign immunity of the State of Texas or a prospective waiver of restriction of any of the rights, remedies, claims and privilege of the State of Texas. Notwithstanding the generality or specificity of any provision of this Agreement (including, without limitation, any provision pertaining to indemnification, a cap on liability, a limitation of damages, or a waiver or limitation of rights, remedies, representation or warranties), the provisions of this Agreement, as those provisions pertain to CONTRACTOR, are enforceable only to the extent authorized by the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas. CONTRACTOR will not be required to perform or refrain from performing any act that would violate the laws or the Constitution of the State of Texas. In compliance with all applicable federal, state and local, laws, regulations, codes, ordinances, and order and with those of any other body or authority having jurisdiction, all goods delivered or services provided pursuant to this Agreement will conform to standards established for such goods and services by any applicable federal, state, or local laws, regulations, codes, ordinances, and orders.

## XV.

### ASSIGNMENT AND SUBCONTRACTING

15.1 CONTRACTOR shall supply qualified personnel as may be necessary to complete the work to be performed under this Agreement. Persons retained to perform work pursuant to this Agreement shall be the employees or subcontractors of CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTOR, its employees or its subcontractors shall perform all necessary work.

15.2 Any work or services approved for subcontracting hereunder shall be subcontracted only by written contract and, unless specific waiver is granted in writing by the City, shall be subject by its terms to each and every provision of this Agreement. Compliance by subcontractors with this Agreement shall be the responsibility of CONTRACTOR. City shall in no event be obligated to any third party, including any subcontractor of CONTRACTOR, for performance of services or payment of fees. Any references in this Agreement to an assignee, transferee, or subcontractor, indicate only such an entity as has been approved by the Director.

15.3 Except as otherwise stated herein, CONTRACTOR may not sell, assign, pledge, transfer or convey any interest in this Agreement, nor delegate the performance of any duties hereunder, by transfer, by subcontracting or any other means, without the consent of the Director. As a condition of such consent, if such consent is granted, CONTRACTOR shall remain liable for completion of the services outlined in this Agreement in the event of default by the successor CONTRACTOR, assignee, transferee or subcontractor.

15.4 Any attempt to transfer, pledge or otherwise assign this Agreement without said written approval, shall be void ab initio and shall confer no rights upon any third person. Should CONTRACTOR assign, transfer, convey, delegate, or otherwise dispose of any part of all or any part of its right, title or interest in this Agreement, City may, at its option, cancel this Agreement and all rights, titles and interest of CONTRACTOR shall thereupon cease and terminate, in

accordance with Article VII. Termination, notwithstanding any other remedy available to City under this Agreement. The violation of this provision by CONTRACTOR shall in no event release CONTRACTOR from any obligation under the terms of this Agreement, nor shall it relieve or release CONTRACTOR from the payment of any damages to City, which City sustains as a result of such violation.

## **XVI. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR**

16.1 CONTRACTOR covenants and agrees that it is an independent contractor and not an officer, agent, servant or employee of City; that CONTRACTOR shall have exclusive control of and exclusive right to control the details of the work performed hereunder and all persons performing same, and shall be responsible for the acts and omissions of its officers, agents, employees, contractors, subcontractors and consultants; that the doctrine of *respondeat superior* shall not apply as between City and CONTRACTOR, its officers, agents, employees, contractors, subcontractors and consultants, and nothing herein shall be construed as creating the relationship of employer-employee, principal-agent, collaborators or joint venturers between City and CONTRACTOR. The parties hereto understand and agree that the City shall not be liable for any claims which may be asserted by any third party occurring in connection with the services to be performed by the CONTRACTOR under this Agreement and that the CONTRACTOR has no authority to bind the City.

## **XVII. NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY**

17.1 Non-Discrimination. As a party to this contract, CONTRACTOR understands and agrees to comply with the Non-Discrimination Policy of the City of San Antonio contained in Chapter 2, Article X. of the City Code and further, shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, veteran status, age or disability, unless exempted by state or federal law, or as otherwise established herein.

17.2 The CONTRACTOR shall comply with all federal, State, or local laws, rules, and orders prohibiting discrimination, and shall not engage in employment practices which have the effect of discriminating against any employee or applicant for employment and will take affirmative steps to ensure that applicants are employed and employees are treated during employment without regard to their race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, handicap, or political belief or affiliation. Consistent with the foregoing, CONTRACTOR agrees to comply with Executive Order 11246, entitled "Equal Employment Opportunity", as amended by Executive Order 11375, and as supplemented by regulations at 41 C.F.R. Part 60. Additionally, CONTRACTOR certifies that it will comply fully with the following nondiscrimination, minimum wage and equal opportunity provisions, including but not limited to:

- a) Title VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended;
- b) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended;

- c) The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended;
- d) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended; (Title 20 USC sections 1681-1688);
- e) Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, as amended;
- f) Equal Pay Act of 1963, P.L. 88-38;
- g) American with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq., as amended;
- h) Drug Free Workplace Act of 1988 (41 U.S.C. section 8102); and
- i) All applicable regulations implementing the above laws; and
- j) Any other nondiscrimination statute which may apply to this Agreement.

### **XVIII.**

#### **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

18.1 The Charter of the City of San Antonio and the City of San Antonio Code of Ethics prohibit a City officer or employee, as those terms are defined in Section 2-52 of the Code of Ethics, from having a direct or indirect financial interest in any contract with the City. An officer or employee has a “prohibited financial interest” in a contract with the City or in the sale to the City of land, materials, supplies or service, if any of the following individual(s) or entities is a party to the contract or sale:

- a City officer or employee; his or her spouse, sibling, parent, child or other family member within the first degree of consanguinity or affinity;
- an entity in which the officer or employee, or his or her parent, child or spouse directly or indirectly owns (i) 10 percent or more of the voting stock or shares of the entity, or (ii) 10 percent or more of the fair market value of the entity; or
- an entity in which any individual or entity listed above is (i) a subcontractor on a City contract, (ii) a partner or (iii) a parent or subsidiary entity.

18.2 Pursuant to the subsection above, CONTRACTOR warrants and certifies, and this Agreement is made in reliance thereon, that by contracting with the City, CONTRACTOR does not cause a City employee or officer to have a prohibited financial interest in the Contract. CONTRACTOR further warrants and certifies that it has tendered to the City a Contracts Disclosure Statement in compliance with the City’s Ethics Code.

### **XIX.**

#### **AMENDMENTS**

19.1 Except where the terms of this Agreement expressly provide otherwise, any alterations, additions or deletions to the terms hereof, shall be effected by amendment, in writing, executed by both City and CONTRACTOR. The Director may execute contract amendments on



behalf of the City without further action by the San Antonio City Council, in the following circumstances: (A) an increase in contract funding in an amount not exceeding (a) twenty-five percent (25%) of the total amount of this contract or (b) \$25,000.00, whichever is the lesser amount; provided, however, that the cumulative total of all amendments increasing funding and executed without City Council approval pursuant to this subsection during the term of this contract shall not exceed the foregoing amount; (B) no cost extensions up to two years; (C) budget adjustments authorized by the funding agency so long as the total dollar amount of the budget remains unchanged; (D) modifications to the Scope of Work due to the adjustment described in subsection (A) of this Section or for any other reason, so long as the terms of the amendment are reasonably within the parameters set forth in the original Scope of Work; and (E) changes in state or federal regulations mandated by the funding agency.

## **XX. SEVERABILITY**

20.1 If any clause or provision of this Agreement is held invalid, illegal or unenforceable under present or future federal, state or local laws, including but not limited to the City Charter, City Code, or ordinances of the City of San Antonio, Texas, then and in that event it is the intention of the Parties hereto that such invalidity, illegality or unenforceability shall not affect any other clause or provision hereof and that the remainder of this Agreement shall be construed as if such invalid, illegal or unenforceable clause or provision was never contained herein; it is also the intention of the Parties hereto that in lieu of each clause or provision of this Agreement that is invalid, illegal, or unenforceable, there be added as a part of the Agreement a clause or provision as similar in terms to such invalid, illegal or unenforceable clause or provision as may be possible, legal, valid and enforceable.

## **XXI. LICENSES/CERTIFICATIONS**

21.1 CONTRACTOR warrants and certifies that CONTRACTOR and any other person designated to provide services hereunder has the requisite training, license and/or certification to provide said services, and meets all competence standards promulgated by all other authoritative bodies, as applicable to the services provided herein.

## **XXII. COMPLIANCE**

22.1 CONTRACTOR shall provide and perform all services required under this Agreement in compliance with all applicable federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations.

## **XXIII. NONWAIVER OF PERFORMANCE**

23.1 Unless otherwise specifically provided for in this Agreement, a waiver by either Party of a breach of any of the terms, conditions, covenants or guarantees of this Agreement shall not be construed or held to be a waiver of any succeeding or preceding breach of the same or any

other term, condition, covenant or guarantee herein contained. Further, any failure of either Party to insist in any one or more cases upon the strict performance of any of the covenants of this Agreement, or to exercise any option herein contained, shall in no event be construed as a waiver or relinquishment for the future of such covenant or option. In fact, no waiver, change, modification or discharge by either Party hereto of any provision of this Agreement shall be deemed to have been made or shall be effective unless expressed in writing and signed by the party to be charged. In case of City, such changes must be approved by the City Council, as described in Article XIX. Amendments. No act or omission by a Party shall in any manner impair or prejudice any right, power, privilege, or remedy available to that Party hereunder or by law or in equity, such rights, powers, privileges, or remedies to be always specifically preserved hereby.

#### **XXIV. LAW APPLICABLE**

**24.1 THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE CONSTRUED UNDER AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF TEXAS AND ALL OBLIGATIONS OF THE PARTIES CREATED HEREUNDER ARE PERFORMABLE IN BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS.**

24.2 Unless this Agreement provides otherwise, all claims, counterclaims, disputes, and other matters in question between City and CONTRACTOR arising out of or relating to this Agreement or its breach will be decided in a court of competent jurisdiction. Venue of any court action brought directly or indirectly as a result of this Agreement shall be in Bexar County, Texas.

24.3 The Parties hereto expressly agree that, in the event of litigation, each party hereby waives its right to payment of attorneys' fees.

#### **XXV. LEGAL AUTHORITY**

25.1 The signer of this Agreement for CONTRACTOR represents, warrants, assures and guarantees that she has full legal authority to execute this Agreement on behalf of CONTRACTOR and to bind CONTRACTOR to all of the terms, conditions, provisions and obligations herein contained.

#### **XXVI. PARTIES BOUND**

26.1 This Agreement shall be binding on and inure to the benefit of the Parties hereto and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, legal representatives, and successors and assigns, except as otherwise expressly provided for herein.

**XXVII.**  
**CAPTIONS**

27.1 The captions contained in this Agreement are for convenience of reference only, and in no way limit or enlarge the terms and/or conditions of this Agreement.

**XXVIII.**  
**PROHIBITION ON CONTRACTS WITH COMPANIES BOYCOTTING ISRAEL**

28.1 Texas Government Code §2271.002 provides that a governmental entity may not enter into a contract with a company for goods or services, unless the contract contains a written verification from the company that it:

- (1) does not boycott Israel; and
- (2) will not boycott Israel during the term of the contract.

This section only applies to a contract that:

- (1) is between a governmental entity and a company with 10 or more full-time employees; and
- (2) has a value of \$100,000 or more that is to be paid wholly or partly from public funds of the governmental entity.

"Boycott Israel" means refusing to deal with, terminating business activities with, or otherwise taking any action that is intended to penalize, inflict economic harm on, or limit commercial relations specifically with Israel, or with a person or entity doing business in Israel or in an Israeli-controlled territory, but does not include an action made for ordinary business purposes.

"Company" means a for-profit organization, association, corporation, partnership, joint venture, limited partnership, limited liability partnership, or limited liability company, including a wholly owned subsidiary, majority-owned subsidiary, parent company, or affiliate of those entities or business associations that exists to make a profit. This term does not include a sole proprietorship.

By submitting an offer to or executing contract documents with the City of San Antonio, Company hereby verifies that it does not boycott Israel, and will not boycott Israel during the term of the contract. City hereby relies on Company's verification. If found to be false, City may terminate the contract for material breach.

**XXIX.**  
**PROHIBITION ON CONTRACTS WITH COMPANIES ENGAGED IN  
BUSINESS WITH IRAN, SUDAN, OR FOREIGN TERRORIST ORGANIZATION**

29.1 Texas Government Code §2252.152 provides that a governmental entity may not enter into a governmental contract with a company that is identified on a list prepared and maintained under Texas Government Code §§2270.0201 or 2252.153. Contractor hereby certifies that it is not identified on such a list and that it will notify City should it be placed on such a list while under contract with City. City hereby relies on Contractor's certification. If found to be false,

or if Contractor is identified on such list during the course of its contract with City, City may terminate this Agreement for material breach.

**XXX.**  
**PROHIBITION ON CONTRACTS WITH COMPANIES BOYCOTTING CERTAIN**  
**ENERGY COMPANIES**

30.1 This section only applies to a contract that:

- (1) is between a governmental entity and a company with 10 or more full-time employees;  
and
- (2) has a value of \$100,000 or more that is to be paid wholly or partly from public funds  
of the governmental entity.

"Company" means a for-profit organization, association, corporation, partnership, joint venture, limited partnership, limited liability partnership, or limited liability company, including a wholly owned subsidiary, majority-owned subsidiary, parent company, or affiliate of those entities or business associations that exists to make a profit. This term does not include a sole proprietorship.

"Boycott energy company" means, without an ordinary business purpose, refusing to deal with, terminating business activities with, or otherwise taking any action that is intended to penalize, inflict economic harm on, or limit commercial relations with a company because the company: (A) engages in the exploration, production, utilization, transportation, sale, or manufacturing of fossil fuel-based energy and does not commit or pledge to meet environmental standards beyond applicable federal and state law; or (B) does business with a company described in (A).

Texas Government Code §2274 provides that a governmental entity may not enter into a contract with a company for goods or services, unless the contract contains a written verification from the company that it: (1) does not boycott energy companies; and (2) will not boycott energy companies during the term of the contract.

By submitting an offer to or executing contract documents with the City of San Antonio, Company hereby verifies that it does not boycott energy companies and will not boycott energy companies during the term of the contract. City hereby relies on Company's verification. If found to be false, City may terminate the contract for material breach.

**XXXI.**  
**PROHIBITION ON CONTRACTS WITH COMPANIES THAT DISCRIMINATE**  
**AGAINST FIREARM AND AMMUNITION INDUSTRIES**

31.1 This section only applies to a contract that:

- (1) is between a governmental entity and a company with 10 or more full-time employees;  
and
- (2) has a value of \$100,000 or more that is to be paid wholly or partly from public funds  
of the governmental entity.

"Company" means a for-profit organization, association, corporation, partnership, joint venture, limited partnership, limited liability partnership, or limited liability company, including a wholly owned subsidiary, majority-owned subsidiary, parent company, or affiliate of those entities or business associations that exists to make a profit. This term does not include a sole proprietorship.

"Discriminate against a firearm entity or firearm trade association": (A) means, with respect to the entity or association, to: (i) refuse to engage in the trade of any goods or services with the entity or association based solely on its status as a firearm entity or firearm trade association; (ii) refrain from continuing an existing business relationship with the entity or association based solely on its status as a firearm entity or firearm trade association; or (iii) terminate an existing business relationship with the entity or association based solely on its status as a firearm entity or firearm trade association.

Texas Government Code §2274 provides that a governmental entity may not enter into a contract with a company for goods or services, unless the contract contains a written verification from the company that it: (1) does not have a practice, policy, guidance, or directive that discriminates against a firearm entity or firearm trade association; and (2) will not discriminate during the term of the contract against a firearm entity or firearm trade association.

By submitting an offer to or executing contract documents with the City of San Antonio, Company hereby verifies that it does not have a practice, policy, guidance, or directive that discriminates against a firearm entity or firearm trade association; and will not discriminate during the term of the contract against a firearm entity or firearm trade association. City hereby relies on Company's verification. If found to be false, City may terminate the contract for material breach.

## **XXXII.**

### **ENTIRE AGREEMENT**

32.1 This Agreement, together with its authorizing ordinance and its exhibits, if any, constitute the final and entire agreement between the Parties hereto and contain all of the terms and conditions agreed upon. No other agreements, oral or otherwise, regarding the subject matter of this Agreement shall be deemed to exist or to bind the parties hereto, unless same be in writing, dated subsequent to the date hereto, and duly executed by the parties, in accordance with Article XIX. Amendments.

**EXECUTED** and **AGREED** to this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

**CITY OF SAN ANTONIO**

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**TITLE V Maternal-Child Services Fees**  
*Children and Adolescent Ages 1-21 Years*

Evaluation		
Code	Brief Description	Rate
D0120	Periodic oral evaluation	28.85
D0140	Limited oral evaluation	18.78
D0150	Comprehensive oral evaluation	35.32
D0180	Comprehensive periodontal evaluation	7.86
<b>Evaluation Total</b>		
Radiology		
Code	Brief Description	Rate
D0210	Intraoral Complete series (Including bitewings)	70.64
D0220	Periapical First Film (x-ray)	12.56
D0230	Periapical Additional Film (x-ray)	11.51
D0272	Bitewings (2)	23.38
D0274	Bitewings (4)	34.61
D0330	Panoramic Film	63.78
D0270	Bitewing single film	4.90
D0273	Bitewing three films	29.01
<b>Radiology Total</b>		
Procedure		
Code	Brief Description	Rate
D1110	Dental Cleaning - 13 to 21 years	54.88
D1120	Dental Cleaning - 1 to 12 years	36.75
D1206	Topical application of fluoride varnish	14.07
D1208	Topical application of fluoride	14.70
D1351	Sealants - Permanent	28.24
D1351	Sealants - Primary if medically necessary	28.24
D1352	Conservative Restoration of an active cavitated lesion in a pit or fissure that does not extend into dentin; includes placement of sealant in any radiating non-carious fissures or pits	37.44
D1510	Space Maintainer, Fixed, Unilateral	156.80
D1516	Space Maintainer, Fixed, Bilateral, Maxillary	232.75
D1517	Space Maintainer, Fixed, Bilateral, Mandibular	232.75
D2140	Amalgam - one surface, Primary	62.80
D2140	Amalgam - one surface, Perm	62.80
D2150	Amalgam - two surfaces, Primary	83.57
D2150	Amalgam - two surfaces, Perm	83.57
D2160	Amalgam - three surfaces, Primary	106.46
D2160	Amalgam - three surfaces, Perm	106.46
D2161	Amalgam - four or more surfaces, Primary	121.88
D2161	Amalgam - four or more surfaces, Permanent	121.88
D2330	Resin-based composite one surface, anterior	75.81
D2331	Resin-based composite two surfaces, anterior	100.46
D2332	Resin-based composite three surfaces, anterior	131.17
D2335	Resin-based composite four or more surfaces or involving the incisal angle	162.80
D2391	Resin-based composite one surface, posterior Primary	80.34
D2391	Resin-based composite one surface, posterior Perm	80.34
D2392	Resin-based composite two surfaces, posterior Primary	105.30
D2392	Resin-based composite two surfaces, posterior Perm	105.30
D2393	Resin-based composite three surfaces, posterior Primary	117.98
D2393	Resin-based composite three surfaces, posterior Perm	117.98

D2394	Resin based composite four or more surfaces, posterier	131.63
D2930	Prefabricated stainless steel crown - primary tooth	149.12
D2931	Prefabricated stainless steel crown - permanent tooth	155.27
D2933	Prefabricated stainless steel crown with resin window	149.12
D2934	Prefabricated esthetic coated stainless steel	149.12
D2950	Core build up	43.00
D2952	Post and core in addition to crown, indirectly fabricated	83.61
D3110	Pulp cap – direct	15.53
D3120	Pulp cap; indirect	28.67
D3220	Therapeutic pulpotomy	84.05
D3310	Anterior root canal	340.14
D3320	Root Canal Therapy Bicuspoid	394.14
D3330	Root Canal Therapy Molar	596.48
D7140	Extraction	67.04
D7210	Extraction, erupted tooth requiring removal of bone / section of tooth	98.23
D9230	Analgesia, anxiolysis, inhalation of nitrous oxide	27.11

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## **Attachment A, Statement of Work Title V Child Health and/or Dental**

### **OVERVIEW**

The Title V Block Grant is administered in Texas by the Department of State Health Services (DSHS). Title V funds are provided to the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC), the System Agency, for the administration of this program to improve pregnancy and postpartum birthing outcomes for pregnant women of all ages, as well as the general health and well-being for children from birth through their 21<sup>st</sup> year. **The Title V Child Health and/or Dental is federal funding with federal requirements that must be met.**

All terms in this Statement of Work have the same meaning as defined in the RFA, or as defined in the Title V Maternal and Child Health Policy Manual.

### **1. GRANTEE RESPONSIBILITIES**

*To participate as a provider under this Grant Agreement, the Grantee must:*

- 1.1 Ensure compliance with all obligations and contractual responsibilities of Grantee as set forth in the Grant Agreement, and comply with the Title V Maternal and Child Health Policy Manual, the System Agency request for applications (RFA) No. HHS0013927, and any changes to the policy manual made through the entirety of the Grant funding period.
- 1.2 Provide or assure the provision of child health and/or child dental services for Clients, including but not limited to screening and eligibility determination, direct clinical and/or dental services, laboratory services, and case management and appropriate referrals, as necessary. Grantee shall have an established referral relationship with a qualified provider for each approved service which it does not provide.
- 1.3 Submit a monthly voucher packet and corresponding billing strip, which include all services performed for the corresponding month, within thirty (30) calendar days after the end of the preceding month, according to the business requirements in the current Title V Maternal and Child Health Policy Manual ([Policy Manual](https://www.hhs.texas.gov/providers/health-services-providers/title-v-maternal-child-health-fee-service-program)) which can be accessed at:  
  
<https://www.hhs.texas.gov/providers/health-services-providers/title-v-maternal-child-health-fee-service-program>.
- 1.4 Provide Title V Child Health and/or Dental Services in accordance with the Program Manual and in accordance with the terms of this Grant Agreement.
- 1.5 Provide services only to eligible individuals per the Policy Manual: Grantee shall follow requirements for presumptive eligibility and eligibility screening per the Policy Manual.

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- A. Children and adolescents who would otherwise meet Title V eligibility requirements but lack the required documentation for full eligibility shall also be provided services on a short-term basis under presumptive eligibility guidelines, as outlined in the Program Manual. Individual Client eligibility shall be determined on an annual basis and at other times as necessary, based upon change in income; and
  - B. Grantee will screen all Applicants for Title V eligibility and determine eligibility using a Title V program-approved screening process. Grantee shall update their eligibility screening process as needed when federal poverty level guidelines and eligibility determination forms are revised.
- 1.6 Notify the System Agency in writing if any clinic site operated by the Grantee information changes, e.g., changes in contact person, hours of operation, address, Texas Provider Identification (TPI) number, National Provider Identification (NPI) number, Unique Entity Identification (UEID) number, the closure, relocation, and/or opening of clinic site(s).
- 1.7 Comply with co-pay guidelines, as applicable per the Policy Manual.
- 1.8 Make reasonable efforts to investigate and apply for all other sources of third-party funding available to or identified by the Client before submitting claims for allowable costs.
- 1.9 Allow System Agency to conduct on-site and remote quality assurance reviews as deemed necessary by System Agency. Unsatisfactory review findings may result in implementation of Grant Agreement actions up to and including termination of the Grant Agreement.
- 1.10 Comply with all applicable federal and state laws, rules, regulations, standards, and guidelines, as amended, including but not limited to Title V of the Social Security Act, 42 USC § 701, et seq.
- 1.11 Have at least one (1) representative, responsible for training staff, participate in two (2) mandatory training sessions per state fiscal year on the Title V program, financial and policy requirements or a related subject, at the discretion of the System Agency.
- 1.12 Have at least one (1) representative sign and submit an Extranet and Data Security Agreement form for each staff person accessing the System Administrator's web-based applications (SharePoint site) to access program or Grant Agreement information. This Grantee representative will be responsible for disseminating information to program administrative and clinic staff, and ensuring compliance with System Agency's data use and data protection requirements. All users of System Administrator's web-based applications must have an Outlook or Microsoft Office 365 account.
- 1.13 Participate in all HHSC scheduled meetings to discuss the Project.
- 1.14 At least one (1) provider in network must have an active medical professional state license with a minimum of five (5) years of medical or dental practice experience

respective to the program services they intend to provide.

- 1.15 All personnel and technicians assigned to provide Title V services must have all licenses and certifications required by applicable law. Applicable licenses and certifications must be current.

## **2. PERFORMANCE MEASURES**

- 2.1 Grantees must submit all required and the necessary information and documentation regarding all requirements, including reports and other related measures and deliverables as determined by System Agency.

## **3. SERVICE DELIVERY AREA(S)**

Grantee shall perform the activities in the service area designated in this Grant Agreement.

## **4. BILLING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 4.1 Grantee shall bill System Agency monthly for allowable services provided to Title V eligible Clients per the Policy Manual.
- 4.2 At the request of HHSC, Grantee may be required to provide additional supportive documentation of invoices.

## **5. AVAILABLE FUNDING**

- 5.1 HHSC reserves the right to re-allocate Grant funds to prevent underutilization in the event HHSC determines, in its sole discretion, that a Grantee cannot reasonably utilize all funds awarded.
- 5.2 HHSC reserves the right, where allowed by legal authority, to redirect funds in the event of financial shortfalls. HHSC staff will monitor Grantee's expenditures on a quarterly basis. If projected expenditures are below the total Grant Agreement amount, Grantee's budget may be subject to a decrease for the remainder of the Grant Term.

## **6. REIMBURSEMENT FOR TITLE V CHILD HEALTH AND DENTAL SERVICES**

- 6.1 Grantees are reimbursed for allowable child health and/or child dental services on a fee-for-service basis using established reimbursement rates in **Exhibit J, Reimbursable Service Codes**, of RFA No. HHS0013927.
- 6.2 Rates are subject to change at HHSC's sole discretion.
- 6.3 Reimbursement requests for the month of September must be submitted and

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reimbursed by December 31<sup>st</sup>. Submissions that do not meet the above requirements will not be processed or paid.

- 6.4 Specific requirements related to the reimbursement of Title V services are found in the [Title V Maternal and Child Health Fee for Service Policy Manual](#).



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## **ABOUT THIS DOCUMENT**

In this document, Grantees (also referred to in this document as subrecipients or contractors) will find requirements and conditions applicable to grant funds administered and passed through by both the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) and the Department of State Health Services (DSHS). These requirements and conditions are incorporated into the Grant Agreement through acceptance by Grantee of any funding award by HHSC or DSHS.

The terms and conditions in this document are in addition to all requirements listed in the RFA, if any, under which applications for this grant award are accepted, as well as all applicable federal and state laws and regulations. Applicable federal and state laws and regulations may include, but are not limited to: 2 CFR Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards; requirements of the entity that awarded the funds to HHS; Chapter 783 of the Texas Government Code; Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts' agency rules (including Uniform Grant and Contract Standards set forth in Title 34, Part 1, Chapter 20, Subchapter E, Division 4 of the Texas Administrative Code); the Texas Grant Management Standards (TxGMS) developed by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts; and the Funding Announcement, Solicitation, or other instrument/documentation under which HHS was awarded funds. HHS, in its sole discretion, reserves the right to add requirements, terms, or conditions.

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## ARTICLE I. DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETIVE PROVISIONS

### 1.1 DEFINITIONS

As used in this Grant Agreement, unless a different definition is specified, or the context clearly indicates otherwise, the following terms and conditions have the meanings assigned below:

“[Amendment](#)” means a written agreement, signed by the Parties, which documents changes to the Grant Agreement.

“[Contract](#)” or “[Grant Agreement](#)” means the agreement entered into by the Parties, including the Signature Document, these Uniform Terms and Conditions, along with any attachments and amendments that may be issued by the System Agency.

“[Deliverables](#)” means the goods, services, and work product, including all reports and project documentation, required to be provided by Grantee to the System Agency.

“[DSHS](#)” means the Department of State Health Services.

“[Effective Date](#)” means the date on which the Grant Agreement takes effect.

“[Federal Fiscal Year](#)” means the period beginning October 1 and ending September 30 each year, which is the annual accounting period for the United States government.

“[GAAP](#)” means Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.

“[GASB](#)” means the Governmental Accounting Standards Board.

“[Grantee](#)” means the Party receiving funds under this Grant Agreement. May also be referred to as “subrecipient” or “contractor” in this document.

“[HHSC](#)” means the Texas Health and Human Services Commission.

“[Health and Human Services](#)” or “[HHS](#)” includes HHSC and DSHS.

“[Intellectual Property Rights](#)” means the worldwide proprietary rights or interests, including patent, copyright, trade secret, and trademark rights, as such right may be evidenced by or embodied in:

- i. any idea, design, concept, personality right, method, process, technique, apparatus, invention, discovery, or improvement;
- ii. any work of authorship, including any compilation, computer code, website or web page design, literary work, pictorial work, or graphic work;
- iii. any trademark, service mark, trade dress, trade name, branding, or other indicia of source or origin;
- iv. domain name registrations; and
- v. any other proprietary or similar rights. The Intellectual Property Rights of a Party include all worldwide proprietary rights or interests that the Party may have acquired by assignment, by exclusive license, or by license with the right to grant sublicenses.

“[Parties](#)” means the System Agency and Grantee, collectively.

“[Party](#)” means either the System Agency or Grantee, individually.

“[Project](#)” means specific activities of the Grantee that are supported by funds provided under this Grant Agreement.

“[Signature Document](#)” means the document executed by all Parties for this Grant Agreement.

“[Solicitation](#),” “[Funding Announcement](#)” or “[Request for Applications \(RFA\)](#)” means the document (including all exhibits, attachments, and published addenda), issued by the System Agency under which applications for grant funds were requested, which is incorporated by reference in the Grant Agreement for all purposes in its entirety.

“[Solicitation Response](#)” or “[Application](#)” means Grantee’s full and complete Solicitation response (including any attachments and addenda), which is incorporated by reference in the Grant Agreement for all purposes in its entirety.

“[State Fiscal Year](#)” means the period beginning September 1 and ending August 31 each year, which is the annual accounting period for the State of Texas.

“[State of Texas Textravel](#)” means the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts’ website relative to travel reimbursements under this Contract, if any.

“[Statement of Work](#)” means the description of activities Grantee must perform to complete the Project, as specified in the Grant Agreement, and as may be amended.

“[System Agency](#)” means HHSC or DSHS, as applicable.

“[Work Product](#)” means any and all works, including work papers, notes, materials, approaches, designs, specifications, systems, innovations, improvements, inventions, software, programs, source code, documentation, training materials, audio or audiovisual recordings, methodologies, concepts, studies, reports, whether finished or unfinished, and whether or not included in the deliverables, that are developed, produced, generated or provided by Grantee in connection with Grantee’s performance of its duties under the Grant Agreement or through use of any funding provided under this Grant Agreement.

“[Texas Grant Management Standards](#)” or “[TxGMS](#)” means uniform grant and contract administration procedures, developed under the authority of Chapter 783 of the Texas Government Code, to promote the efficient use of public funds in local government and in programs requiring cooperation among local, state, and federal agencies. Under this Grant Agreement, TxGMS applies to Grantee except as otherwise provided by applicable law or directed by System Agency. Additionally, except as otherwise provided by applicable law, in the event of a conflict between TxGMS and applicable federal or state law, federal law prevails over state law and state law prevails over TxGMS.

## 1.2 INTERPRETIVE PROVISIONS

- A. The meanings of defined terms include the singular and plural forms.
- B. The words “hereof,” “herein,” “hereunder,” and similar words refer to this Grant Agreement as a whole and not to any particular provision, section, attachment, or schedule of this Grant Agreement unless otherwise specified.
- C. The term “including” is not limiting and means “including without limitation” and, unless otherwise expressly provided in this Grant Agreement, (i) references to contracts (including this Grant Agreement) and other contractual instruments shall be deemed to include all subsequent Amendments and other modifications, but only to the extent that such Amendments and other modifications are not prohibited by the terms of this Grant Agreement, and (ii) references to any statute or regulation are to be construed as including all statutory and regulatory provisions consolidating, amending, replacing, supplementing, or interpreting the statute or regulation.

- D. Any references to agreements, contracts, statutes, or administrative rules or regulations in the Grant Agreement are references to these documents as amended, modified, or supplemented during the term of the Grant Agreement.
- E. The captions and headings of this Grant Agreement are for convenience of reference only and do not affect the interpretation of this Grant Agreement.
- F. All attachments, including those incorporated by reference, and any Amendments are considered part of the terms of this Grant Agreement.
- G. This Grant Agreement may use several different limitations, regulations, or policies to regulate the same or similar matters. All such limitations, regulations, and policies are cumulative.
- H. Unless otherwise expressly provided, reference to any action of the System Agency or by the System Agency by way of consent, approval, or waiver will be deemed modified by the phrase “in its sole discretion.”
- I. Time is of the essence in this Grant Agreement.
- J. Prior to execution of the Grant Agreement, Grantee must notify System Agency’s designated contact in writing of any ambiguity, conflict, discrepancy, omission, or other error. If Grantee fails to notify the System Agency designated contact of any ambiguity, conflict, discrepancy, omission, or other error in the Grant Agreement prior to Grantee’s execution of the Grant Agreement, Grantee:
  - i. Shall have waived any claim of error or ambiguity in the Grant Agreement; and
  - ii. Shall not contest the interpretation by the System Agency of such provision(s).

No grantee will be entitled to additional reimbursement, relief, or time by reason of any ambiguity, conflict, discrepancy, exclusionary specification, omission, or other error or its later correction.

## ARTICLE II. PAYMENT PROVISIONS

### 2.1 PROMPT PAYMENT

Payment shall be made in accordance with Chapter 2251 of the Texas Government Code, commonly known as the Texas Prompt Payment Act. Chapter 2251 of the Texas Government Code shall govern remittance of payment and remedies for late payment and non-payment.

### 2.2 TAXES

Grantee represents and warrants that it shall pay all taxes or similar amounts resulting from the Grant Agreement, including, but not limited to, any federal, State, or local income, sales or excise taxes of Grantee or its employees. System Agency shall not be liable for any taxes resulting from the Grant Agreement.

### 2.3 ANCILLARY AND TRAVEL EXPENSES

- A. Except as otherwise provided in the Grant Agreement, no ancillary expenses incurred by the Grantee in connection with its provision of the services or deliverables will be reimbursed by the System Agency. Ancillary expenses include, but are not limited to, costs associated with transportation, delivery, and insurance for each deliverable.
- B. Except as otherwise provided in the Grant Agreement, when the reimbursement of travel expenses is authorized by the Grant Agreement, all such expenses will be reimbursed in accordance with the rates set by the Texas Comptroller’s *Textravel* guidelines, which can currently be accessed at: <https://fmxcpa.texas.gov/fmx/travel/texttravel/>

## **2.4 BILLING**

Unless otherwise provided in the Grant Agreement, Grantee shall bill the System Agency in accordance with the Grant Agreement. Unless otherwise specified in the Grant Agreement, Grantee shall submit requests for reimbursement or payment monthly by the last business day of the month following the month in which expenses were incurred or services provided. Grantee shall maintain all documentation that substantiates invoices and make the documentation available to the System Agency upon request.

## **2.5 USE OF FUNDS**

Grantee shall expend funds under this Grant Agreement only for approved services and for reasonable and allowable expenses directly related to those services.

## **2.6 USE FOR MATCH PROHIBITED**

Grantee shall not use funds provided under this Grant Agreement for matching purposes in securing other funding without the written approval of the System Agency.

## **2.7 PROGRAM INCOME**

Program income refers to gross income directly generated by a supporting activity during the period of performance. Unless otherwise required under the Grant Agreement, Grantee shall use Program Income, as provided in TxGMS, to further the Project, and Grantee shall spend the Program Income on the Project. Grantee shall identify and report Program Income in accordance with the Grant Agreement, applicable law, and any programmatic guidance. Grantee shall expend Program Income during the Grant Agreement term, when earned, and may not carry Program Income forward to any succeeding term. Grantee shall refund Program Income to the System Agency if the Program Income is not expended in the term in which it is earned. The System Agency may base future funding levels, in part, upon Grantee's proficiency in identifying, billing, collecting, and reporting Program Income, and in using Program Income for the purposes and under the conditions specified in this Grant Agreement.

## **2.8 NONSUPPLANTING**

Grant funds must be used to supplement existing, new or corresponding programming and related activities. Grant funds may not be used to supplant (replace) existing funds that have been appropriated, allocated, or disbursed for the same purpose. System Agency may conduct Grant monitoring or audits may be conducted to review, among other things, Grantee's compliance with this provision.

## **2.9 INDIRECT COST RATES**

The System Agency may acknowledge an indirect cost rate for Grantees that is utilized for all applicable Grant Agreements. For subrecipients receiving federal funds, indirect cost rates will be determined in accordance with applicable law including, but not limited to, 2 CFR 200.414(f). For recipients receiving state funds, indirect costs will be determined in accordance with applicable law including, but not limited to, TxGMS. Grantees funded with blended federal and state funding will be subject to both state and federal requirements when determining indirect costs. In the event of a conflict between TxGMS and applicable federal law or regulation, the provisions of federal law or regulation will apply. Grantee will provide any necessary financial documents to determine the indirect cost rate in accordance with the Uniform Grant Guidance (UGG) and TxGMS.

## **ARTICLE III. STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDING**

### **3.1 EXCESS OBLIGATIONS PROHIBITED**

This Grant Agreement is subject to termination or cancellation, without penalty to System Agency, either in whole or in part, subject to the availability and actual receipt by System Agency of state or federal funds. System Agency is a state agency whose authority and appropriations are subject to actions of the Texas Legislature. If System Agency becomes subject to a legislative change, revocation of statutory authority, or lack of appropriated funds that would render either System Agency's or Grantee's delivery or performance under the Grant Agreement impossible or unnecessary, the Grant Agreement will be terminated or cancelled and be deemed null and void. In the event of a termination or cancellation under this Section, System Agency will not be liable to Grantee for any damages that are caused or associated with such termination or cancellation, and System Agency will not be required to give prior notice. Additionally, System Agency will not be liable to Grantee for any remaining unpaid funds under this Grant Agreement at time of termination.

### **3.2 NO DEBT AGAINST THE STATE**

This Grant Agreement will not be construed as creating any debt by or on behalf of the State of Texas.

### **3.3 DEBTS AND DELINQUENCIES**

Grantee agrees that any payments due under the Grant Agreement shall be directly applied towards eliminating any debt or delinquency it has to the State of Texas including, but not limited to, delinquent taxes, delinquent student loan payments, and delinquent child support during the entirety of the Grant Agreement term.

### **3.4 REFUNDS AND OVERPAYMENTS**

- A. At its sole discretion, the System Agency may (i) withhold all or part of any payments to Grantee to offset overpayments, unallowable or ineligible costs made to the Grantee, or if any required financial status report(s) is not submitted by the due date(s); or (ii) require Grantee to promptly refund or credit - within thirty (30) calendar days of written notice – to System Agency any funds erroneously paid by System Agency which are not expressly authorized under the Grant Agreement.
- B. "Overpayments" as used in this Section include payments (i) made by the System Agency that exceed the maximum allowable rates; (ii) that are not allowed under applicable laws, rules, or regulations; or (iii) that are otherwise inconsistent with this Grant Agreement, including any unapproved expenditures. Grantee understands and agrees that it shall be liable to the System Agency for any costs disallowed pursuant to financial and compliance audit(s) of funds received under this Grant Agreement. Grantee further understands and agrees that reimbursement of such disallowed costs shall be paid by Grantee from funds which were not provided or otherwise made available to Grantee under this Grant Agreement.

## **ARTICLE IV. ALLOWABLE COSTS AND AUDIT REQUIREMENTS**

### **4.1 ALLOWABLE COSTS**

- A. Allowable Costs are restricted to costs that are authorized under Texas Uniform Grant Management Standards (TxGMS) and applicable state and federal rules and laws. This Grant Agreement is subject to all applicable requirements of TxGMS, including the



criteria for Allowable Costs. Additional federal requirements apply if this Grant Agreement is funded, in whole or in part, with federal funds.

- B. System Agency will reimburse Grantee for actual, allowable, and allocable costs incurred by Grantee in performing the Project, provided the costs are sufficiently documented. Grantee must have incurred a cost prior to claiming reimbursement and within the applicable term to be eligible for reimbursement under this Grant Agreement. At its sole discretion, the System Agency will determine whether costs submitted by Grantee are allowable and eligible for reimbursement. The System Agency may take repayment (recoup) from remaining funds available under this Grant Agreement in amounts necessary to fulfill Grantee's repayment obligations. Grantee and all payments received by Grantee under this Grant Agreement are subject to applicable cost principles, audit requirements, and administrative requirements including applicable provisions under 2 CFR 200, 48 CFR Part 31, and TxGMS.
- C. OMB Circulars will be applied with the modifications prescribed by TxGMS with effect given to whichever provision imposes the more stringent requirement in the event of a conflict.

## 4.2 AUDITS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### A. Audits

- i. Grantee understands and agrees that Grantee is subject to any and all applicable audit requirements found in state or federal law or regulation or added by this Grant Agreement
- ii. HHS Single Audit Unit will notify Grantee to complete the Single Audit Determination Form. If Grantee fails to complete the form within thirty (30) calendar days after receipt of notice, Grantee maybe subject to sanctions and remedies for non-compliance.
- iii. If Grantee, within Grantee's fiscal year, expends at least SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$750,000) in federal funds awarded, Grantee shall have a single audit or program-specific audit in accordance with 2 CFR 200. The federal threshold amount includes federal funds passed through by way of state agency awards.
- iv. If Grantee, within Grantee's fiscal year, expends at least SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$750,000) in state funds awarded, Grantee shall have a single audit or program-specific audit in accordance with TxGMS. The audit must be conducted by an independent certified public accountant and in accordance with 2 CFR 200, Government Auditing Standards, and TxGMS.
- v. For-profit Grantees whose expenditures meet or exceed the federal or state expenditure thresholds stated above shall follow the guidelines in 2 CFR 200 or TxGMS, as applicable, for their program-specific audits.
- vi. Each Grantee required to obtain a single audit must competitively re-procure single audit services once every six years. Grantee shall procure audit services in compliance with this section, state procurement procedures, as well as with applicable provisions of 2 CFR 200 and TxGMS.

### B. Financial Statements.

Each Grantee that does not meet the expenditure threshold for a single audit or program-specific audit, must provide financial statements for the audit period.

## 4.3 SUBMISSION OF AUDITS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### A. Audits.

Due the earlier of 30 days after receipt of the independent certified public accountant's

report or nine months after the end of the fiscal year, Grantee shall submit one electronic copy of the single audit or program-specific audit to the System Agency via:

- i. HHS portal at <https://hhsportal.hhs.state.tx.us/heartwebextr/hhscSau> or,
- ii. Email to: [single\\_audit\\_report@hhsc.state.tx.us](mailto:single_audit_report@hhsc.state.tx.us).

**B. Financial Statements.**

Due no later than nine months after the Grantee's fiscal year-end, Grantees not required to submit an audit, shall submit one electronic copy of their financial statements via:

- i. HHS portal at <https://hhsportal.hhs.state.tx.us/heartwebextr/hhscSau>; or,
- ii. Email to: [single\\_audit\\_report@hhsc.state.tx.us](mailto:single_audit_report@hhsc.state.tx.us).

## **ARTICLE V. WARRANTY, AFFIRMATIONS, ASSURANCES AND CERTIFICATIONS**

### **5.1 WARRANTY**

Grantee warrants that all work under this Grant Agreement shall be completed in a manner consistent with standards under the terms of this Grant Agreement, in the applicable trade, profession, or industry; shall conform to or exceed the specifications set forth in the Grant Agreement; and all deliverables shall be fit for ordinary use, of good quality, and with no material defects. If System Agency, in its sole discretion, determines Grantee has failed to complete work timely or to perform satisfactorily under conditions required by this Grant Agreement, the System Agency may require Grantee, at its sole expense, to:

- i. Repair or replace all defective or damaged work;
- ii. Refund any payment Grantee received from System Agency for all defective or damaged work and, in conjunction therewith, require Grantee to accept the return of such work; and,
- iii. Take necessary action to ensure that Grantee's future performance and work conform to the Grant Agreement requirements.

### **5.2 GENERAL AFFIRMATIONS**

Grantee certifies that, to the extent affirmations are incorporated into the Grant Agreement, the Grantee has reviewed the affirmations and that Grantee is in compliance with all requirements.

### **5.3 FEDERAL ASSURANCES**

Grantee further certifies that, to the extent federal assurances are incorporated into the Grant Agreement, the Grantee has reviewed the federal assurances and that Grantee is in compliance with all requirements.

### **5.4 FEDERAL CERTIFICATIONS**

Grantee further certifies that, to the extent federal certifications are incorporated into the Grant Agreement, the Grantee has reviewed the federal certifications and that Grantee is in compliance with all requirements. In addition, Grantee certifies that it is in compliance with all applicable federal laws, rules, and regulations, as they may pertain to this Grant Agreement.

### **5.5 STATE ASSURANCES**

Except to the extent of any conflict under applicable law or requirements or guidelines of any federal awarding agency from which funding for this Grant Agreement originated, the Grantee must comply with the applicable state assurances included within the TxGMS which are incorporated here by reference.



## ARTICLE VI. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

### 6.1 OWNERSHIP OF WORK PRODUCT

- A. All right, title, and interest in the Work Product, including all Intellectual Property Rights therein, is exclusively owned by System Agency. Grantee and Grantee's employees will have no rights in or ownership of the Work Product or any other property of System Agency.
- B. Any and all Work Product that is copyrightable under United States copyright law is deemed to be "work made for hire" owned by System Agency, as provided by Title 17 of the United States Code. To the extent that Work Product does not qualify as a "work made for hire" under applicable federal law, Grantee hereby irrevocably assigns and transfers to System Agency, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title, and interest in and to the Work Product, including any and all Intellectual Property Rights embodied therein or associated therewith, and in and to all works based upon, derived from, or incorporating the Work Product, and in and to all income, royalties, damages, claims and payments now or hereafter due or payable with respect thereto, and in and to all causes of action, either in law or in equity for past, present or future infringement based on the copyrights, and in and to all rights corresponding to the foregoing.
- C. Grantee agrees to execute all papers and to perform such other acts as System Agency may deem necessary to secure for System Agency or its designee the rights herein assigned.
- D. In the event that Grantee has any rights in and to the Work Product that cannot be assigned to System Agency, Grantee hereby grants to System Agency an exclusive, worldwide, royalty-free, transferable, irrevocable, and perpetual license, with the right to sublicense, to reproduce, distribute, modify, create derivative works of, publicly perform and publicly display, make, have made, use, sell and offer for sale the Work Product and any products developed by practicing such rights.
- E. The foregoing does not apply to Incorporated Pre-existing Works or Third Party IP that are incorporated in the Work Product by Grantee. Grantee shall provide System Agency access during normal business hours to all Grantee materials, premises, and computer files containing the Work Product.

### 6.2 GRANTEE'S PRE-EXISTING WORKS

- A. To the extent that Grantee incorporates into the Work Product any works of Grantee that were created by Grantee or that Grantee acquired rights in prior to the Effective Date of this Grant Agreement ("**Incorporated Pre-existing Works**"), Grantee retains ownership of such Incorporated Pre-existing Works.
- B. Grantee hereby grants to System Agency an irrevocable, perpetual, non-exclusive, royalty-free, transferable, worldwide right and license, with the right to sublicense, to use, reproduce, modify, copy, create derivative works of, publish, publicly perform and display, sell, offer to sell, make and have made, the Incorporated Pre-existing Works, in any medium, with or without the associated Work Product.
- C. Grantee represents, warrants, and covenants to System Agency that Grantee has all necessary right and authority to grant the foregoing license in the Incorporated Pre-existing Works to System Agency.

### **6.3 THIRD PARTY IP**

- A. To the extent that any Third Party IP is included or incorporated in the Work Product by Grantee, Grantee hereby grants to System Agency, or shall obtain from the applicable third party for System Agency's benefit, the irrevocable, perpetual, non-exclusive, worldwide, royalty-free right and license, for System Agency's internal business or governmental purposes only, to use, reproduce, display, perform, distribute copies of, and prepare derivative works based upon such Third Party IP and any derivative works thereof embodied in or delivered to System Agency in conjunction with the Work Product, and to authorize others to do any or all of the foregoing.
- B. Grantee shall obtain System Agency's advance written approval prior to incorporating any Third Party IP into the Work Product, and Grantee shall notify System Agency on delivery of the Work Product if such materials include any Third Party IP.
- C. Grantee shall provide System Agency all supporting documentation demonstrating Grantee's compliance with this Section 6.3, including without limitation documentation indicating a third party's written approval for Grantee to use any Third Party IP that may be incorporated in the Work Product.

### **6.4 AGREEMENTS WITH EMPLOYEES AND SUBCONTRACTORS**

Grantee shall have written, binding agreements with its employees and subcontractors that include provisions sufficient to give effect to and enable Grantee's compliance with Grantee's obligations under this Article VI, Intellectual Property.

### **6.5 DELIVERY UPON TERMINATION OR EXPIRATION**

No later than the first calendar day after the termination or expiration of the Grant Agreement or upon System Agency's request, Grantee shall deliver to System Agency all completed, or partially completed, Work Product, including any Incorporated Pre-existing Works, and any and all versions thereof. Grantee's failure to timely deliver such Work Product is a material breach of the Grant Agreement. Grantee will not retain any copies of the Work Product or any documentation or other products or results of Grantee's activities under the Grant Agreement without the prior written consent of System Agency.

### **6.6 SURVIVAL**

The provisions and obligations of this Article survive any termination or expiration of the Grant Agreement.

### **6.7 SYSTEM AGENCY DATA**

- A. As between the Parties, all data and information acquired, accessed, or made available to Grantee by, through, or on behalf of System Agency or System Agency contractors, including all electronic data generated, processed, transmitted, or stored by Grantee in the course of providing data processing services in connection with Grantee's performance hereunder (the "System Agency Data"), is owned solely by System Agency.
- B. Grantee has no right or license to use, analyze, aggregate, transmit, create derivatives of, copy, disclose, or process the System Agency Data except as required for Grantee to fulfill its obligations under the Grant Agreement or as authorized in advance in writing by System Agency.
- C. For the avoidance of doubt, Grantee is expressly prohibited from using, and from permitting any third party to use, System Agency Data for marketing, research, or other non-governmental or commercial purposes, without the prior written consent of System Agency.
- D. Grantee shall make System Agency Data available to System Agency, including to

System Agency's designated vendors, as directed in writing by System Agency. The foregoing shall be at no cost to System Agency.

- E. Furthermore, the proprietary nature of Grantee's systems that process, store, collect, and/or transmit the System Agency Data shall not excuse Grantee's performance of its obligations hereunder.

## **ARTICLE VII. PROPERTY**

### **7.1 USE OF STATE PROPERTY**

- A. Grantee is prohibited from using State Property for any purpose other than performing Services authorized under the Grant Agreement.
- B. State Property includes, but is not limited to, System Agency's office space, identification badges, System Agency information technology equipment and networks (e.g., laptops, portable printers, cell phones, iPads or tablets, external hard drives, data storage devices, any System Agency-issued software, and the System Agency Virtual Private Network (VPN client)), and any other resources of System Agency.
- C. Grantee shall not remove State Property from the continental United States. In addition, Grantee may not use any computing device to access System Agency's network or e-mail while outside of the continental United States.
- D. Grantee shall not perform any maintenance services on State Property unless the Grant Agreement expressly authorizes such Services.
- E. During the time that State Property is in the possession of Grantee, Grantee shall be responsible for:
  - i. all repair and replacement charges incurred by State Agency that are associated with loss of State Property or damage beyond normal wear and tear, and
  - ii. all charges attributable to Grantee's use of State Property that exceeds the Grant Agreement scope. Grantee shall fully reimburse such charges to System Agency within ten (10) calendar days of Grantee's receipt of System Agency's notice of amount due. Use of State Property for a purpose not authorized by the Grant Agreement shall constitute breach of contract and may result in termination of the Grant Agreement and the pursuit of other remedies available to System Agency under contract, at law, or in equity.

### **7.2 DAMAGE TO STATE PROPERTY**

- A. In the event of loss, destruction, or damage to any System Agency or State of Texas owned, leased, or occupied property or equipment by Grantee or Grantee's employees, agents, Subcontractors, or suppliers, Grantee shall be liable to System Agency and the State of Texas for the full cost of repair, reconstruction, or replacement of the lost, destroyed, or damaged property.
- B. Grantee shall notify System Agency of the loss, destruction, or damage of equipment or property within one (1) business day. Grantee shall reimburse System Agency and the State of Texas for such property damage within ten (10) calendar days after Grantee's receipt of System Agency's notice of amount due.

### **7.3 PROPERTY RIGHTS UPON TERMINATION OR EXPIRATION OF CONTRACT**

In the event the Grant Agreement is terminated for any reason or expires, State Property remains the property of the System Agency and must be returned to the System Agency by the earlier of the end date of the Grant Agreement or upon System Agency's request.

## **7.4 EQUIPMENT AND PROPERTY**

- A. The Grantee must ensure equipment with a per-unit cost of \$5,000 or greater purchased with grant funds under this award is used solely for the purpose of this Grant or is properly pro-rated for use under this Grant. Grantee must have control systems to prevent loss, damage, or theft of property funded under this Grant. Grantee shall maintain equipment management and inventory procedures for equipment, whether acquired in part or whole with grant funds, until disposition occurs.
- B. When equipment acquired by Grantee under this Grant Agreement is no longer needed for the original project or for other activities currently supported by System Agency, the Grantee must properly dispose of the equipment pursuant to 2 CFR and/or TxGMS, as applicable. Upon termination of this Grant Agreement, use and disposal of equipment by the Grantee shall conform with TxGMS requirements.
- C. Grantee shall initiate the purchase of all equipment approved in writing by the System Agency in accordance with the schedule approved by System Agency, as applicable. Failure to timely initiate the purchase of equipment may result in the loss of availability of funds for the purchase of equipment. Requests to purchase previously approved equipment after the first quarter in the Grant Agreement must be submitted to the assigned System Agency contract manager.
- D. Controlled Assets include firearms, regardless of the acquisition cost, and the following assets with an acquisition cost of \$500 or more, but less than \$5,000: desktop and laptop computers (including notebooks, tablets and similar devices), non-portable printers and copiers, emergency management equipment, communication devices and systems, medical and laboratory equipment, and media equipment. Controlled Assets are considered supplies.
- E. System Agency funds must not be used to purchase buildings or real property without prior written approval from System Agency. Any costs related to the initial acquisition of the buildings or real property are not allowable without written pre-approval.

## **ARTICLE VIII. RECORD RETENTION, AUDIT, AND CONFIDENTIALITY**

### **8.1 RECORD MAINTENANCE AND RETENTION**

- A. Grantee shall keep and maintain under GAAP or GASB, as applicable, full, true, and complete records necessary to fully disclose to the System Agency, the Texas State Auditor's Office, the United States Government, and their authorized representatives all information required to determine compliance with the terms and conditions of this Grant Agreement and all state and federal rules, regulations, and statutes. Grantee shall ensure these same requirements are included in all subcontracts.
- B. Grantee shall maintain and retain legible copies of this Grant Agreement and all records relating to the performance of the Grant Agreement, including supporting fiscal documents adequate to ensure that claims for grant funds are in accordance with applicable State of Texas requirements. These records shall be maintained and retained by the Grantee for a minimum of seven (7) years after the Grant Agreement expiration date or seven (7) years after all audits, claims, litigation, or disputes involving the Grant Agreement are resolved, whichever is later. Grantee shall ensure these same requirements are included in all subcontracts.

## **8.2 AGENCY'S RIGHT TO AUDIT**

- A. Grantee shall make available at reasonable times and upon reasonable notice, and for reasonable periods, work papers, reports, books, records, supporting documents kept current by Grantee pertaining to the Grant Agreement for purposes of inspecting, monitoring, auditing, or evaluating by System Agency and the State of Texas. Grantee shall ensure these same requirements are included in all subcontracts.
- B. In addition to any right of access arising by operation of law, Grantee and any of Grantee's affiliate or subsidiary organizations, or Subcontractors shall permit the System Agency or any of its duly authorized representatives, as well as duly authorized federal, state or local authorities, unrestricted access to and the right to examine any site where business is conducted or services are performed, and all records, which includes but is not limited to financial, client and patient records, books, papers or documents related to this Grant Agreement. Grantee shall permit the System Agency or any of its duly authorized federal, state, or local authorities unrestricted access to and the right to examine all external contracts and or pricing models or methodologies related to the Grant Agreement. Grantee shall ensure these same requirements are included in all subcontracts. If the Grant Agreement includes federal funds, federal agencies that shall have a right of access to records as described in this section include: the federal agency providing the funds, the Comptroller General of the United States, the General Accounting Office, the Office of the Inspector General, and any of their authorized representatives. In addition, agencies of the State of Texas that shall have a right of access to records as described in this section include: the System Agency, HHS's contracted examiners, the State Auditor's Office, the Office of the Texas Attorney General, and any successor agencies. Each of these entities may be a duly authorized authority.
- C. If deemed necessary by the System Agency or any duly authorized authority, for the purpose of oversight, including, but not limited to, reviews, inspections, audits and investigations, Grantee shall produce original documents related to this Grant Agreement.
- D. The System Agency and any duly authorized authority shall have the right to audit billings both before and after payment, and all documentation that substantiates the billings and payments related to the Grant Agreement, including those related to a Subcontractor.
- E. Grantee shall include the System Agency's and any of its duly authorized representatives', as well as duly authorized federal, state, or local authorities, unrestricted right of access to, and examination of, sites and information related to this Grant Agreement in any Subcontract it awards.

## **8.3 RESPONSE/COMPLIANCE WITH AUDIT OR INSPECTION FINDINGS**

- A. Grantee must act to ensure its and its Subcontractors' compliance with all corrections necessary to address any finding of noncompliance with any law, regulation, audit requirement, or generally accepted accounting principle, or any other deficiency identified in any audit, review, inspection or investigation of the Grant Agreement and the services and Deliverables provided. Any such correction will be at Grantee's or its Subcontractor's sole expense. Whether Grantee's action corrects the noncompliance shall be solely the decision of the System Agency.
- B. As part of the services, Grantee must provide to HHS upon request a copy of those portions of Grantee's and its Subcontractors' internal audit reports relating to the services and Deliverables provided to the State under the Grant Agreement.



- C. Grantee shall include the requirement to provide to System Agency (and any of its duly authorized federal, state, or local authorities) internal audit reports related to this Grant Agreement in any Subcontract it awards. Upon request by System Agency, Grantee shall enforce this requirement against its Subcontractor. Further, Grantee shall include in any Subcontract it awards a requirement that all Subcontractor Subcontracts must also include these provisions.

#### **8.4 STATE AUDITOR'S RIGHT TO AUDIT**

The state auditor may conduct an audit or investigation of any entity receiving funds from the state directly under the Grant Agreement or indirectly through a subcontract under the Grant Agreement. The acceptance of funds directly under the Grant Agreement or indirectly through a subcontract under the Grant Agreement acts as acceptance of the authority of the state auditor, under the direction of the legislative audit committee, to conduct an audit or investigation in connection with those funds. Under the direction of the legislative audit committee, an entity that is the subject of an audit or investigation by the state auditor must provide the state auditor with access to any information the state auditor considers relevant to the investigation or audit. Grantee shall ensure the authority to audit funds received indirectly by subcontractors through the contract and the requirement to cooperate is included in any subcontract it awards.

#### **8.5 CONFIDENTIALITY**

Grantee shall maintain as confidential and shall not disclose to third parties without System Agency's prior written consent, any System Agency information including but not limited to System Agency's business activities, practices, systems, conditions and services. This Article VIII will survive termination or expiration of this Grant Agreement. Further, the obligations of Grantee under this Article VIII will survive termination or expiration of this Grant Agreement. This requirement must be included in all subcontracts awarded by Grantee.

### **ARTICLE IX. GRANT REMEDIES, TERMINATION AND PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES**

#### **9.1 REMEDIES**

- A. To ensure Grantee's full performance of the Grant Agreement and compliance with applicable law, System Agency reserves the right to hold Grantee accountable for breach of contract or substandard performance and may take remedial or corrective actions, including, but not limited to the following:
- i. temporarily withholding cash disbursements or reimbursements pending correction of the deficiency;
  - ii. disallowing or denying use of funds for the activity or action deemed not to be in compliance;
  - iii. disallowing claims for reimbursement that may require a partial or whole return of previous payments or reimbursements;
  - iv. suspending all or part of the Grant Agreement;
  - v. requiring the Grantee to take specific actions in order to remain in compliance with the Grant Agreement;
  - vi. recouping payments made by the System Agency to the Grantee found to be in error;
  - vii. suspending, limiting, or placing conditions on the Grantee's continued performance of the Project;
  - viii. prohibiting the Grantee from receiving additional funds for other grant programs administered by the System Agency until satisfactory compliance resolution is

- obtained;
- ix. withholding release of new grant agreements; and
- x. imposing any other remedies, sanctions or penalties authorized under this Grant Agreement or permitted by federal or state statute, law, regulation or rule.
- B. Unless expressly authorized by System Agency, Grantee may not be entitled to reimbursement for expenses incurred while the Grant Agreement is suspended.
- C. No action taken by System Agency in exercising remedies or imposing sanctions will constitute or operate as a waiver of any other rights or remedies available to System Agency under the Grant Agreement or pursuant to law. Additionally, no action taken by System Agency in exercising remedies or imposing sanctions will constitute or operate as an acceptance, waiver, or cure of Grantee's breach. Unless expressly authorized by System Agency, Grantee may not be entitled to reimbursement for expenses incurred while the Grant Agreement is suspended or after termination.

## 9.2 TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE

The System Agency may terminate the Grant Agreement, in whole or in part, at any time when, in its sole discretion, the System Agency determines that termination is in the best interests of the State of Texas. The termination will be effective on the date specified in the System Agency's notice of termination.

## 9.3 TERMINATION FOR CAUSE

- A. Except as otherwise provided by the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, or any successor law, the System Agency may terminate the Grant Agreement, in whole or in part, upon either of the following conditions:
  - i. **Material Breach**  
The System Agency may terminate the Grant Agreement, in whole or in part, if the System Agency determines, in its sole discretion, that Grantee has materially breached the Grant Agreement or has failed to adhere to any laws, ordinances, rules, regulations or orders of any public authority having jurisdiction, whether or not such violation prevents or substantially impairs performance of Grantee's duties under the Grant Agreement. Grantee's misrepresentation in any aspect including, but not limited to, of Grantee's Solicitation Application, if any, or Grantee's addition to the SAM exclusion list (identification in SAM as an excluded entity) may also constitute a material breach of the Grant Agreement.
  - ii. **Failure to Maintain Financial Viability**  
The System Agency may terminate the Grant Agreement if the System Agency, in its sole discretion, determines that Grantee no longer maintains the financial viability required to complete the services and deliverables, or otherwise fully perform its responsibilities under the Grant Agreement.
- B. System Agency will specify the effective date of such termination in the notice to Grantee. If no effective date is specified, the Grant Agreement will terminate on the date of the notification.

## 9.4 GRANTEE RESPONSIBILITY FOR SYSTEM AGENCY'S TERMINATION COSTS

If the System Agency terminates the Grant Agreement for cause, the Grantee shall be responsible to the System Agency for all costs incurred by the System Agency and the State of Texas to replace the Grantee. These costs include, but are not limited to, the costs of procuring a substitute grantee and the cost of any claim or litigation attributable to Grantee's failure to perform any work in accordance with the terms of the Grant Agreement.

## 9.5 INHERENTLY RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES

Grantee may not use grant funding to engage in inherently religious activities, such as proselytizing, scripture study, or worship. Grantees may engage in inherently religious activities; however, these activities must be separate in time or location from the grant-funded program. Moreover, grantees must not compel program beneficiaries to participate in inherently religious activities. These requirements apply to all grantees, not just faith-based organizations.

## 9.6 POLITICAL ACTIVITIES

Grant funds cannot be used for the following activities:

- A. Grantees and their relevant sub-grantees or subcontractors are prohibited from using grant funds directly or indirectly for political purposes, including lobbying, advocating for legislation, campaigning for, endorsing, contributing to, or otherwise supporting political candidates or parties, and voter registration campaigns. Grantees may use private, or non-System Agency money or contributions for political purposes but may not charge to, or be reimbursed from, System Agency contracts or grants for the costs of such activities.
- B. Grant-funded employees may not use official authority or influence to achieve any political purpose and grant funds cannot be used for the salary, benefits, or any other compensation of an elected official.
- C. Grant funds may not be used to employ, in any capacity, a person who is required by Chapter 305 of the Texas Government Code to register as a lobbyist. Additionally, grant funds cannot be used to pay membership dues to an organization that partially or wholly pays the salary of a person who is required by Chapter 305 of the Texas Government Code to register as a lobbyist.
- D. As applicable, Grantee will comply with 31 USC § 1352, relating to the limitation on use of appropriated funds to influence certain Federal contracting and financial transactions.

# ARTICLE X. INDEMNITY

## 10.1 GENERAL INDEMNITY

- A. **GRANTEE SHALL DEFEND, INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS THE STATE OF TEXAS AND SYSTEM AGENCY, AND/OR THEIR OFFICERS, AGENTS, EMPLOYEES, REPRESENTATIVES, CONTRACTORS, ASSIGNEES, AND/OR DESIGNEES FROM ANY AND ALL LIABILITY, ACTIONS, CLAIMS, DEMANDS, OR SUITS, AND ALL RELATED COSTS, ATTORNEYS' FEES, AND EXPENSES ARISING OUT OF OR RESULTING FROM ANY ACTS OR OMISSIONS OF GRANTEE OR ITS AGENTS, EMPLOYEES, SUBCONTRACTORS, ORDER FULFILLERS, OR SUPPLIERS OF SUBCONTRACTORS IN THE EXECUTION OR PERFORMANCE OF THE GRANT AGREEMENT AND ANY PURCHASE ORDERS ISSUED UNDER THE GRANT AGREEMENT.**
- B. **THIS PARAGRAPH IS NOT INTENDED TO AND WILL NOT BE CONSTRUED TO REQUIRE GRANTEE TO INDEMNIFY OR HOLD HARMLESS THE STATE OR THE SYSTEM AGENCY FOR ANY CLAIMS OR LIABILITIES RESULTING FROM THE NEGLIGENT ACTS OR OMISSIONS OF THE SYSTEM AGENCY OR ITS EMPLOYEES.**
- C. **FOR THE AVOIDANCE OF DOUBT, SYSTEM AGENCY SHALL NOT INDEMNIFY GRANTEE OR ANY OTHER ENTITY UNDER THE GRANT**



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### **10.2 INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY**

**GRANTEE SHALL DEFEND, INDEMNIFY, AND HOLD HARMLESS THE SYSTEM AGENCY AND THE STATE OF TEXAS FROM AND AGAINST ANY AND ALL CLAIMS, VIOLATIONS, MISAPPROPRIATIONS, OR INFRINGEMENT OF ANY PATENT, TRADEMARK, COPYRIGHT, TRADE SECRET, OR OTHER INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS AND/OR OTHER INTANGIBLE PROPERTY, PUBLICITY OR PRIVACY RIGHTS, AND/OR IN CONNECTION WITH OR ARISING FROM:**

- i. THE PERFORMANCE OR ACTIONS OF GRANTEE PURSUANT TO THIS GRANT AGREEMENT;**
- ii. ANY DELIVERABLE, WORK PRODUCT, CONFIGURED SERVICE OR OTHER SERVICE PROVIDED HEREUNDER; AND/OR**
- iii. SYSTEM AGENCY'S AND/OR GRANTEE'S USE OF OR ACQUISITION OF ANY REQUESTED SERVICES OR OTHER ITEMS PROVIDED TO SYSTEM AGENCY BY GRANTEE OR OTHERWISE TO WHICH SYSTEM AGENCY HAS ACCESS AS A RESULT OF GRANTEE'S PERFORMANCE UNDER THE GRANT AGREEMENT.**

### **10.3 ADDITIONAL INDEMNITY PROVISIONS**

- A. GRANTEE AND SYSTEM AGENCY AGREE TO FURNISH TIMELY WRITTEN NOTICE TO EACH OTHER OF ANY INDEMNITY CLAIM. GRANTEE SHALL BE LIABLE TO PAY ALL COSTS OF DEFENSE, INCLUDING ATTORNEYS' FEES.**
- B. THE DEFENSE SHALL BE COORDINATED BY THE GRANTEE WITH THE OFFICE OF THE TEXAS ATTORNEY GENERAL WHEN TEXAS STATE AGENCIES ARE NAMED DEFENDANTS IN ANY LAWSUIT AND GRANTEE MAY NOT AGREE TO ANY SETTLEMENT WITHOUT FIRST OBTAINING THE CONCURRENCE FROM THE OFFICE OF THE TEXAS ATTORNEY GENERAL.**
- C. GRANTEE SHALL REIMBURSE SYSTEM AGENCY AND THE STATE OF TEXAS FOR ANY CLAIMS, DAMAGES, COSTS, EXPENSES OR OTHER AMOUNTS, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ATTORNEYS' FEES AND COURT COSTS, ARISING FROM ANY SUCH CLAIM. IF THE SYSTEM AGENCY DETERMINES THAT A CONFLICT EXISTS BETWEEN ITS INTERESTS AND THOSE OF GRANTEE OR IF SYSTEM AGENCY IS REQUIRED BY APPLICABLE LAW TO SELECT SEPARATE COUNSEL, SYSTEM AGENCY WILL BE PERMITTED TO SELECT SEPARATE COUNSEL AND GRANTEE SHALL PAY ALL REASONABLE COSTS OF SYSTEM AGENCY'S COUNSEL.**

## **ARTICLE XI. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

### **11.1 AMENDMENTS**

Except as otherwise expressly provided, the Grant Agreement may only be amended by a written Amendment executed by both Parties.

### **11.2 NO QUANTITY GUARANTEES**

The System Agency makes no guarantee of volume or usage of work under this Grant

Agreement. All work requested may be on an irregular and as needed basis throughout the Grant Agreement term.

### **11.3 CHILD ABUSE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

- A. Grantees shall comply with child abuse and neglect reporting requirements in Texas Family Code Chapter 261. This section is in addition to and does not supersede any other legal obligation of the Grantee to report child abuse.
- B. Grantee shall use the Texas Abuse Hotline Website located at <https://www.txabusehotline.org/Login/Default.aspx> as required by the System Agency. Grantee shall retain reporting documentation on site and make it available for inspection by the System Agency.

### **11.4 CERTIFICATION OF MEETING OR EXCEEDING TOBACCO-FREE WORKPLACE POLICY MINIMUM STANDARDS**

- A. Grantee certifies that it has adopted and enforces a Tobacco-Free Workplace Policy that meets or exceeds all of the following minimum standards of:
  - i. Prohibiting the use of all forms of tobacco products, including but not limited to cigarettes, cigars, pipes, water pipes (hookah), bidis, kreteks, electronic cigarettes, smokeless tobacco, snuff and chewing tobacco;
  - ii. Designating the property to which this Policy applies as a "designated area," which must at least comprise all buildings and structures where activities funded under this Grant Agreement are taking place, as well as Grantee owned, leased, or controlled sidewalks, parking lots, walkways, and attached parking structures immediately adjacent to this designated area;
  - iii. Applying to all employees and visitors in this designated area; and
  - iv. Providing for or referring its employees to tobacco use cessation services.
- B. If Grantee cannot meet these minimum standards, it must obtain a waiver from the System Agency.

### **11.5 INSURANCE AND BONDS**

Unless otherwise specified in this Contract, Grantee shall acquire and maintain, for the duration of this Contract, insurance coverage necessary to ensure proper fulfillment of this Contract and potential liabilities thereunder with financially sound and reputable insurers licensed by the Texas Department of Insurance, in the type and amount customarily carried within the industry as determined by the System Agency. Grantee shall provide evidence of insurance as required under this Contract, including a schedule of coverage or underwriter's schedules establishing to the satisfaction of the System Agency the nature and extent of coverage granted by each such policy, upon request by the System Agency. In the event that any policy is determined by the System Agency to be deficient to comply with the terms of this Contract, Grantee shall secure such additional policies or coverage as the System Agency may reasonably request or that are required by law or regulation. If coverage expires during the term of this Contract, Grantee must produce renewal certificates for each type of coverage. In addition, if required by System Agency, Grantee must obtain and have on file a blanket fidelity bond that indemnifies System Agency against the loss or theft of any grant funds, including applicable matching funds. The fidelity bond must cover the entirety of the grant term and any subsequent renewals. The failure of Grantee to comply with these requirements may subject Grantee to remedial or corrective actions detailed in section 10.1, General Indemnity, above.

These and all other insurance requirements under the Grant apply to both Grantee and its

Subcontractors, if any. Grantee is responsible for ensuring its Subcontractors' compliance with all requirements.

#### **11.6 LIMITATION ON AUTHORITY**

- A. Grantee shall not have any authority to act for or on behalf of the System Agency or the State of Texas except as expressly provided for in the Grant Agreement; no other authority, power, or use is granted or implied. Grantee may not incur any debt, obligation, expense, or liability of any kind on behalf of System Agency or the State of Texas.
- B. Grantee may not rely upon implied authority and is not granted authority under the Grant Agreement to:
  - i. Make public policy on behalf of the System Agency;
  - ii. Promulgate, amend, or disregard administrative regulations or program policy decisions made by State and federal agencies responsible for administration of a System Agency program; or
  - iii. Unilaterally communicate or negotiate with any federal or state agency or the Texas Legislature on behalf of the System Agency regarding System Agency programs or the Grant Agreement. However, upon System Agency request and with reasonable notice from System Agency to the Grantee, the Grantee shall assist the System Agency in communications and negotiations regarding the Work under the Grant Agreement with state and federal governments.

#### **11.7 CHANGE IN LAWS AND COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS**

Grantee shall comply with all laws, regulations, requirements, and guidelines applicable to a Grantee providing services and products required by the Grant Agreement to the State of Texas, as these laws, regulations, requirements, and guidelines currently exist and as amended throughout the term of the Grant Agreement. Notwithstanding Section 11.1, Amendments, above, System Agency reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to unilaterally amend the Grant Agreement to incorporate any modifications necessary for System Agency's compliance, as an agency of the State of Texas, with all applicable state and federal laws, regulations, requirements and guidelines.

#### **11.8 SUBCONTRACTORS**

Grantee may not subcontract any or all of the Work and/or obligations under the Grant Agreement without prior written approval of the System Agency. Subcontracts, if any, entered into by the Grantee shall be in writing and be subject to the requirements of the Grant Agreement. Should Grantee subcontract any of the services required in the Grant Agreement, Grantee expressly understands and acknowledges System Agency is in no manner liable to any subcontractor(s) of Grantee. In no event shall this provision relieve Grantee of the responsibility for ensuring that the services performed under all subcontracts are rendered in compliance with the Grant Agreement.

#### **11.9 PERMITTING AND LICENSURE**

At Grantee's sole expense, Grantee shall procure and maintain for the duration of this Grant Agreement any state, county, city, or federal license, authorization, insurance, waiver, permit, qualification or certification required by statute, ordinance, law, or regulation to be held by Grantee to provide the goods or services required by this Grant Agreement. Grantee shall be responsible for payment of all taxes, assessments, fees, premiums, permits, and licenses required by law. Grantee shall be responsible for payment of any such government obligations not paid by its Subcontractors during performance of this Grant Agreement.

### **11.10 INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR**

Grantee and Grantee's employees, representatives, agents, Subcontractors, suppliers, and third-party service providers shall serve as independent contractors in providing the services under the Grant Agreement. Neither Grantee nor System Agency is an agent of the other and neither may make any commitments on the other party's behalf. The Grantee is not a "governmental body" solely by virtue of this Grant Agreement or receipt of grant funds under this Grant Agreement. Grantee shall have no claim against System Agency for vacation pay, sick leave, retirement benefits, social security, worker's compensation, health or disability benefits, unemployment insurance benefits, or employee benefits of any kind. The Grant Agreement shall not create any joint venture, partnership, agency, or employment relationship between Grantee and System Agency.

### **11.11 GOVERNING LAW AND VENUE**

The Grant Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas, without regard to the conflicts of law provisions. The venue of any suit arising under the Grant Agreement is fixed in any court of competent jurisdiction of Travis County, Texas, unless the specific venue is otherwise identified in a statute which directly names or otherwise identifies its applicability to the System Agency.

### **11.12 SEVERABILITY**

If any provision contained in this Grant Agreement is held to be unenforceable by a court of law or equity, such construction will not affect the legality, validity, or enforceability of any other provision or provisions of this Grant Agreement. It is the intent and agreement of the Parties this Grant Agreement shall be deemed amended by modifying such provision to the extent necessary to render it valid, legal and enforceable while preserving its intent or, if such modification is not possible, by substituting another provision that is valid, legal and enforceable and that achieves the same objective. All other provisions of this Grant Agreement will continue in full force and effect.

### **11.13 SURVIVABILITY**

Expiration or termination of the Grant Agreement for any reason does not release Grantee from any liability or obligation set forth in the Grant Agreement that is expressly stated to survive any such expiration or termination, that by its nature would be intended to be applicable following any such expiration or termination, or that is necessary to fulfill the essential purpose of the Grant Agreement, including without limitation the provisions regarding return of grant funds, audit requirements, records retention, public information, warranty, indemnification, confidentiality, and rights and remedies upon termination.

### **11.14 FORCE MAJEURE**

Neither Grantee nor System Agency shall be liable to the other for any delay in, or failure of performance, of any requirement included in the Grant Agreement caused by force majeure. The existence of such causes of delay or failure shall extend the period of performance until after the causes of delay or failure have been removed provided the non-performing party exercises all reasonable due diligence to perform. Force majeure is defined as acts of God, war, fires, explosions, hurricanes, floods, failure of transportation, or other causes that are beyond the reasonable control of either party and that by exercise of due foresight such party could not reasonably have been expected to avoid, and which, by the exercise of all reasonable due diligence, such party is unable to overcome.

### **11.15 NO IMPLIED WAIVER OF PROVISIONS**

The failure of the System Agency to object to or to take affirmative action with respect to any conduct of the Grantee which is in violation or breach of the terms of the Grant Agreement shall not be construed as a waiver of the violation or breach, or of any future violation or breach.

### **11.16 FUNDING DISCLAIMERS AND LABELING**

- A. Grantee shall not use System Agency's name or refer to System Agency directly or indirectly in any media appearance, public service announcement, or disclosure relating to this Grant Agreement including any promotional material without first obtaining written consent from System Agency. The foregoing prohibition includes, without limitation, the placement of banners, pop-up ads, or other advertisements promoting Grantee's or a third party's products, services, workshops, trainings, or other commercial offerings on any website portal or internet-based service or software application hosted or managed by Grantee. This does not limit the Grantee's responsibility to comply with obligations related to the Texas Public Information Act or Texas Open Meetings Act.
- B. In general, no publication (including websites, reports, projects, etc.) may convey System Agency's recognition or endorsement of the Grantee's project without prior written approval from System Agency. Publications funded in part or wholly by HHS grant funding must include a statement that "HHS and neither any of its components operate, control, are responsible for, or necessarily endorse, this publication (including, without limitation, its content, technical infrastructure, and policies, and any services or tools provided)" at HHS's request.

### **11.17 MEDIA RELEASES**

- A. Grantee shall not use System Agency's name, logo, or other likeness in any press release, marketing material or other announcement without System Agency's prior written approval. System Agency does not endorse any vendor, commodity, or service. Grantee is not authorized to make or participate in any media releases or public announcements pertaining to this Grant Agreement or the Services to which they relate without System Agency's prior written consent, and then only in accordance with explicit written instruction from System Agency.
- B. Grantee may publish, at its sole expense, results of Grantee performance under the Grant Agreement with the System Agency's prior review and approval, which the System Agency may exercise at its sole discretion. Any publication (written, visual, or sound) will acknowledge the support received from the System Agency and any Federal agency, as appropriate.

### **11.18 PROHIBITION ON NON-COMPETE RESTRICTIONS**

Grantee shall not require any employees or Subcontractors to agree to any conditions, such as non-compete clauses or other contractual arrangements, that would limit or restrict such persons or entities from employment or contracting with the State of Texas.

### **11.19 SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY**

Nothing in the Grant Agreement will be construed as a waiver of the System Agency's or the State's sovereign immunity. This Grant Agreement shall not constitute or be construed as a waiver of any of the privileges, rights, defenses, remedies, or immunities available to the System Agency or the State of Texas. The failure to enforce, or any delay in the enforcement, of any privileges, rights, defenses, remedies, or immunities available to the System Agency or the State of Texas under the Grant Agreement or under applicable law shall not constitute

a waiver of such privileges, rights, defenses, remedies, or immunities or be considered as a basis for estoppel. System Agency does not waive any privileges, rights, defenses, or immunities available to System Agency by entering into the Grant Agreement or by its conduct prior to or subsequent to entering into the Grant Agreement.

#### **11.20 ENTIRE CONTRACT AND MODIFICATION**

The Grant Agreement constitutes the entire agreement of the Parties and is intended as a complete and exclusive statement of the promises, representations, negotiations, discussions, and other agreements that may have been made in connection with the subject matter hereof. Any additional or conflicting terms in any future document incorporated into the Grant Agreement will be harmonized with this Grant Agreement to the extent possible.

#### **11.21 COUNTERPARTS**

This Grant Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which will be an original, and all such counterparts will together constitute but one and the same Grant Agreement.

#### **11.22 PROPER AUTHORITY**

Each Party represents and warrants that the person executing this Grant Agreement on its behalf has full power and authority to enter into this Grant Agreement.

#### **11.23 E-VERIFY PROGRAM**

Grantee certifies that it utilizes and will continue to utilize the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system to determine the eligibility of:

- A. all persons employed to perform duties within Texas during the term of the Grant Agreement; and
- B. all persons, (including subcontractors) assigned by the Grantee to perform work pursuant to the Grant Agreement within the United States of America.

#### **11.24 CIVIL RIGHTS**

- A. Grantee agrees to comply with state and federal anti-discrimination laws, including:
  - i. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. §2000d et seq.);
  - ii. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. §794);
  - iii. Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. §12101 et seq.);
  - iv. Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 U.S.C. §§6101-6107);
  - v. Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. §§1681-1688);
  - vi. Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. §2011 et seq.); and
  - vii. The System Agency's administrative rules, as set forth in the Texas Administrative Code, to the extent applicable to this Grant Agreement.
- B. Grantee agrees to comply with all amendments to the above-referenced laws, and all requirements imposed by the regulations issued pursuant to these laws. These laws provide in part that no persons in the United States may, on the grounds of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, political beliefs, or religion, be excluded from participation in or denied any aid, care, service or other benefits provided by Federal or State funding, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination.
- C. Grantee agrees to comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and its implementing regulations at 45 C.F.R. Part 80 or 7 C.F.R. Part 15, prohibiting a contractor from adopting and implementing policies and procedures that exclude or have the effect of excluding or limiting the participation of clients in its programs, benefits, or activities on the basis of national origin. State and federal civil rights laws require



contractors to provide alternative methods for ensuring access to services for applicants and recipients who cannot express themselves fluently in English. Grantee agrees to take reasonable steps to provide services and information, both orally and in writing, in appropriate languages other than English, in order to ensure that persons with limited English proficiency are effectively informed and can have meaningful access to programs, benefits, and activities.

- D. Grantee agrees to post applicable civil rights posters in areas open to the public informing clients of their civil rights and including contact information for the HHS Civil Rights Office. The posters are available on the HHS website at: <https://hhs.texas.gov/about-hhs/your-rights/civil-rights-office/civil-rights-posters>
- E. Grantee agrees to comply with Executive Order 13279, and its implementing regulations at 45 C.F.R. Part 87 or 7 C.F.R. Part 16. These provide in part that any organization that participates in programs funded by direct financial assistance from the United States Department of Agriculture or the United States Department of Health and Human Services shall not discriminate against a program beneficiary or prospective program beneficiary on the basis of religion or religious belief.
- F. Upon request, Grantee shall provide HHSC's Civil Rights Office with copies of the Grantee's civil rights policies and procedures.
- G. Grantee must notify HHSC's Civil Rights Office of any complaints of discrimination received relating to its performance under this Grant Agreement. This notice must be delivered no more than ten (10) calendar days after receipt of a complaint. Notice provided pursuant to this section must be directed to:

HHSC Civil Rights Office  
701 W. 51st Street, Mail Code W206  
Austin, Texas 78751  
Phone Toll Free: (888) 388-6332  
Phone: (512) 438-4313  
Fax: (512) 438-5885  
Email: [HHSCivilRightsOffice@hhsc.state.tx.us](mailto:HHSCivilRightsOffice@hhsc.state.tx.us)

## **11.25 ENTERPRISE INFORMATION MANAGEMENT STANDARDS**

Grantee shall conform to HHS standards for data management as described by the policies of the HHS Office of Data, Analytics, and Performance. These include, but are not limited to, standards for documentation and communication of data models, metadata, and other data definition methods that are required by HHS for ongoing data governance, strategic portfolio analysis, interoperability planning, and valuation of HHS System data assets.

## **11.26 DISCLOSURE OF LITIGATION**

- A. The Grantee must disclose in writing to the contract manager assigned to this Grant Agreement any material civil or criminal litigation or indictment either threatened or pending involving the Grantee. "Threatened litigation" as used herein shall include governmental investigations and civil investigative demands. "Litigation" as used herein shall include administrative enforcement actions brought by governmental agencies. The Grantee must also disclose any material litigation threatened or pending involving Subcontractors, consultants, and/or lobbyists. For purposes of this section, "material" refers, but is not limited, to any action or pending action that a reasonable person knowledgeable in the applicable industry would consider relevant to the Work under the Grant Agreement or any development such a person would want to be aware of in order to stay fully apprised of the total mix of information relevant to the Work, together with any litigation threatened or pending that may result in a substantial change in the

Grantee's financial condition.

- B. This is a continuing disclosure requirement; any litigation commencing after Grant Agreement Award must be disclosed in a written statement to the assigned contract manager within seven calendar days of its occurrence.

#### **11.27 NO THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARIES**

The Grant Agreement is made solely and specifically among and for the benefit of the Parties named herein and their respective successors and assigns, and no other person shall have any right, interest, or claims hereunder or be entitled to any benefits pursuant to or on account of the Grant Agreement as a third-party beneficiary or otherwise.

#### **11.28 BINDING EFFECT**

The Grant Agreement shall inure to the benefit of, be binding upon, and be enforceable against each Party and their respective permitted successors, assigns, transferees, and delegates.

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**DATA USE AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN THE  
TEXAS HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES SYSTEM  
AND  
CONTRACTOR**

This Data Use Agreement (“DUA”) is effective as of the date of the Base Contract into which it is incorporated (“Effective Date”), by and between the Texas Health and Human Services System, which includes the Texas Health and Human Services Commission and the Department of State Health Services (“HHS”) and Contractor (the “Base Contract”).

**ARTICLE 1. PURPOSE; APPLICABILITY; ORDER OF PRECEDENCE**

The purpose of this DUA is to facilitate access to, creation, receipt, maintenance, use, disclosure or transmission of Confidential Information with Contractor, and describe Contractor’s rights and obligations with respect to the Confidential Information and the limited purposes for which the Contractor may create, receive, maintain, use, disclose or have access to Confidential Information. This DUA also describes HHS’s remedies in the event of Contractor’s noncompliance with its obligations under this DUA. This DUA applies to both HHS business associates, as “business associate” is defined in the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), and contractors who are not business associates, who create, receive, maintain, use, disclose or have access to Confidential Information on behalf of HHS, its programs or clients as described in the Base Contract. As a best practice, HHS requires its contractors to comply with the terms of this DUA to safeguard all types of Confidential Information.

As of the Effective Date of this DUA, if any provision of the Base Contract conflicts with this DUA, this DUA controls.

**ARTICLE 2. DEFINITIONS**

For the purposes of this DUA, capitalized, underlined terms have the following meanings:

“**Authorized Purpose**” means the specific purpose or purposes described in the Base Contract for Contractor to fulfill its obligations under the Base Contract, or any other purpose expressly authorized by HHS in writing in advance.

“**Authorized User**” means a person:

- (1) Who is authorized to create, receive, maintain, have access to, process, view, handle, examine, interpret, or analyze Confidential Information pursuant to this DUA;
- (2) For whom Contractor warrants and represents has a demonstrable need to create, receive, maintain, use, disclose or have access to the Confidential Information; and
- (3) Who has agreed in writing to be bound by the disclosure and use limitations pertaining to the Confidential Information as required by this DUA.

“**Breach**” means an impermissible use or disclosure of electronic or non-electronic sensitive personal information by an unauthorized person or for an unauthorized purpose that compromises the security or

privacy of Confidential Information such that the use or disclosure poses a risk of reputational harm, theft of financial information, identity theft, or medical identity theft. Any acquisition, access, use, disclosure or loss of Confidential Information other than as permitted by this DUA shall be presumed to be a Breach unless Contractor demonstrates, based on a risk assessment, that there is a low probability that the Confidential Information has been compromised.

**“Confidential Information”** means any communication or record (whether oral, written, electronically stored or transmitted, or in any other form) provided to or made available to Contractor or that Contractor may create, receive, maintain, use, disclose or have access to on behalf of HHS that consists of or includes any or all of the following:

- (1) Education records as defined in the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 20 U.S.C. §1232g; 34 C.F.R. Part 99
- (2) Federal Tax Information as defined in Internal Revenue Code §6103 and Internal Revenue Service Publication 1075;
- (3) Personal Identifying Information (PII) as defined in Texas Business and Commerce Code, Chapter 521;
- (4) Protected Health Information (PHI) in any form including without limitation, Electronic Protected Health Information or Unsecured Protected Health Information as defined in 45 C.F.R. §160.103;
- (5) Sensitive Personal Information (SPI) as defined in Texas Business and Commerce Code, Chapter 521;
- (6) Social Security Administration Data, including, without limitation, Medicaid information means disclosures of information made by the Social Security Administration or the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services from a federal system of records for administration of federally funded benefit programs under the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C., Chapter 7;
- (7) All privileged work product;
- (8) All information designated as confidential under the constitution and laws of the State of Texas and of the United States, including the Texas Health & Safety Code and the Texas Public Information Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 552.

**“Destroy”, “Destruction”**, for Confidential Information, means:

- (1) Paper, film, or other hard copy media have been shredded or destroyed such that the Confidential Information cannot be read or otherwise cannot be reconstructed. Redaction is specifically excluded as a means of data destruction.
- (2) Electronic media have been cleared, purged, or destroyed consistent with NIST Special Publication 800-88, "Guidelines for Media Sanitization," such that the Confidential Information cannot be retrieved.

**“Discover, Discovery”** means the first day on which a Breach becomes known to Contractor, or, by exercising reasonable diligence would have been known to Contractor.

**“Legally Authorized Representative”** of an individual, including as provided in 45 CFR 435.923 (authorized representative); 45 CFR 164.502(g)(1) (personal representative); Tex. Occ. Code § 151.002(6); Tex. H. & S. Code § 166.164 (medical power of attorney); and Texas Estates Code § 22.031 (representative).

**“Required by Law”** means a mandate contained in law that compels an entity to use or disclose Confidential Information that is enforceable in a court of law, including court orders, warrants, subpoenas or investigative demands.

**“Subcontractor”** means a person who contracts with a prime contractor to work, to supply commodities, or to contribute toward completing work for a governmental entity.

**“Workforce”** means employees, volunteers, trainees or other persons whose performance of work is under the direct control of a party, whether or not they are paid by that party.

### ARTICLE 3. CONTRACTOR'S DUTIES REGARDING CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

#### **Section 3.01 Obligations of Contractor**

Contractor agrees that:

**(A) With respect to PHI, Contractor shall:**

(1) Make PHI available in a designated record set if requested by HHS, if Contractor maintains PHI in a designated record set, as defined in HIPAA.

(2) Provide to HHS data aggregation services related to the healthcare operations Contractor performs for HHS pursuant to the Base Contract, if requested by HHS, if Contractor provides data aggregation services as defined in HIPAA.

(3) Provide access to PHI to an individual who is requesting his or her own PHI, or such individual's Legally Authorized Representative, in compliance with the requirements of HIPAA.

(4) Make PHI available to HHS for amendment, and incorporate any amendments to PHI that HHS directs, in compliance with HIPAA.

(5) Document and make available to HHS, an accounting of disclosures in compliance with the requirements of HIPAA.

(6) If Contractor receives a request for access, amendment or accounting of PHI by any individual, promptly forward the request to HHS or, if forwarding the request would violate HIPAA, promptly notify HHS of the request and of Contractor's response. HHS will respond to all such requests, unless Contractor is Required by Law to respond or HHS has given prior written consent for Contractor to respond to and account for all such requests.

**(B) With respect to ALL Confidential Information, Contractor shall:**

(1) Exercise reasonable care and no less than the same degree of care Contractor uses to protect its own confidential, proprietary and trade secret information to prevent Confidential Information from being used in a manner that is not expressly an Authorized Purpose or as Required by Law. Contractor will access, create, maintain, receive, use, disclose, transmit or Destroy Confidential Information in a secure fashion that protects against any reasonably anticipated threats or hazards to the security or integrity of such information or unauthorized uses.

(2) Establish, implement and maintain appropriate procedural, administrative, physical and technical safeguards to preserve and maintain the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of the Confidential Information, in accordance with applicable laws or regulations relating to Confidential Information, to prevent any unauthorized use or disclosure of Confidential Information as long as Contractor has such Confidential Information in its actual or constructive possession.

(3) Implement, update as necessary, and document privacy, security and Breach notice policies and procedures and an incident response plan to address a Breach, to comply with the privacy, security and breach notice requirements of this DUA prior to conducting work under the Base Contract. Contractor shall produce, within three business days of a request by HHS, copies of its policies and procedures and records relating to the use or disclosure of Confidential Information.

(4) Obtain HHS's prior written consent to disclose or allow access to any portion of the Confidential Information to any person, other than Authorized Users, Workforce or Subcontractors of Contractor who have completed training in confidentiality, privacy, security and the importance of promptly reporting any Breach to Contractor's management and as permitted in Section 3.01(A)(3), above. Contractor shall produce evidence of completed training to HHS upon request. HHS, at its election, may assist Contractor in training and education on specific or unique HHS processes, systems and/or requirements. All of Contractor's Authorized Users, Workforce and Subcontractors with access to a state computer system or database will complete a cybersecurity training program certified under Texas Government Code Section 2054.519 by the Texas Department of Information Resources.

(5) Establish, implement and maintain appropriate sanctions against any member of its Workforce or Subcontractor who fails to comply with this DUA, the Base Contract or applicable law. Contractor shall maintain evidence of sanctions and produce it to HHS upon request.

(6) Obtain prior written approval of HHS, to disclose or provide access to any Confidential Information on the basis that such act is Required by Law, so that HHS may have the opportunity to object to the disclosure or access and seek appropriate relief. If HHS objects to such disclosure or access, Contractor shall refrain from disclosing or providing access to the Confidential Information until HHS has exhausted all alternatives for relief.

(7) Certify that its Authorized Users each have a demonstrated need to know and have access to Confidential Information solely to the minimum extent necessary to accomplish the Authorized Purpose and that each has agreed in writing to be bound by the disclosure and use limitations pertaining to the Confidential Information contained in this DUA. Contractor and its Subcontractors shall maintain at all times an updated, complete, accurate list of Authorized Users and supply it to HHS upon request.

(8) Provide, and shall cause its Subcontractors and agents to provide, to HHS periodic written confirmation of compliance with controls and the terms and conditions of this DUA.

(9) Return to HHS or Destroy, at HHS's election and at Contractor's expense, all Confidential Information received from HHS or created or maintained by Contractor or any of Contractor's agents or Subcontractors on HHS's behalf upon the termination or expiration of this DUA, if reasonably feasible and permitted by law. Contractor shall certify in writing to HHS that all such Confidential Information has been Destroyed or returned to HHS, and that Contractor and its agents and Subcontractors have retained no copies thereof. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Contractor acknowledges and agrees that it may not Destroy any Confidential Information if federal or state law, or HHS record retention policy or a litigation hold notice prohibits such Destruction. If such return or Destruction is not reasonably feasible, or is

impermissible by law, Contractor shall immediately notify HHS of the reasons such return or Destruction is not feasible and agree to extend the protections of this DUA to the Confidential Information for as long as Contractor maintains such Confidential Information.

(10) Complete and return with the Base Contract to HHS, attached as Attachment 2 to this DUA, the HHS Security and Privacy Initial Inquiry (SPI) at <https://hhs.texas.gov/laws-regulations/forms/miscellaneous/hhs-information-security-privacy-initial-inquiry-spi>. The SPI identifies basic privacy and security controls with which Contractor must comply to protect Confidential Information. Contractor shall comply with periodic security controls compliance assessment and monitoring by HHS as required by state and federal law, based on the type of Confidential Information Contractor creates, receives, maintains, uses, discloses or has access to and the Authorized Purpose and level of risk. Contractor's security controls shall be based on the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Special Publication 800-53. Contractor shall update its security controls assessment whenever there are significant changes in security controls for HHS Confidential Information and shall provide the updated document to HHS. HHS also reserves the right to request updates as needed to satisfy state and federal monitoring requirements.

(11) Comply with the HHS Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) and require each Subcontractor and Workforce member who has direct access to HHS Information Resources, as defined in the AUP, to execute an HHS Acceptable Use Agreement.

(12) Only conduct secure transmissions of Confidential Information whether in paper, oral or electronic form. A secure transmission of electronic Confidential Information *in motion* includes secure File Transfer Protocol (SFTP) or encryption at an appropriate level as required by rule, regulation or law. Confidential Information *at rest* requires encryption unless there is adequate administrative, technical, and physical security as required by rule, regulation or law. All electronic data transfer and communications of Confidential Information shall be through secure systems. Contractor shall provide proof of system, media or device security and/or encryption to HHS no later than 48 hours after HHS's written request in response to a compliance investigation, audit, or the Discovery of a Breach. HHS may also request production of proof of security at other times as necessary to satisfy state and federal monitoring requirements. Deidentification of Confidential Information in accordance with HIPAA de-identification standards is deemed secure.

(13) Designate and identify a person or persons, as Privacy Official and Information Security Official, each of whom is authorized to act on behalf of Contractor and is responsible for the development and implementation of the privacy and security requirements in this DUA. Contractor shall provide name and current address, phone number and e-mail address for such designated officials to HHS upon execution of this DUA and prior to any change. Upon written notice from HHS, Contractor shall promptly remove and replace such official(s) if such official(s) is not performing the required functions.

(14) Make available to HHS any information HHS requires to fulfill HHS's obligations to provide access to, or copies of, Confidential Information in accordance with applicable laws, regulations or demands of a regulatory authority relating to Confidential Information. Contractor shall provide such information in a time and manner reasonably agreed upon or as designated by the applicable law or regulatory authority.

(15) Comply with the following laws and standards *if applicable to the type of Confidential Information and Contractor's Authorized Purpose*:

- Title 1, Part 10, Chapter 202, Subchapter B, Texas Administrative Code;
- The Privacy Act of 1974;
- OMB Memorandum 17-12;
- The Federal Information Security Management Act of 2002 (FISMA);
- The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA);
- Internal Revenue Publication 1075 – Tax Information Security Guidelines for Federal, State and Local Agencies;
- National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Special Publication 800-66 Revision 1 – An Introductory Resource Guide for Implementing the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Security Rule;
- NIST Special Publications 800-53 and 800-53A – Recommended Security Controls for Federal Information Systems and Organizations, as currently revised;
- NIST Special Publication 800-47 – Security Guide for Interconnecting Information Technology Systems;
- NIST Special Publication 800-88, Guidelines for Media Sanitization;
- NIST Special Publication 800-111, Guide to Storage of Encryption Technologies for End User Devices containing PHI;
- Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act
- Texas Business and Commerce Code Chapter 521
- Any other State or Federal law, regulation, or administrative rule relating to the specific HHS program area that Contractor supports on behalf of HHS.

(16) Be permitted to use or disclose Confidential Information for the proper management and administration of Contractor or to carry out Contractor's legal responsibilities, except as otherwise limited by this DUA, the Base Contract, or law applicable to the Confidential Information, if:

- (a) Disclosure is Required by Law;
- (b) Contractor obtains reasonable assurances from the person to whom the information is disclosed that the person shall:
  1. Maintain the confidentiality of the Confidential Information in accordance with this DUA;
  2. Use or further disclose the information only as Required by Law or for the Authorized Purpose for which it was disclosed to the person; and
  3. Notify Contractor in accordance with Section 4.01 of a Breach of Confidential Information that the person Discovers or should have Discovered with the exercise of reasonable diligence.

**(C) With respect to ALL Confidential Information, Contractor shall NOT:**

- (1) Attempt to re-identify or further identify Confidential Information that has been deidentified or attempt to contact any persons whose records are contained in the Confidential Information, except for an Authorized Purpose, without express written authorization from HHS.
- (2) Engage in prohibited marketing or sale of Confidential Information.
- (3) Permit, or enter into any agreement with a Subcontractor to, create, receive, maintain, use, disclose, have access to or transmit Confidential Information, on behalf of HHS without requiring that Subcontractor first execute either the Form Subcontractor Agreement, Attachment 1, or Contractor's own Subcontractor agreement that ensures that the Subcontractor shall comply with the same safeguards and restrictions contained in this DUA for Confidential Information. Contractor is directly responsible for its Subcontractors' compliance with, and enforcement of, this DUA.

**ARTICLE 4. BREACH NOTICE, REPORTING AND CORRECTION REQUIREMENTS**

**Section 4.01. Cooperation and Financial Responsibility.**

- (A) Contractor shall, at Contractor's expense, cooperate fully with HHS in investigating, mitigating to the extent practicable, and issuing notifications as directed by HHS, for any Breach of Confidential Information.
- (B) Contractor shall make Confidential Information in Contractor's possession available pursuant to the requirements of HIPAA or other applicable law upon a determination of a Breach.
- (C) Contractor's obligation begins at the Discovery of a Breach and continues as long as related activity continues, until all effects of the Breach are mitigated to HHS's satisfaction (the "incident response period").

**Section 4.02. Initial Breach Notice.**

For federal information *obtained from a federal system of records*, including Federal Tax Information and Social Security Administration Data (which includes Medicaid and other governmental benefit program Confidential Information), Contractor shall notify HHS of the Breach within the first consecutive clock hour of Discovery. The Base Contract shall specify whether Confidential Information is obtained from a federal system of records. For all other types of Confidential Information Contractor shall notify HHS of the Breach not more than 24 hours after Discovery, *or in a timeframe otherwise approved by HHS in writing*. Contractor shall initially report to HHS's Privacy and Security Officers via email at: [privacy@HHSC.state.tx.us](mailto:privacy@HHSC.state.tx.us) and to the HHS division responsible for the Base Contract.

Contractor shall report all information reasonably available to Contractor about the Breach.

Contractor shall provide contact information to HHS for Contractor's single point of contact who will communicate with HHS both on and off business hours during the incident response period.

**Section 4.03 Third Business Day Notice:** No later than 5 p.m. on the third business day after Discovery, or a time within which Discovery reasonably should have been made by Contractor of a Breach of Confidential Information, Contractor shall provide written notification to HHS of all reasonably available information about the Breach, and Contractor's investigation, including, to the extent known to Contractor:

- a. The date the Breach occurred;

- b. The date of Contractor's and, if applicable, Subcontractor's Discovery;
- c. A brief description of the Breach, including how it occurred and who is responsible (or hypotheses, if not yet determined);
- d. A brief description of Contractor's investigation and the status of the investigation;
- e. A description of the types and amount of Confidential Information involved;
- f. Identification of and number of all individuals reasonably believed to be affected, including first and last name of the individual and if applicable, the Legally authorized representative, last known address, age, telephone number, and email address if it is a preferred contact method;
- g. Contractor's initial risk assessment of the Breach demonstrating whether individual or other notices are required by applicable law or this DUA for HHS approval, including an analysis of whether there is a low probability of compromise of the Confidential Information or whether any legal exceptions to notification apply;
- h. Contractor's recommendation for HHS's approval as to the steps individuals and/or Contractor on behalf of individuals, should take to protect the individuals from potential harm, including Contractor's provision of notifications, credit protection, claims monitoring, and any specific protections for a Legally Authorized Representative to take on behalf of an individual with special capacity or circumstances;
- i. The steps Contractor has taken to mitigate the harm or potential harm caused (including without limitation the provision of sufficient resources to mitigate);
- j. The steps Contractor has taken, or will take, to prevent or reduce the likelihood of recurrence of a similar Breach;
- k. Identify, describe or estimate of the persons, Workforce, Subcontractor, or individuals and any law enforcement that may be involved in the Breach;
- l. A reasonable schedule for Contractor to provide regular updates regarding response to the Breach, but no less than every three (3) business days, or as otherwise directed by HHS in writing, including information about risk estimations, reporting, notification, if any, mitigation, corrective action, root cause analysis and when such activities are expected to be completed; and
- m. Any reasonably available, pertinent information, documents or reports related to a Breach that HHS requests following Discovery.

#### **Section 4.04. Investigation, Response and Mitigation.**

- (A) Contractor shall immediately conduct a full and complete investigation, respond to the Breach, commit necessary and appropriate staff and resources to expeditiously respond, and report as required to HHS for incident response purposes and for purposes of HHS's compliance with report and notification requirements, to the satisfaction of HHS.
- (B) Contractor shall complete or participate in a risk assessment as directed by HHS following a Breach, and provide the final assessment, corrective actions and mitigations to HHS for review and approval.



(C) Contractor shall fully cooperate with HHS to respond to inquiries and/or proceedings by state and federal authorities, persons and/or individuals about the Breach.

(D) Contractor shall fully cooperate with HHS's efforts to seek appropriate injunctive relief or otherwise prevent or curtail such Breach, or to recover or protect any Confidential Information, including complying with reasonable corrective action or measures, as specified by HHS in a Corrective Action Plan if directed by HHS under the Base Contract.

**Section 4.05. Breach Notification to Individuals and Reporting to Authorities.**

(A) HHS may direct Contractor to provide Breach notification to individuals, regulators or third-parties, as specified by HHS following a Breach.

(B) Contractor must comply with all applicable legal and regulatory requirements in the time, manner and content of any notification to individuals, regulators or third-parties, or any notice required by other state or federal authorities, including without limitation, notifications required by Texas Business and Commerce Code, Chapter 521.053(b) and HIPAA. Notice letters will be in Contractor's name and on Contractor's letterhead, unless otherwise directed by HHS, and will contain contact information, including the name and title of Contractor's representative, an email address and a toll-free telephone number, for the individual to obtain additional information.

(C) Contractor shall provide HHS with draft notifications for HHS approval prior to distribution and copies of distributed and approved communications.

(D) Contractor shall have the burden of demonstrating to the satisfaction of HHS that any required notification was timely made. If there are delays outside of Contractor's control, Contractor shall provide written documentation to HHS of the reasons for the delay.

(E) If HHS directs Contractor to provide notifications, HHS shall, in the time and manner reasonably requested by Contractor, cooperate and assist with Contractor's information requests in order to make such notifications.

**ARTICLE 5. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**Section 5.01 Ownership of Confidential Information**

Contractor acknowledges and agrees that the Confidential Information is and shall remain the property of HHS. Contractor agrees it acquires no title or rights to the Confidential Information.

**Section 5.02 HHS Commitment and Obligations**

HHS will not request Contractor to create, maintain, transmit, use or disclose PHI in any manner that would not be permissible under applicable law if done by HHS.

**Section 5.03 HHS Right to Inspection**

At any time upon reasonable notice to Contractor, or if HHS determines that Contractor has violated this DUA, HHS, directly or through its agent, will have the right to inspect the facilities, systems, books and records of Contractor to monitor compliance with this DUA. For purposes of this subsection, HHS's agent(s) include, without limitation, the HHS Office of the Inspector General, the Office of the Attorney General of Texas, the State Auditor's Office, outside consultants, legal counsel or other designee.

#### **Section 5.04 Term; Termination of DUA; Survival**

This DUA will be effective on the date on which Contractor executes the Base Contract and will terminate upon termination of the Base Contract and as set forth herein. If the Base Contract is extended, this DUA is extended to run concurrent with the Base Contract.

(A) If HHS determines that Contractor has violated a material term of this DUA; HHS may in its sole discretion:

- (1) Exercise any of its rights including but not limited to reports, access and inspection under this DUA and/or the Base Contract; or
- (2) Require Contractor to submit to a corrective action plan, including a plan for monitoring and plan for reporting as HHS may determine necessary to maintain compliance with this DUA; or
- (3) Provide Contractor with a reasonable period to cure the violation as determined by HHS; or
- (4) Terminate the DUA and Base Contract immediately and seek relief in a court of competent jurisdiction in Travis County, Texas.

Before exercising any of these options, HHS will provide written notice to Contractor describing the violation and the action it intends to take.

(B) If neither termination nor cure is feasible, HHS shall report the violation to the applicable regulatory authorities.

(C) The duties of Contractor or its Subcontractor under this DUA survive the expiration or termination of this DUA until all the Confidential Information is Destroyed or returned to HHS, as required by this DUA.

#### **Section 5.05 Injunctive Relief**

(A) Contractor acknowledges and agrees that HHS may suffer irreparable injury if Contractor or its Subcontractor fails to comply with any of the terms of this DUA with respect to the Confidential Information or a provision of HIPAA or other laws or regulations applicable to Confidential Information.

(B) Contractor further agrees that monetary damages may be inadequate to compensate HHS for Contractor's or its Subcontractor's failure to comply. Accordingly, Contractor agrees that HHS will, in addition to any other remedies available to it at law or in equity, be entitled to seek injunctive relief without posting a bond and without the necessity of demonstrating actual damages, to enforce the terms of this DUA.

#### **Section 5.06 Indemnification**

To the extent permitted by the Texas Constitution, laws and rules, and without waiving any immunities or defenses available to CONTRACTOR as a governmental entity, Contractor shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless HHS and its respective Executive Commissioner, employees, Subcontractors, agents (including other state agencies acting on behalf of HHS) or other members of HHS' Workforce (each of the foregoing hereinafter referred to as "Indemnified Party") against all actual and direct losses suffered by the Indemnified Party and all liability to third parties arising from or in connection with any breach of this DUA or from any acts or omissions related to this DUA by Contractor or its employees, directors, officers,

Subcontractors, or agents or other members of Contractor's Workforce. The duty to indemnify, defend and hold harmless is independent of the duty to insure. Upon demand, Contractor shall reimburse HHS for any and all losses, liabilities, lost profits, fines, penalties, costs or expenses (including costs of required notices, investigation, and mitigation of a Breach, fines or penalties imposed on an Indemnified Party by a regulatory authority, and reasonable attorneys' fees) which may be imposed upon any Indemnified Party to the extent caused by and which results from the Contractor's failure to meet any of its obligations under this DUA. Contractor's obligation to defend, indemnify and hold harmless any Indemnified Party will survive the expiration or termination of this DUA.

#### **Section 5.07 Insurance**

(A) As a governmental entity, CONTRACTOR either maintains commercial insurance or self-insures with policy limits in an amount sufficient to cover CONTRACTOR's liability arising under this DUA. CONTRACTOR will either require that the policy name HHS as an additional insured or assign any payments from the insurer related to CONTRACTOR's liability arising under this DUA directly to HHS. HHSC reserves the right to consider alternative means for CONTRACTOR to satisfy CONTRACTOR's financial responsibility under this DUA. Nothing herein shall relieve CONTRACTOR of its financial obligations set forth in this DUA if CONTRACTOR fails to maintain insurance.

(B) Contractor shall provide HHS with written proof that required insurance coverage is in effect, at the request of HHS.

#### **Section 5.08 Entirety of the Contract**

This DUA is incorporated by reference into the Base Contract and, together with the Base Contract, constitutes the entire agreement between the parties. No change, waiver, or discharge of obligations arising under those documents will be valid unless in writing and executed by the party against whom such change, waiver, or discharge is sought to be enforced.

#### **Section 5.09 Automatic Amendment and Interpretation**

Upon the effective date of any amendment or issuance of additional regulations to any law applicable to Confidential Information, this DUA will automatically be amended so that the obligations imposed on HHS and/or Contractor remain in compliance with such requirements. Any ambiguity in this DUA will be resolved in favor of a meaning that permits HHS and Contractor to comply with laws applicable to Confidential Information.

#### **Section 5.10 Notices; Requests for Approval**

All notices and requests for approval related to this DUA must be directed to the HHS Chief Privacy Officer at [privacy@hhsc.state.tx.us](mailto:privacy@hhsc.state.tx.us).