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Date: June 9, 2026

To: Gary Bridges, Chairman
Lassen County Board of Supervisors

From: Jayson Vial, Agency Director
Lassen County Health and Social Services

Subject: Agreement No. 26-60123 between Lassen County and California Department of Health Care Services for administrative costs for the Medi-Cal Inmate Program. For the term of July, 1 2026 through June 30, 2029.

Background:

Lassen County Community Social Services Department respectfully requests your approval of Agreement No. 26-60123 for administrative services related to the Medi-Cal County Inmate Program (MCIP).

The California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) administers the MCIP, which supports counties in coordinating the Medi-Cal services for eligible incarcerated individuals. To participate in the program, counties are required to enter into an Administrative Services Agreement with DHCS. Agreement No. 26-60123 establishes the terms and conditions under which Lassen County will participate in the MICP and outlines the County's responsibilities related to the program administration and compliance.

Participation in the MCIP allows Lassen County to support continuity of care for eligible incarcerated individuals and ensure compliance with state and federal Medi-Cal requirements. Approval of Agreement No. 26-60123 will enable the County to continue participation in the program and fulfill its obligations related to the reimbursement of administrative costs incurred by DHCS in administering the program.

Fiscal Impact:

Unknown Fiscal Impact.

Action Requested:

1) Approve Agreement No. 26-60123; and 2) Authorize the County Administrative Officer to execute the agreement.

MEDI-CAL COUNTY INMATE PROGRAM AGREEMENT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

This agreement is made and entered into on this 1st day of July, 2026, between the California Department of Health Care Services ("DHCS") and Lassen ("County," and together with DHCS, "Parties").

1. Intent of Agreement

This purpose of this Agreement for Reimbursement for Administrative Costs for the Medi-Cal Inmate Program (MCIP) is to reimburse DHCS for the administrative costs associated with the MCIP, as further described in Welfare & Institutions Code (WIC) sections 14053.7 and 14053.8, Penal Code section 5072, 42 U.S.C. section 1396d(a)(30)(a).

2. Parties

The parties to this Agreement are DHCS, the single state agency responsible for administering the California Medical Assistance Program (Medi-Cal), including MCIP, pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code section 14100.1, and the County of Lassen.

3. Authority

This Agreement is authorized by Welfare and Institutions Code sections 14053.7 and 14053.8 and Penal Code section 5072.

4. Term of the Agreement

The term of this Agreement shall be from July 1, 2026 through and including June 30, 2029 ("Contract Term").

5. Definitions

- A. "Certified Public Expenditure Process" or "CPE Process" means the process established for Medi-Cal under state law (including but not limited to Welfare and Institutions Code section 14166.1, et seq.), the California Medi-Cal State Plan, and approved Medicaid demonstration projects and waivers through which public Medi-Cal providers claim Federal Financial Participation (FFP) for allowable expenditures.
- B. "Days" as used in this Agreement shall mean calendar days unless specified otherwise.

- C. "Demonstration Project" means the California Medi-Cal 2020 Demonstration, Number 11-W-00193/9, as approved by CMS effective beginning December 30, 2015 and any successor demonstration projects.
- D. "Designated Public Hospital" has the meaning set forth in the Demonstration Project, and codified in state law at Welfare and Institutions Code section 14184.10, subdivision (f) pursuant to SB 815 (2016), and may be modified from time to time.
- E. "Inmate" as used in this Agreement means persons identified in Welfare and Institutions Code sections 14053.7(e)(2)(A) and 14053.8(k) "Juvenile Inmate," and Government Code sections 26605.6(a) "Prisoner," 26605.7(a) "Prisoner" and (d)(1) "Probationer," and 26605.8 "Prisoner" and "Probationer."
- F. "MCIP" or "Medi-Cal County Inmate Program" includes the following three components: the Adult County Inmate Program (ACIP), as authorized in state law pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code section 14053.7 and Penal Code section 5072, the Juvenile County Ward Program (JCWP), as authorized in Welfare and Institutions Code section 14053.8, and the County Compassionate Release Program (CCRP) and County Medical Probation Program (CMPP), as authorized by Government Code sections 26605.6, 26605.7, and 26605.8.
- G. "MCIP Administrative Services" means the administrative services provided by DHCS personnel for the administration of MCIP.
- H. "Medi-Cal provider" means, any individual, partnership, group association, corporation, institution, or entity and the officer, directors, owners, managing employees or agents of any partnership, group association, corporation, institution, or entity that provides services, goods, supplies, or merchandise, directly or indirectly, to a Medi-Cal beneficiary, and that has been enrolled in the Medi-Cal program.
- I. State Fiscal Year (SFY) means July 1st of each calendar year through June 30th in the subsequent calendar year.

6. Maximum Payable Amount

The maximum payable amount that the County shall be obligated to pay for MCIP administrative services rendered under this Agreement shall not exceed its share of the non-federal share of DHCS' administrative costs and shall not exceed \$837.05, which shall be based on a methodology specified in Addendum A.

- A. The maximum payable amount shall be further subject to the allocated State Fiscal Year's (SFY's) annual limits not to exceed:

\$257.86 for July 1, 2026, through and including June 30, 2027

\$278.33 for July 1, 2027, through and including June 30, 2028
\$300.85 for July 1, 2028, through and including June 30, 2029

For future contract periods not covered under this Agreement, the maximum payable amount shall be determined through a new Agreement or an amendment to this Agreement.

7. Contact Persons

Any notice, request, demand, or other communication required or permitted hereunder, shall be deemed to be properly given when furnished in writing to the following:

A. In the case of the County to:

Jessica Blacka, Lassen County Health Services Administrator
County of Lassen
1405 Sheriff Cady Lane
Susanville, CA 9613

Or to such person or address as the County may furnish in writing to DHCS.

B. In the case of DHCS to:

California Department of Health Care Services
Local Governmental Financing Division
County Based Claiming & Inmate Services Section
Attn: Inmate Medi-Cal Claiming Unit
1501 Capitol Avenue, MS 2628
P.O. Box 997436
Sacramento, CA 95899-7436

Or to such person or address as DHCS may, from time to time, furnish in writing or to the County.

8. Payment Terms and Invoicing

A. General Terms

1. DHCS shall submit an annual invoice to the County for the County's apportioned share of the nonfederal share of the MCIP administrative services performed by DHCS during the period billed.
2. The County shall pay DHCS for the County's apportioned share of the non-federal share of MCIP administrative services performed by DHCS which shall be based on a methodology specified in Addendum A within 60 days of receipt of an invoice.

3. Failure by the County to timely pay DHCS shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement which, at DHCS' discretion, may result in termination of both this Agreement and the MCIP Evergreen Provider Agreement (PA) by DHCS. The County may cure such breach by rendering payment of the amount owed to DHCS three days prior to the termination of this Agreement or the PA.
4. The County shall not make payments for any invoice or portion thereof exceeding the respective maximum payable amount for the SFY invoiced. Payment for any MCIP administrative services performed by DHCS exceeding the respective maximum payable amount shall require an amendment to this Agreement. If the County fails to execute a retroactive amendment to the maximum payable amount under this Agreement, DHCS shall terminate both the Agreement and the PA.
5. Payments shall be sent to DHCS at the following address, or such other address as may specify in writing:

California Department of Health Care Services
Local Governmental Financing Division
County Based Claiming & Inmate Services Section
Attn: Inmate Medi-Cal Claiming Unit
1501 Capitol Avenue, MS 2628
P.O. Box 997436
Sacramento, CA 95899-7436

9. DHCS Responsibilities

A. MCIP Administrative Services

1. DHCS shall perform the services related to administering the MCIP described in Schedule A, attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein, or the purpose of claiming federal reimbursement for MCIP services. It is understood by both parties that the County shall perform all other administrative services not set forth in Schedule A.
2. DHCS shall maintain accounting records for personnel services at the level of detail as described in Schedule A. Additionally, these records shall identify any equipment utilized and all related operating expenses.
3. DHCS shall submit to the County an annual invoice for the County's apportioned share of the nonfederal share of MCIP administrative services performed by DHCS based on Addendum A. The annual invoice for reimbursement shall identify the following summarized categories of DHCS' costs for

the allocated SFY period billed: (i) salary, (ii) benefits, (iii) operating expenses, and (iv) total costs. Costs shall be multiplied by one (1) minus the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) applicable to such administrative costs subject to the limit on the amount reimbursable by the County. The maximum payable amount shall not exceed the County's apportioned share, which shall be based on the methodology specified in Addendum A.

B. General Responsibilities

1. Should the scope of work for this Agreement conflict with DHCS' responsibilities under federal Medicaid law, those responsibilities shall take precedence.
2. DHCS' cessation of any services due to federal Medicaid responsibilities does not relieve the County of the obligation to reimburse DHCS for administrative costs incurred by DHCS in connection with this Agreement for periods in which the County participated in MCIP.
3. DHCS agrees to provide to the County, or any federal or state department with monitoring, auditing or reviewing authority, access to and the right to examine its applicable records and documents for compliance with relevant federal and state statutes, regulations, and this Agreement.

10. County Responsibilities

A. MCIP Administrative Services

1. As a condition of participation, the County accepts responsibility for reimbursing DHCS for the County's apportioned share of the nonfederal share of costs of MCIP administrative services based on Addendum A.
2. The County shall reimburse DHCS its allotted portion of the nonfederal share of funding allocated for compensation, associated operating expenses, equipment, and travel costs for no more than 3.75 full-time equivalent (FTE) positions composed of: one-quarter (0.25) FTE Supervisor II, one-half (0.50) FTE Supervisor I, one (1) FTE Health Program Specialist I, one (1) FTE Analyst I/Analyst II, one-half (0.50) FTE Attorney, and one-half (0.50) FTE Accounting Officer, to be established and housed at DHCS, to support the reported expenditures submission process for obtaining federal reimbursement under this Agreement.
3. If a County does not participate in MCIP or does not abide by the terms of this Agreement, the County remains responsible for arranging for and paying for medical care for its MCIP eligible beneficiaries.

B. General Responsibilities

1. Upon compliance with all applicable provisions of this Agreement and applicable laws, the County may send its MCIP eligible beneficiaries to Medical providers to receive MCIP services.
2. The County shall reimburse DHCS pursuant to Paragraph A with funds from the County's General Fund, or from any other funds allowed under federal law and regulation.
3. In the event of a federal deferral or disallowance applicable to MCIP expenditures, the County shall provide all documents requested by DHCS within fourteen (14) days of DHCS' request.

11. Amendments

Amendments to this Agreement shall be considered binding on the Parties when made in writing and signed by the Parties to this Agreement, and, if required by State law, by approval of the California Department of General Services. Notwithstanding the previous sentence, any changes made to the contact persons identified in Article 7 may be made by written communication, including e-mail, to the other contact person or persons and without formal amendment.

12. Termination and Agreement Disputes

- A. This Agreement may be terminated by either party upon written notice given at least 30 days prior to the termination date. Notice shall be addressed to the respective parties identified in Article 7. The County shall remain obligated to pay for all MCIP administrative costs incurred by DHCS for periods in which the County participated in the MCIP.
- B. This Agreement shall terminate upon cessation of the MCIP. The County shall remain obligated to pay for all of the County's apportioned share of MCIP administrative costs incurred by DHCS for periods in which the County participated in MCIP.
- C. Termination of this Agreement will automatically terminate the County's MCIP Evergreen PA.

13. General Provisions

- A. Approval. This Agreement is of no force or effect until signed by an authorized representative of both Parties.
- B. Indemnification. It is agreed that the County shall defend, hold harmless, and indemnify DHCS, its officers, employees, and agents from any and all reported expenditures, liability, loss, or expense (including reasonable attorney fees) for

injuries or damage to any person, any property, or both which arise out of the terms and conditions of this Agreement and the negligent or intentional acts or omissions of the County, its officers, employees, or agents.

- C. Severability. If any term, condition, or provision of this Agreement is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, void, or unenforceable, the remaining provisions will nevertheless continue in full force and effect, and shall not be affected, impaired or invalidated in any way. Notwithstanding the previous sentence, if a decision by a court of competent jurisdiction invalidates, voids, or renders unenforceable a term, condition, or provision in this Agreement that is included in the purpose of this Agreement then the parties to this Agreement shall either amend this Agreement pursuant to Article 11, or it shall be terminated pursuant to Article 12.

- D. Records. DHCS and the County shall maintain and preserve all records relating to this Agreement for a period of three years from DHCS' receipt of the last payment of FFP, or until three years after all audit findings are resolved, whichever is later. This does not limit any responsibilities of DHCS or the County provided for elsewhere in this Agreement, or in state or federal law.

- E. Compliance with Applicable Laws. All parties performance under this Agreement shall be in accordance with all applicable federal and state laws, including, but not limited to:
 - 1. The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended;
 - 2. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended;
 - 3. Title XIX of the Social Security Act;
 - 4. Welfare and Institutions Code section 14000 et seq.;
 - 5. Government Code section 53060;
 - 6. The California Medicaid State Plan;
 - 7. Applicable laws and regulations related to licensure, certification, confidentiality of records, quality assurance, and nondiscrimination;
 - 8. The Policy and Procedure Letters, and similar instructions, published with regulatory authority;
 - 9. Government Code sections 26605.6, 26605.7, and 26605.8;
 - 10. Penal Code section 5072;

11. 42 Code of Federal Regulations; and,

12. Applicable sections of the California Code of Regulations.

F. Controlling Law and Venue. The validity of this Agreement and its terms or provisions, as well as the rights and duties of the parties hereunder, the interpretation and performance of this Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of California. Venue for any action brought concerning this Agreement shall be in any county in which the Attorney General maintains an office.

G. Integration Clause.

1. This Agreement and any exhibits and addendums attached hereto shall constitute the entire Agreement among the parties to it pertaining to the implementation of MCIP and supersedes any prior or contemporaneous understanding or agreement with respect to the subject matter of this Agreement.

2. Notwithstanding Subparagraph G.1., DHCS Form 9098 or DHCS Form 6208 (whichever is applicable) is incorporated by reference into this Agreement if the County has a DHCS Form 9098 or DHCS Form 6208 on record. Notwithstanding Subparagraph G.1., the terms of the DHCS Form 9098 or DHCS Form 6208 control to the extent there is a conflict with this Agreement, except for Article 10 of this Agreement. If the DHCS Form 9098 or DHCS Form 6208 does not address a matter addressed by this Agreement, then this Agreement controls.

H. Assignment. No assignment of this Agreement or of the rights and obligations hereunder shall be valid without the prior written consent of both Parties.

I. Conformance Clause. Any provision of this Agreement in conflict with present or future governing authorities is hereby amended to conform to those authorities and such amended provisions supersede any conflicting provisions in this Agreement. The governing authorities include, but are not limited to the authorities listed in Article 13.D.

J. Waiver. No covenant, condition, duty, obligation, or undertaking made a part of this Agreement shall be waived except by amendment of the Agreement by the parties hereto, and forbearance or indulgence in any other form or manner by either party in any regard whatsoever shall not constitute a waiver of the covenant, condition, duty, obligation, or undertaking to be kept, performed, or discharged by the other party to which the same may apply; and, until performance or satisfaction of all covenants, duties, obligations, or undertakings is complete, the party shall have the right to invoke any remedy available under this Agreement, or under law, notwithstanding such forbearance or indulgence.

- K. Third Party Beneficiaries. None of the provisions of this Agreement are or shall be construed as for the benefit of, or enforceable by, any person not a party to this Agreement.
- L. Conflict of Interest. The County is subject to the Medi-Cal Conflict of Interest Law, as applicable and set forth in Welfare and Institutions Code section 14022 and Article 1.1 (commencing with Welfare and Institutions Code section 14047), and implemented pursuant to 22 California Code of Regulations, section 51466.
- M. Budget Contingency Clause. If funding associated with MCIP for any SFY is reduced by the State Budget Act, DHCS shall have the option to cancel this Agreement with no liability occurring to the State.
- N. Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which will be considered an original, but all of which together will constitute one and the same instrument.
- O. Confidentiality. The County shall comply with the applicable confidentiality requirements as specified in Section 1902(a)(7) of the Social Security Act; 42 Code of Federal Regulations, part 431.300; Welfare and Institutions Code section 14100.2; and 22 California Code of Regulations, section 51009; and, the Business Associates Agreement attached and hereby incorporated by reference.
- P. Survival. All representations, warranties, and covenants contained in this Agreement, or in any instrument, certificate, exhibit, or other writing intended by the Parties to survive this Agreement, including but not limited to the County's obligation to reimburse DHCS for administrative services related to supplemental payments made during the Contract Term.
- Q. Contract Execution. Unless otherwise prohibited by law or either Parties' policy, the Parties agree that an electronic copy of a signed contract, or an electronically signed contract, has the same force and legal effect as a contract executed with an original ink signature. The term "electronic copy of a signed contract" refers to a transmission by facsimile, electronic mail, or other electronic means of a copy of an original signed contract in a portable document format. The term "electronically signed contract" means a contract that is executed by applying an electronic signature using technology approved by both Parties.

The signatories to this Agreement represent and warrant that they have full and binding authority to the commitments contained herein on behalf of their respective entity.

County of _____

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES
Contracts Section**

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Approved as to Form

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Lassen County Counsel

**SCHEDULE A
SCOPE OF WORK**

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES (DHCS)

DHCS agrees to:

1. Calculate the actual costs for administrative accounting, policy development, and data processing maintenance services, including the indirect costs related to the MCIP program provided by its staff, which is in accordance with the provisions of Section 1903(w) of the Social Security Act and 42 Code of Federal Regulations, part 433, subpart B.
2. Lead the development, implementation, and administration of the MCIP.
3. Submit claims for Federal Financial Participation (FFP) based on Certified Public Expenditures (CPE) from participating MCIP counties.
4. On an annual basis, submit any necessary materials to the federal government to provide assurances that claims for FFP will include only those expenditures that are allowable under federal law.
5. Maintain accounting records to a level of detail that identifies the actual expenditures incurred for personnel services including salary or wages, benefits, and overhead costs for DHCS' staff. Additionally, these records will identify any equipment and all related operating expenses applicable to these positions. Records should include, but not be limited to general expense, rent and supplies for identified staff and managerial staff working specifically on services or assignments directly related to the MCIP.
6. Ensure that an appropriate audit trail exists within DHCS' records and accounting system and maintain expenditure data as indicated in this Agreement.
7. Designate a person to act as liaison with the County for issues arising from this Agreement. This person shall be identified to the County's contact person for this Agreement.
8. Provide a written response to the County's contact person within 30 days of receiving a written request for information related to the MCIP.
9. Provide the County with accounting, program technical assistance, and training related to the MCIP.
10. Maintain an invoice tracking system for MCIP and provide a report on an annual basis.

11. Establish an annual MCIP administrative cost based on Addendum A.

12. Invoice the County on an annual basis for administrative services and costs.

ADDENDUM A: MCIP Administrative Costs

The MCIP Administrative Contract is a three-year contract. At the beginning of each calendar year, counties have the opportunity to inform DHCS of their intent to continue participation in MCIP for the upcoming State Fiscal Year (SFY) by completing the MCIP Letter of Intent (LOI).

The methodology for calculating each county's nonfederal share of administrative costs was developed by DHCS in consultation with the California State Association of Counties, County Health Executives Association of California, California Association of Public Hospitals and Health Systems, and the California State Sheriffs' Association. The nonfederal share of administrative costs allocated to each county is based on the following:

- 1) 30% of the total administrative costs will be distributed evenly to participating counties over 50,000 in population. *
- 2) 70% of the total administrative costs will be allocated to participating counties pro-rata based on population. *

**Population data will be obtained from the California Department of Finance, Demographic Estimates*

To account for a cost-of-living adjustment on a yearly basis after the initial SFY of the current Agreement, DHCS will include a year over year growth factor of 8% to the maximum payable amount of the annual administrative cost for each subsequent SFY. DHCS will invoice participating counties for the nonfederal share of administrative costs annually after the close of the previous fiscal year based on actual administrative costs per the methodology above.

Business Associate Addendum

1. This Agreement has been determined to constitute a business associate relationship under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) and its implementing privacy and security regulations at 45 Code of Federal Regulations, Parts 160 and 164 (collectively, and as used in this Agreement)
2. The term "Agreement" as used in this document refers to and includes both this Business Associate Addendum and the contract to which this Business Associate Agreement is attached as an exhibit, if any.
3. For purposes of this Agreement, the term "Business Associate" shall have the same meaning as set forth in 45 CFR section 160.103.
4. The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) intends that Business Associate may create, receive, maintain, transmit or aggregate certain information pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, some of which information may constitute Protected Health Information (PHI) and/or confidential information protected by Federal and/or state laws.
 - 4.1 As used in this Agreement and unless otherwise stated, the term "PHI" refers to and includes both "PHI" as defined at 45 CFR section 160.103 and Personal Information (PI) as defined in the Information Practices Act (IPA) at California Civil Code section 1798.3(a). PHI includes information in any form, including paper, oral, and electronic.
 - 4.2 As used in this Agreement, the term "confidential information" refers to information not otherwise defined as PHI in Section 4.1 of this Agreement, but to which state and/or federal privacy and/or security protections apply.
5. Contractor (however named elsewhere in this Agreement) is the Business Associate of DHCS acting on DHCS's behalf and provides services or arranges, performs or assists in the performance of functions or activities on behalf of DHCS, and may create, receive, maintain, transmit, aggregate, use or disclose PHI (collectively, "use or disclose PHI") in order to fulfill Business Associate's obligations under this Agreement. DHCS and Business Associate are each a party to this Agreement and are collectively referred to as the "parties."
6. The terms used in this Agreement, but not otherwise defined, shall have the same meanings as those terms in HIPAA and/or the IPA. Any reference to statutory or regulatory language shall be to such language as in effect or as amended.
7. **Permitted Uses and Disclosures of PHI by Business Associate.** Except as otherwise indicated in this Agreement, Business Associate may use or disclose PHI, inclusive of de-identified data derived from such PHI, only to perform functions, activities or services specified in this Agreement on behalf of DHCS, provided that such use or disclosure would not violate HIPAA or other applicable laws if done by DHCS.
 - 7.1 **Specific Use and Disclosure Provisions.** Except as otherwise indicated in this Agreement, Business Associate may use and disclose PHI if necessary for the proper management and administration of the Business Associate or to carry out the legal responsibilities of the Business Associate. Business Associate may disclose PHI for this purpose if the disclosure is required by law, or the Business Associate obtains reasonable assurances from the person to whom the information is disclosed that it will be held confidentially and used or further disclosed only as required by law or for the purposes for which it was disclosed to the person. The person shall notify the Business Associate of any instances of which the person is aware that the confidentiality of the information has been breached, unless such person is a treatment provider not acting as a business associate of Business Associate.
 - 7.2 **Nondisclosure.** Business Associate shall not use or disclose PHI or other confidential information other than as permitted or required by this Agreement or as required by law.

8. Compliance with Other Applicable Law

- 8.1 To the extent that other state and/or federal laws provide additional, stricter and/or more protective (collectively, more protective) privacy and/or security protections to PHI or other confidential information covered under this Agreement beyond those provided through HIPAA, Business Associate agrees:
- 8.1.1 To comply with the more protective of the privacy and security standards set forth in applicable state or federal laws to the extent such standards provide a greater degree of protection and security than HIPAA or are otherwise more favorable to the individuals whose information is concerned; and
- 8.1.2 To treat any violation of such additional and/or more protective standards as a breach or security incident, as appropriate, pursuant to Section 19. of this Agreement.
- 8.2 Examples of laws that provide additional and/or stricter privacy protections to certain types of PHI and/or confidential information, as defined in Section 4. of this Agreement, include, but are not limited to the Information Practices Act, California Civil Code sections 1798-1798.78, Confidentiality of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Patient Records, 42 CFR Part 2, Welfare and Institutions Code section 5328, and California Health and Safety Code section 11845.5.
- 8.3 If Business Associate is a Qualified Service Organization (QSO) as defined in 42 CFR section 2.11, Business Associate agrees to be bound by and comply with subdivisions (2)(i) and (2)(ii) under the definition of QSO in 42 CFR section 2.11.

9. Additional Responsibilities of Business Associate

9.1 Safeguards and Security.

- 9.1.1 Business Associate shall use safeguards that reasonably and appropriately protect the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of PHI and other confidential data and comply, where applicable, with subpart C of 45 CFR Part 164 with respect to electronic protected health information, to prevent use or disclosure of the information other than as provided for by this Agreement. Such safeguards shall be based on applicable Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) Publication 199 protection levels.
- 9.1.2 Business Associate shall, at a minimum, utilize a National Institute of Standards and Technology Special Publication (NIST SP) 800-53 compliant security framework when selecting and implementing its security controls and shall maintain continuous compliance with NIST SP 800-53 as it may be updated from time to time. The current version of NIST SP 800-53, Revision 5, is available online at <https://csrc.nist.gov/publications/detail/sp/800-53/rev-5/final>; updates will be available online at <https://csrc.nist.gov/publications/sp800>.
- 9.1.3 Business Associate shall employ FIPS 140-3 validated encryption of PHI at rest and in motion unless Business Associate determines it is not reasonable and appropriate to do so based upon a risk assessment, and equivalent alternative measures are in place and documented as such. FIPS 140-3 validation can be determined online at <https://csrc.nist.gov/projects/cryptographic-module-validation-program/validated-modules/search>. In addition, Business Associate shall maintain, at a minimum, the most current industry standards for transmission and storage of PHI and other confidential information.
- 9.1.4 Business Associate shall apply security patches and upgrades, and keep virus software up-to-date, on all systems on which PHI and other confidential information may be used.
- 9.1.5 Business Associate shall ensure that all members of its workforce with access to PHI and/or other confidential information sign a confidentiality statement prior to access to such data. The statement must be renewed annually.

- 9.1.6** Business Associate shall identify the security official who is responsible for the development and implementation of the policies and procedures required by 45 CFR Part 164, Subpart C.
- 9.1.7** Remote access to PHI from outside the continental United States, inclusive of remote access to PHI by Business Associate's support staff in identified support centers, is prohibited.
- 9.1.8** Business Associate shall only store PHI in a data center physically located within the continental United States.
- 9.2 Business Associate's Agent.** Business Associate shall ensure that any agents, subcontractors, subawardees, vendors or others (collectively, "agents") that use or disclose PHI and/or confidential information on behalf of Business Associate agree to the same restrictions and conditions that apply to Business Associate with respect to such PHI and/or confidential information.
- 10. Mitigation of Harmful Effects.** Business Associate shall mitigate, to the extent practicable, any harmful effect that is known to Business Associate of a use or disclosure of PHI and other confidential information in violation of the requirements of this Agreement.
- 11. Access to PHI.** Business Associate shall make PHI available in accordance with 45 CFR section 164.524.
- 12. Amendment of PHI.** Business Associate shall make PHI available for amendment and incorporate any amendments to protected health information in accordance with 45 CFR section 164.526.
- 13. Accounting for Disclosures.** Business Associate shall make available the information required to provide an accounting of disclosures in accordance with 45 CFR section 164.528.
- 14. Collaboration.** The parties shall collaborate as appropriate and necessary to ensure compliance with this Agreement, including but not limited to Sections 11 – 13 of this Agreement. The parties acknowledge and agree that neither party intends that this Agreement shall create obligations and/or liabilities that do not otherwise exist as appropriate based on the nature of the work performed and applicable law.
- 15. Compliance with DHCS Obligations.** To the extent Business Associate is to carry out an obligation of DHCS under 45 CFR Part 164, Subpart E, comply with the requirements of the subpart that apply to DHCS in the performance of such obligation.
- 16. Access to Practices, Books and Records.** Business Associate shall make its internal practices, books, and records relating to the use and disclosure of PHI on behalf of DHCS available to the federal Secretary of Health and Human Services for purposes of determining DHCS' compliance with 45 CFR Part 164, Subpart E.
- 17. Return or Destroy PHI on Termination; Survival.** At termination of this Agreement, if feasible, Business Associate shall return or destroy all PHI and other confidential information received from, or created or received by Business Associate on behalf of, DHCS that Business Associate still maintains in any form and retain no copies of such information. If return or destruction is not feasible, Business Associate shall notify DHCS of the conditions that make the return or destruction infeasible, and DHCS and Business Associate shall determine the terms and conditions under which Business Associate may retain the PHI. If such return or destruction is not feasible, Business Associate shall extend the protections of this Agreement to the information and limit further uses and disclosures to those purposes that make the return or destruction of the information infeasible.
- 18. Special Provision for SSA Data.** If Business Associate receives data from or on behalf of DHCS that was verified by or provided by the Social Security Administration (SSA data) and is subject to an agreement between DHCS and SSA, Business Associate shall provide, upon request by DHCS, a list of all employees and agents and employees who have access to such data, including employees and agents of its agents, to DHCS.

19. Breaches and Security Incidents. Business Associate shall implement reasonable systems for the discovery and prompt reporting of any breach or security incident, and take the following steps:

19.1 Notice to DHCS.

- 19.1.1** Business Associate shall notify DHCS **immediately** upon the discovery of a suspected breach or security incident that involves SSA data. This notification shall be provided via the DHCS Incident Reporting Portal upon discovery of the breach. If Business Associate is unable to provide notification via the DHCS Incident Reporting Portal, then Business Associate shall provide notice by email or telephone to DHCS.
- 19.1.2** Business Associate shall notify DHCS **within 24** hours via the online DHCS Incident Reporting Portal (or by email or telephone if Business Associate is unable to use the DHCS Incident Reporting Portal) of the discovery of the following, unless attributable to a treatment provider that is not acting as a business associate of Business Associate:
- 19.1.2.1** Unsecured PHI if the PHI is reasonably believed to have been accessed or acquired by an unauthorized person;
- 19.1.2.2** Any suspected security incident which risks unauthorized access to PHI and/or other confidential information;
- 19.1.2.3** Any intrusion or unauthorized access, use or disclosure of PHI in violation of this Agreement; or
- 19.1.2.4** Potential loss of confidential information affecting this Agreement.
- 19.1.3** Notice submitted to the DHCS Incident Reporting Portal will be sent to the DHCS Program Contract Manager (as applicable), the DHCS Privacy Office, and the DHCS Information Security Office. If providing notice to DHCS via email, use the DHCS contact information at Section 19.6 below (collectively, "DHCS Contacts").

Notice shall be made using the DHCS Incident Reporting Portal via the link on the DHCS Data Privacy Website online at

<https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/formsandpubs/laws/priv/Pages/default.aspx>

Notice via email shall be made using the current DHCS "Privacy Incident Reporting Form" and shall include all information known at the time the incident is reported. The form is available online at

<https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/formsandpubs/laws/priv/Documents/Privacy-Incident-Report-PIR.pdf>

Upon discovery of a breach or suspected security incident, intrusion or unauthorized access, use or disclosure of PHI, Business Associate shall take:

- 19.1.3.1** Prompt action to mitigate any risks or damages involved with the security incident or breach; and
- 19.1.3.2** Any action pertaining to such unauthorized disclosure required by applicable Federal and State law.

19.2 Investigation. Business Associate shall immediately investigate such security incident or breach.

19.3 Complete Report. Business Associate shall provide a complete report of the investigation to DHCS within ten (10) working days of the discovery of the security incident or breach. This complete report must include any applicable additional information not included in the initial submission. The complete report shall include an assessment of all known factors relevant to a determination of whether a breach occurred under HIPAA and other applicable federal and state laws. The report shall also include a full, detailed corrective action plan, including its implementation date and information on mitigation measures taken to halt and/or contain the improper use or disclosure. If DHCS requests additional information, Business Associate shall make reasonable efforts to provide DHCS with such information. DHCS will review and approve or disapprove Business Associate’s determination of whether a breach occurred, whether the security incident or breach is reportable to the appropriate entities, if individual notifications are required, and Business Associate’s corrective action plan.

19.3.1 If Business Associate does not submit a complete report within the ten (10) working day timeframe, Business Associate shall request approval from DHCS within the ten (10) working day timeframe of a new submission timeframe for the complete report.

19.4 Notification of Individuals. If the cause of a breach is attributable to Business Associate or its agents, other than when attributable to a treatment provider that is not acting as a business associate of Business Associate, Business Associate shall notify individuals accordingly and shall pay all costs of such notifications, as well as all costs associated with the breach. The notifications shall comply with applicable federal and state law. DHCS shall approve the time, manner and content of any such notifications and their review and approval must be obtained before the notifications are made.

19.5 Responsibility for Reporting of Breaches to Entities Other than DHCS. If the cause of a breach of PHI is attributable to Business Associate or its agents, other than when attributable to a treatment provider that is not acting as a business associate of Business Associate, Business Associate is responsible for all required reporting of the breach as required by applicable federal and state law.

19.6 DHCS Contact Information. To contact the above referenced DHCS staff, the Contractor shall initiate contact as indicated here. DHCS reserves the right to make changes to the contact information below by giving written notice to Business Associate. These changes shall not require an amendment to this Agreement.

DHCS Program Contract Manager	DHCS Privacy Office	DHCS Information Security Office
See the Scope of Work exhibit for Program Contract Manager information. If this Business Associate Agreement is not attached as an exhibit to a contract, contact the DHCS signatory to this Agreement.	Privacy Office c/o: Data Privacy Unit Department of Health Care Services P.O. Box 997413, MS 4722 Sacramento, CA 95899-7413 Email: incidents@dhcs.ca.gov Telephone: (916) 445-4646	Information Security Office Department of Health Care Services P.O. Box 997413, MS 6400 Sacramento, CA 95899-7413 Email: incidents@dhcs.ca.gov

20. Responsibility of DHCS. DHCS agrees to not request the Business Associate to use or disclose PHI in any manner that would not be permissible under HIPAA and/or other applicable federal and/or state law.

21. Audits, Inspection and Enforcement

21.1 From time to time, DHCS may inspect the facilities, systems, books and records of Business Associate to monitor compliance with this Agreement. Business Associate shall promptly remedy any violation of this Agreement and shall certify the same to the DHCS Privacy Officer in writing. Whether or how

DHCS exercises this provision shall not in any respect relieve Business Associate of its responsibility to comply with this Agreement.

- 21.2** If Business Associate is the subject of an audit, compliance review, investigation or any proceeding that is related to the performance of its obligations pursuant to this Agreement, or is the subject of any judicial or administrative proceeding alleging a violation of HIPAA, Business Associate shall promptly notify DHCS unless it is legally prohibited from doing so.

22. Termination

- 22.1 Termination for Cause.** Upon DHCS' knowledge of a violation of this Agreement by Business Associate, DHCS may in its discretion:

22.1.1 Provide an opportunity for Business Associate to cure the violation and terminate this Agreement if Business Associate does not do so within the time specified by DHCS; or

22.1.2 Terminate this Agreement if Business Associate has violated a material term of this Agreement.

- 22.2 Judicial or Administrative Proceedings.** DHCS may terminate this Agreement if Business Associate is found to have violated HIPAA, or stipulates or consents to any such conclusion, in any judicial or administrative proceeding.

23. Miscellaneous Provisions

- 23.1 Disclaimer.** DHCS makes no warranty or representation that compliance by Business Associate with this Agreement will satisfy Business Associate's business needs or compliance obligations. Business Associate is solely responsible for all decisions made by Business Associate regarding the safeguarding of PHI and other confidential information.

23.2. Amendment.

23.2.1 Any provision of this Agreement which is in conflict with current or future applicable Federal or State laws is hereby amended to conform to the provisions of those laws. Such amendment of this Agreement shall be effective on the effective date of the laws necessitating it, and shall be binding on the parties even though such amendment may not have been reduced to writing and formally agreed upon and executed by the parties.

23.2.2 Failure by Business Associate to take necessary actions required by amendments to this Agreement under Section 23.2.1 shall constitute a material violation of this Agreement.

- 23.3 Assistance in Litigation or Administrative Proceedings.** Business Associate shall make itself and its employees and agents available to DHCS at no cost to DHCS to testify as witnesses, or otherwise, in the event of litigation or administrative proceedings being commenced against DHCS, its directors, officers and/or employees based upon claimed violation of HIPAA, which involve inactions or actions by the Business Associate.

- 23.4 No Third-Party Beneficiaries.** Nothing in this Agreement is intended to or shall confer, upon any third person any rights or remedies whatsoever.

- 23.5 Interpretation.** The terms and conditions in this Agreement shall be interpreted as broadly as necessary to implement and comply with HIPAA and other applicable laws.

- 23.6 No Waiver of Obligations.** No change, waiver or discharge of any liability or obligation hereunder on any one or more occasions shall be deemed a waiver of performance of any continuing or other obligation, or shall prohibit enforcement of any obligation, on any other occasion.