

**AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES #9284**  
Adult Residential Facility Services

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**THIS AGREEMENT** is made and entered into by and between the County of El Dorado, a political subdivision of the State of California (hereinafter referred to as "County"). and Compassion Pathway Behavioral Health LLC, duly qualified to conduct business in the State of California, whose principal place of business is 5410 White Lotus Way, Elk Grove, California, 95757, (hereinafter referred to as "Contractor");

**RECITALS**

**WHEREAS**, County has determined that it is necessary to obtain Contractor to provide long-term, twenty-four (24) hour programs and facilities for adults with severe mental illness (hereinafter referred to as "Client" or "Clients") on an "as requested" basis for the El Dorado County Health and Human Services Agency (HHS), Behavioral Health Division (BHD);

**WHEREAS**, Contractor has represented to County that it is specially trained, experienced, expert, and competent to perform the special services described in ARTICLE I, Scope of Services; that it is an independent and bona fide business operation, advertises and holds itself as such, is in possession of a valid business license, and is customarily engaged in an independently established business that provides similar services to others; and County relies upon those representations;

**WHEREAS**, it is the intent of the parties hereto that such services be in conformity with all applicable federal, state, and local laws;

**WHEREAS**, County has determined that the provision of such services provided by Contractor are in the public's best interest and that there are specialty skills, qualifications, and equipment not expressly identified in County classifications involved in the performance of the work in accordance with El Dorado County Ordinance Code, Chapter 3.13.030(b), El Dorado County Charter, Section 210(b)(6), and/or Government Code Section 31000;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, County and Contractor mutually agree as follows:

**ARTICLE I**

**Scope of Services:** By signing this Agreement, Contractor acknowledges that, as a sub-recipient of State funding, Contractor is obligated to adhere to all terms and conditions in effect at the time services are provided, as defined in the Agreement between County and California Department of Health Care Services, including "Performance Agreement," available at <https://www.eldoradocounty.ca.gov/Health-Well-Being/Health-and-Human-Services/HHSA-Contractor-Resources>, or as may be amended or replaced, and incorporated by reference herein. Additionally, services shall be in compliance with the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Plan, or as updated thereafter, available at: <https://www.eldoradocounty.ca.gov/Health-Well-Being/Behavioral-Health/Mental-Health-Services-Act-MHSA/MHSA-Plans>.

A. Contractor Responsibilities:

1. Contractor agrees that services provided shall be in accordance with all governing regulations, or requirements herein this Agreement, which are meant as are currently interpreted, or as may be amended during the term of this Agreement.
2. Contractor shall furnish a facility licensed by the California Department of Social Services (CDSS), Community Care Licensing Division as an Adult Residential Facility (ARF) in accordance with California Health and Safety Code §1530 through 1539.
3. Contractor shall provide the qualified personnel and services necessary to provide long-term, twenty-four (24) hour programs for eligible Clients on an “as requested” basis for BHD. Such services shall be provided in accordance with California Code of Regulations (CCR) Title 22, Division 6, Chapter 6.
4. Physical Environment: Contractor agrees to comply with the facility requirements set forth in CCR Title 22 §85087-85088.
5. Services: Contractor shall provide basic services and care and supervision in accordance with CCR Title 22 §85060 “Basic Services,” §85065 “Personnel Requirements,” §85065.5 “Day Staff-Client Ratio,” and §85065.6 “Night Supervision”. Basic Services are further defined in Exhibit A marked “Scope of Work,” Section A, incorporated herein and made by reference a part hereof.
6. Needs and Services Plan: Contractor shall develop a Needs and Services Plan, in accordance with CCR §85068.2, for each Client within thirty (30) days of admission. The Needs and Services Plan shall be provided to HHSB BHD upon request.
7. Supplemental Residential Care Services: Supplemental Residential Care Services, hereinafter referred to as “Enhanced Services,” shall be provided in accordance with Title 9 §549. Contractor’s Enhanced Services are further defined in Exhibit A, Section B.
8. Client Eligibility: Clients served under this Agreement shall be between the age of eighteen (18) and fifty-nine (59) years old, and eligible for mental health services in conformance with all applicable Federal and State statutes. Eligible Clients aged sixty (60) years and older may be accepted to Contractor’s facility provided they are ambulatory, can perform the Activities of Daily Living, and meet all other admission requirements established by CCR Title 22 §85068.4.
9. Referral for Admission to Facility: Clients must be referred by HHSB BHD, or by the County Public Guardian Office (PG) with a Lanterman-Petris-Short (LPS) Conservatorship. Referrals for admission to Contractor’s facility must be approved by Contractor. Contractor shall not be required to accept referrals if it determined that there is insufficient bed capacity. Contractor shall not be required to accept referrals for treatment of individuals housed in jail, or other penal institutions. Contractor reserves the right to deny any referral at the sole discretion of the Contractor.
10. Role of Client's Conservator: In the event Client is conserved, Conservator shall have the power, if specified in the court order, to approve the care, maintenance and support of the Conservatee, to require the Conservatee to receive mental health and medical treatment related to remedying the recurrence of the Conservatee being gravely disabled, including the administration of medication. The Conservator shall have such general powers as provided by law together with the powers set forth in Section 5358 of the California Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) to place Conservatee in the least restrictive residential placement available and necessary to achieve the purpose of treatment. This section shall not supersede any powers assigned to the Conservator or maintained by the Conservatee by court order.

11. Dedicated Beds: For the term of this Agreement, Contractor shall, on a daily basis, reserve ten (10) beds at the Carlson Springs ARF, hereinafter referred to as “Dedicated Beds”, for the exclusive use of HHS A BHD Clients.

B. County Responsibilities:

1. County will provide a Bed Hold Authorization form, attached hereto as Exhibit B marked “Bed Hold Authorization,” incorporated herein and made by reference a part hereof, each time the County requires a Client to be absent from the Contractor’s facility and requires that a bed be kept available for their return.
2. County will, for the duration of this Agreement and in accordance with the Article titled “Compensation for Services,” pay Contractor for ten (10) Dedicated Beds at the Carlson Springs ARF.

## ARTICLE II

**Term:** This Agreement shall become effective upon final execution by both parties hereto and shall cover the period of March 25, 2025 through March 24, 2028.

The parties shall have the option to extend the term for one (1) additional one (1) year term after the initial expiration date for a term not to exceed March 24, 2029, with no changes to the terms and conditions herein, unless the Agreement is amended. The option to renew shall be subject to written County Contract Administrator approval in accordance with the Article titled “Notice to Parties.”

## ARTICLE III

**Compensation for Services:** For services provided herein, including any deliverables that may be identified herein, Contractor shall submit invoices for services within thirty (30) days following the end of a “service month.” For billing purposes, a “service month” shall be defined as a calendar month during which Contractor provides services in accordance with Article titled “Scope of Services.” For all satisfactory services provided herein, County agrees to pay Contractor monthly in arrears and within forty-five (45) days following the County’s receipt and approval of itemized invoice(s) identifying services rendered.

A. Supplemental Residential Care Services Rate:

1. For the purposes of this Agreement, the billing rate shall be as defined in Exhibit C marked “Rates,” incorporated herein and made by reference a part hereof. The amount reimbursed by County will be the balance between the Residential Share of Cost, as outlined in this Article, Item B, and the rate set forth in Exhibit C. Prorated payments shall be paid to Contractor based on Client’s length of stay at a daily rate for partial months.
2. Annual rate change requests are subject to written approval by the County Contract Administrator or designee. Contractor shall submit rate change requests in writing to County at least thirty (30) days in advance of a rate change request to include the reason for the change which may include:
  1. Increases to Contractor's cost of doing business (no more than once per 12 months);
  2. Rate changes due to state or federal rate changes or billing methodology;
  3. Changes to staffing levels;
  4. Changes to billing units or budget modifications; or
  5. Other reason which is substantiated by County staff based on the Contractor justification provided.

County acceptance or denial of rate changes will be submitted to Contractor via written notice in accordance with the Article titled "Notice to Parties." In no event shall the maximum obligation of the Agreement be increased.

3. Rates may be negotiable, on a case-by-case basis, for Clients that require a high level of care and additional services. Requests for such negotiated rates shall be submitted in writing to County Contract Administrator or designee, in accordance with the Article titled "Notice to Parties." A revised rate shall not be billed until Contractor receives County's written acceptance or denial of negotiated rate and effective prospective start date via written notice in accordance with the Article titled "Notice to Parties."

- B. Residential Share of Cost: For Clients who receive Social Security Income (SSI) benefits, or have sufficient alternative income, Client/Client's payee is required to pay current SSI/State Supplement Payment (SSP) monthly rate. Partial months shall be prorated by Client's length of stay at a daily rate not to exceed SSI/SSP benefit.

For Clients who do not receive SSI benefits or have insufficient income to pay their residential share of cost, County will pay the full amount of the current rate identified in Exhibit C per month, including the Personal and Incidental Needs Allowance, until the Client begins to receive SSI benefits or income from an alternative source. At that time, the responsibility for this additional payment will return to the Client/Client's payee. Should retroactive SSI benefits or other income be received by Contractor on behalf of Client for any period during which County paid this residential share of cost, County will be reimbursed by Contractor for such payments.

- C. Bed Holds: Holding a bed while a Client is absent from the facility shall require written authorization by the County Contract Administrator in the form of a completed Exhibit B. Bed holds shall be paid at the same rate as if Client were present at the facility and in accordance with Exhibit C. In the event a bed hold exceeds fourteen (14) days, further authorization requires the approval of the County Contract Administrator, Behavioral Health Director, or their designees.
- D. Dedicated Beds: Dedicated Beds shall be paid at the daily rate identified in Exhibit C, "Rates", commencing upon the admission of the first BHD Client.
- E. Non-Dedicated Beds: In the event BHD utilizes a bed beyond the ten (10) Dedicated Beds reserved for its exclusive use (hereinafter referred to as "non-Dedicated Beds"), these non-Dedicated Beds shall be paid at the rate identified in Exhibit C.
- F. Invoices: It is a requirement of this Agreement that Contractor shall submit an original invoice, similar in content and format with the HHSA invoice template linked online at <https://ElDoradoCounty.ca.gov/HHSA-Contractor-Resources>, and shall reference this Agreement number on their faces.

Invoices shall be sent as follows, or as otherwise directed in writing by County:

<i>Email (preferred method):</i>	<i>U.S. Mail:</i>
<a href="mailto:BHinvoice@edcgov.us">BHinvoice@edcgov.us</a> Please include in the subject line: Contract #, Service Month, Description / Program	County of El Dorado Health and Human Services Agency Attn: Finance Unit 3057 Briw Road, Suite B Placerville, CA 95667-5321

or to such other location or email as County directs.

**Supplemental Invoices:** For the purpose of this Agreement, supplemental invoices shall be defined as invoices submitted for additional services, previously disallowed services, or inadvertently not submitted services rendered during a month for which a prior invoice has already been submitted to County. Supplemental invoices should include the standard invoice format with description of services rendered. Supplemental Invoices for services provided during the period July 1st through June 30th for each fiscal year of this Agreement and received by County after July 31 of the subsequent fiscal year, shall be neither accepted nor paid by the County. Requests for exceptions to pay an invoice received after July 31 of the subsequent year, must be submitted in writing, and must be approved by HHSAs Chief Fiscal Officer.

G. **Disallowed Costs:** Contractor shall use funds provided under this Agreement only for the purposes specified in this Agreement.

County may provide retroactive authorization for services or waive any required authorization(s) for services, except those mandated by law or regulation, when special circumstances exist as determined by special circumstances exist as determined by County Contract Administrator, HHSAs Director and the Agency Chief Financial Officer, or their designees, and will provide written notice of this determination to Contractor (if applicable) in accordance with the Article titled "Notice to Parties".

In the event that Contractor fails to deliver, in the format specified, the deliverables required by this Agreement, County may proceed as set forth below in the Article titled "Default, Termination, and Cancellation," herein. In no event shall County be obligated to pay Contractor for any amount above the Maximum Obligation of this Agreement.

**ARTICLE IV**

**Maximum Obligation:** The maximum obligation for services and deliverables provided under this Agreement shall not exceed \$2,932,000 inclusive of all costs, taxes, and expenses for the term through March 24, 2028.

In the event that the initial term of this Agreement is extended in accordance with Article titled, "Term," the maximum obligation shall be \$3,910,000.

**ARTICLE V**

**Audits, Compliance, and Monitoring:**

- A. Contractor shall provide a copy of any Audit to County within thirty (30) days of completion of said audit.
- B. Audits and compliance monitoring by any representative of the Federal government, State government, or County may include the review of any and all terms related to this Agreement.

Audits or monitoring by the County may be performed by way of annual Contract Monitoring Surveys. Contractors receiving a Contract Monitoring Survey shall, within thirty (30) days of receipt, complete and return the survey along with all documentation, details, and supporting materials required by the survey or otherwise necessary for the County to verify compliance with the terms and conditions of the Agreement. Failure to return the survey or requested follow up compliance documentation within sixty (60) may result in the withholding of payment from the Contractor until such time as compliance with the terms of the Agreement can be verified. Verifying compliance may necessitate additional on-site reviews should information submitted by the Contractor be deemed insufficient or inaccurate.

- C. All files, records, documents, sites, and personnel are subject to review by representatives from County, State or Federal government.
- D. Upon notification of an exception or finding of non-compliance, the Contractor shall submit evidence of Corrective Action within thirty (30) days, or as otherwise specified in the notice of required corrective action provided by the County. Continued non-compliance beyond due date for submission of Corrective Action may lead to termination of this Agreement in accordance with the Article titled "Default, Termination, and Cancellation."
- E. Failure by County to notify or require Corrective Action does not constitute acceptance of the practice of waiver of the County's right to enforce.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **Nondiscrimination:**

- A. County may require Contractor's services on projects involving funding from various state and/or federal agencies, and as a consequence, Contractor shall comply with all applicable nondiscrimination statutes and regulations during the performance of this Agreement including but not limited to the following: Contractor and its employees and representatives shall not unlawfully discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, physical handicap, mental disability, medical condition, genetic information, military or veteran status, marital status, age, gender, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, or sex; Contractor shall, unless exempt, comply with the applicable provisions of the Fair Employment and Housing Act (Government Code, section 12900 et seq.) and applicable regulations promulgated thereunder (California Code of Regulations, Title 2, section 11000 et seq.); the applicable regulations of the Fair Employment and Housing Commission implementing Government Code, section 12990, set forth in Subchapter 5 of Chapter 5 of Division 4.1 of Title 2 of the CCR incorporated into this Agreement by reference and made a part hereof as if set forth in full; and Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended. Contractor and its employees and representatives shall give written notice of their obligations under this clause as required by law.
- B. Where applicable, Contractor shall include these nondiscrimination and compliance provisions in any of its agreements that affect or are related to the services performed herein.
- C. Contractor's signature executing this Agreement shall provide any certifications necessary under the federal laws, the laws of the State of California, including but not limited to Government Code Section 12990 and Title 2, California Code of Regulations, Section 11102.
- D. Contractor shall comply with Exhibit D, marked "Contractor Assurance of Compliance with Nondiscrimination in State and Federally Assisted Programs," incorporated herein and made by reference a part hereof. Contractor shall acknowledge compliance by signing and returning Exhibit D upon request by County.

## ARTICLE VII

**Federal Equal Opportunity Requirements:** Contractor shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, physical or mental handicap, disability, age, or status as a disabled veteran or veteran of the Vietnam era. Contractor will take affirmative action to ensure that qualified applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, national origin, physical or mental handicap, disability, age, or status as a disabled veteran of the Vietnam era. Such action shall include, but not be limited to the following: Employment, upgrading, demotion or transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff or termination, rates of pay or other forms of compensation, and career development opportunities and selection for training, including apprenticeship. Contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided by the Federal Government Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1972 and the affirmative action clause required by the Vietnam Era Veterans' Readjustment Assistance act of 1974 (38 U.S.C. 4212). Such notices shall state the Contractor's obligation under the law to take affirmative action to employ and advance in employment qualified applicants without discrimination based on their race, color, religion, sex, national origin, physical or mental handicap, disability, age, or status as a disabled veteran or veteran of the Vietnam era and the rights of applicants and employees.

Contractor shall, in all solicitations or advancements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, physical or mental handicap, disability, age, or status as a disabled veteran of the Vietnam era.

Contractor shall send to each labor union or representative of workers with which it has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice, to be provided by the Federal Government or State, advising the labor union or workers' representative of the Contractor's commitments under the provisions herein and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.

Contractor shall comply with all provisions of and furnish all information and reports required by Section 503 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, the Vietnam Era Veterans' Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974 (38 U.S.C. 4212) and of the Federal Executive Order No. 11246 as amended, including by Executive Order 11375, 'Amending Executive Order 11246 Relating to Equal Employment Opportunity,' and as supplemented by regulation at 41 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 60, "Office of the Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, Department of Labor," and of the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor.

Contractor shall furnish all information and reports required by Federal Executive Order No. 11246 as amended, including by Executive Order 11375, 'Amending Executive Order 11246 Relating to Equal Employment Opportunity,' as supplemented by regulation at 41 CFR Part 60, "Office of the Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, Department of Labor," and the Rehabilitation Act of 1972, and by the rules, regulations, and orders of the Secretary of Labor, or pursuant thereto, and will permit access to its books, records, and accounts by the State and its designated representatives and the Secretary of Labor for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with such rules, regulations, and orders.

In the event of Contractor's noncompliance with the requirements herein or with any federal rules, regulations, or orders which are referenced herein, this Agreement may be cancelled, terminated, or suspended in whole or in part and the Contractor may be declared ineligible for further federal and State contracts in accordance with the procedures authorized in Federal Executive Order No. 11246 as amended and such other sanctions may be imposed and remedies invoked as provided in Federal Executive Order No. 11246 as amended, including by Executive Order 11375, 'Amending Executive Order 11246 Relating to Equal Employment Opportunity,' and as supplemented by regulation at 41 CFR Part 60, "Office of the Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, Department of Labor," or by rule, regulation, or order of the Secretary of Labor, or as otherwise provided by law.

Subcontractors, if any are authorized herein, as they relate to services to be provided under this Agreement during the course and scope of their employment, must comply with the provisions contained in this Agreement.

#### **ARTICLE VIII**

**Taxes:** Contractor certifies that as of today's date, it is not in default on any unsecured property taxes or other taxes or fees owed by Contractor to County. Contractor agrees that it shall not default on any obligations to County during the term of this Agreement.

#### **ARTICLE IX**

**Executive Order N-6-22 – Russia Sanctions:** On March 4, 2022, Governor Gavin Newsom issued Executive Order N-6-22 (the EO) regarding Economic Sanctions against Russia and Russian entities and individuals. "Economic Sanctions" refers to sanctions imposed by the U.S. government in response to Russia's actions in Ukraine, as well as any sanctions imposed under state law. The EO directs state agencies to terminate contracts with, and to refrain from entering any new contracts with, individuals or entities that are determined to be a target of Economic Sanctions. Accordingly, if this Agreement is funded by state funds and County determines Contractor is a target of Economic Sanctions or is conducting prohibited transactions with sanctioned individuals or entities, that shall be grounds for termination of this agreement. The County will provide Contractor advance written notice of such termination, allowing Contractor at least thirty (30) calendar days to provide a written response. Termination shall be at the sole discretion of the County.

#### **ARTICLE X**

**Changes to Agreement:** This Agreement may be amended by mutual consent of the parties hereto. Said amendments shall become effective only when in writing and fully executed by duly authorized officers of the parties hereto.

#### **ARTICLE XI**

**Contractor to County:** It is understood that the services provided under this Agreement shall be prepared in and with cooperation from County and its staff. It is further understood that this Agreement does not create an exclusive relationship between County and Contractor, and Contractor may perform similar work or services for others. However, Contractor shall not enter into any agreement with any other party, or provide any information in any manner to any other party, that would conflict with Contractor's responsibilities or hinder Contractor's performance of services hereunder, unless County's Contract Administrator, in writing, authorizes that agreement or sharing of information.



## ARTICLE XII

**Confidentiality:** Contractor shall maintain the confidentiality and privileged nature of all records, including billing records, together with any knowledge therein acquired, in accordance with all applicable state and federal laws and regulations, as they may now exist or may hereafter be amended or changed. Contractor, and all Contractor's staff, employees, and representatives, shall not use or disclose, directly or indirectly at any time, any said confidential information, other than to County's Contract Administrator for the purpose of, and in the performance of, this Agreement. This confidentiality provision shall survive after the expiration or earlier termination of this Agreement.

## ARTICLE XIII

**Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Compliance:** As a condition of Contractor performing services for County, Contractor shall execute Exhibit E, marked "HIPAA Business Associate Agreement," incorporated herein and made by reference a part hereof.

## ARTICLE XIV

**Assignment and Delegation:** Contractor is engaged by County for its unique qualifications and skills as well as those of its personnel. Contractor shall not subcontract, delegate, or assign services to be provided, in whole or in part, to any other person or entity without prior written consent of County.

In the event Contractor receives written consent to subcontract services under this Agreement, Contractor is required to ensure subcontractor remains in compliance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement. In addition, Contractor is required to monitor subcontractor's compliance with said terms and conditions and provide written evidence of monitoring to County upon request.

## ARTICLE XV

**Independent Contractor:** The parties intend that an independent contractor relationship will be created by this contract. Contractor is, and shall be at all times, deemed independent and shall be wholly responsible for the manner in which it performs services required by the terms of this Agreement. Contractor exclusively assumes responsibility for acts of its employees, agents, affiliates, and subcontractors, if any are authorized herein, as they relate to the services or work to be performed under this Agreement during the course and scope of their employment by Contractor. Those persons will be entirely and exclusively under the direction, supervision, and control of Contractor.

County may designate the tasks to be performed and the results to be accomplished under this Agreement, provide information concerning the work or services, approve or disapprove the final work product and/or services provided, and set deadlines for the completion of the work or services, but County will not control or direct the manner, means, methods, or sequence in which Contractor performs the work or services for accomplishing the results. Contractor understands and agrees that Contractor lacks the authority to bind County or incur any obligations on behalf of County.

Contractor, including any subcontractor or employees of Contractor, shall not receive, nor be eligible for, any benefits County provides for its employees, including, but not limited to, vacation pay, paid holidays, life insurance, health insurance, social security, disability insurance, pension, or 457 plans. Contractor shall not receive, nor be eligible for, workers' compensation, including medical and indemnity payments. County is not responsible for withholding, and shall not withhold, Federal Income Contribution Act amounts or taxes of any kind from any payments which it owes Contractor. Contractor shall not be subject to the work schedules or vacation periods that apply to County employees.

Contractor shall be solely responsible for paying its employees, and for withholding Federal Income Contribution Act amounts and other taxes, workers' compensation, unemployment compensation, medical insurance, life insurance, or any other benefit that Contractor provides for its employees.

Contractor acknowledges that it has no authority to bind the County or incur any obligations on behalf of the County with regard to any matter, and Contractor shall not make any agreements or representations on the County's behalf.

#### **ARTICLE XVI**

**Fiscal Considerations:** The parties to this Agreement recognize and acknowledge that County is a political subdivision of the State of California. As such, County is subject to the provisions of Article XVI, section 18 of the California Constitution and other similar fiscal and procurement laws and regulations and may not expend funds for products, equipment, or services not budgeted in a given fiscal year. It is further understood that in the normal course of County business, County will adopt a proposed budget prior to a given fiscal year, but that the final adoption of a budget does not occur until after the beginning of the fiscal year.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement to the contrary, County shall give notice of cancellation of this Agreement in the event of adoption of a proposed budget that does not provide for funds for the services, products, or equipment subject herein. Such notice shall become effective upon the adoption of a final budget, which does not provide funding for this Agreement. Upon the effective date of such notice, this Agreement shall be automatically terminated and County released from any further liability hereunder.

In addition to the above, should the County's Board of Supervisors during the course of a given year for financial reasons reduce or order a reduction in the budget for any County department for which services were contracted to be performed, pursuant to this paragraph in the sole discretion of County, this Agreement may be deemed to be canceled in its entirety subject to payment for services performed prior to cancellation.

#### **ARTICLE XVII**

**Audit by California State Auditor:** Contractor acknowledges that if total compensation under this agreement is greater than \$10,000.00, this Agreement is subject to examination and audit by the California State Auditor for a period of three (3) years, or for any longer period required by law, after final payment under this Agreement, pursuant to California Government Code §8546.7. In order to facilitate these potential examinations and audits, Contractor shall maintain, for a period of at least three (3) years, or for any longer period required by law, after final payment under the contract, all books, records and documentation necessary to demonstrate performance under the Agreement.

#### **ARTICLE XVIII**

##### **Default, Termination, and Cancellation:**

- A. Termination by Default: If either party becomes aware of an event of default, that party shall give written notice of said default to the party in default that shall state the following:
1. The alleged default and the applicable Agreement provision; and
  2. That the party in default has ten (10) days upon receiving the notice to cure the default (Time to Cure).

If the party in default does not cure the default within ten (10) days of the Time to Cure, then such party shall be in default and the party giving notice may terminate the Agreement by issuing a Notice of Termination. The party giving notice may extend the Time to Cure at their discretion. Any extension of Time to Cure must be in writing, prepared by the party in default for signature by the party giving notice, and must specify the reason(s) for the extension and the date in which the extension of Time to Cure expires.

If County terminates this Agreement, in whole or in part, for default:

1. County reserves the right to procure the goods or services, or both, similar to those terminated, from other sources and Contractor shall be liable to County for any excess costs for those goods or services. County may deduct from any payment due, or that may thereafter become due to Consultant, the excess costs to procure from an alternate source.
2. County shall pay Contractor the sum due to Contractor under this Agreement prior to termination, unless the cost of completion to County exceeds the funds remaining in the Agreement. In which case the overage shall be deducted from any sum due Contractor under this Agreement and the balance, if any, shall be paid to Contractor upon demand.
3. County may require Contractor to transfer title and deliver to County any completed work under the Agreement.

The following shall be events of default under this Agreement:

1. Failure by either party to perform in a timely and satisfactory manner any or all of its obligations under this Agreement.
  2. A representation or warranty made by Contractor in this Agreement proves to have been false or misleading in any respect.
  3. Contractor fails to observe and perform any covenant, condition, or agreement on its part to be observed or performed under this Agreement, unless County agrees, in writing, to an extension of the time to perform before that time period expires.
  4. A violation of the Article titled "Conflict of Interest."
- B. Bankruptcy: County may terminate this Agreement immediately in the case of bankruptcy, voluntary or involuntary, or insolvency of Contractor.
- C. Ceasing Performance: County may terminate this Agreement immediately in the event Contractor ceases to operate as a business or otherwise becomes unable to substantially perform any term or condition of this Agreement.
- D. Termination or Cancellation without Cause: County may terminate this Agreement, in whole or in part, for convenience upon thirty (30) calendar days' written Notice of Termination, in accordance with the Article titled "Notice to Parties." If such termination is effected, County will pay for satisfactory services rendered before the effective date of termination, as set forth in the Notice of Termination provided to Contractor, and for any other services that County agrees, in writing, to be necessary for contract resolution. In no event, however, shall County be obligated to pay more than the total amount of the Agreement. Upon receipt of a Notice of Termination, Contractor shall promptly discontinue all services affected, as of the effective date of termination set forth in such Notice of Termination, unless the Notice directs otherwise.

## ARTICLE XIX

**Transfer of Records:** In the event that Contractor ceases operation, all files that are subject to audit shall be transferred to the County for proper storage of physical records and electronic data. Contractor shall notify County of impending closure as soon as such closure has been determined

and provide County with a complete list of records in its possession pertaining to County clients and operational costs under this Agreement. County shall promptly advise Contractor which records are to be transferred to the custody of County. Records not transferred to custody of County shall be properly destroyed by Contractor, and Contractor shall provide documentation of proper destruction of all such records to County.

**ARTICLE XX**

**Notice to Parties:** All notices to be given by the parties hereto shall be in writing, with both the County HHSa and County Chief Administrative Office addressed in said correspondence and served by either United States Postal Service mail or electronic email. Notice by mail shall be served by depositing the notice in the United States Post Office, postage prepaid and return receipt requested, and deemed delivered and received five (5) calendar days after deposit. Notice by electronic email shall be served by transmitting the notice to all required email addresses and deemed delivered and received two (2) business days after service.

Notices to County shall be addressed as follows:

COUNTY OF EL DORADO  
Health and Human Services Agency  
3057 Briw Road, Suite B  
Placerville, CA 95667  
ATTN: Contracts Unit  
Email: [hhsa-contracts@edcgov.us](mailto:hhsa-contracts@edcgov.us)

with a copy to:

COUNTY OF EL DORADO  
Chief Administrative Office  
Procurement and Contracts Division  
330 Fair Lane  
Placerville, CA 95667  
ATTN: Purchasing Agent  
Email: [procon@edcgov.us](mailto:procon@edcgov.us)

or to such other location or email as the County directs.

Notices to Contractor shall be addressed as follows:

COMPASSION PATHWAY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH LLC  
5410 White Lotus Way  
Elk Grove, CA 95757  
Attn: Ifeanyi Ezeani  
Email: [iezeani@cpbh.net](mailto:iezeani@cpbh.net)

or to such other location or email as the Contractor directs.

**ARTICLE XXI**

**Change of Address:** In the event of a change in address for Contractor's principal place of business, Contractor's Agent for Service of Process, or Notices to Contractor, Contractor shall notify County in writing pursuant to the provisions contained herein above under the Article titled "Notice to Parties." Said notice shall become part of this Agreement upon acknowledgment in writing by the County Contract Administrator, and no further amendment of the Agreement shall be necessary provided that such change of address does not conflict with any other provisions of this Agreement.

**ARTICLE XXII**

**Indemnity:** To the fullest extent permitted by law, Contractor shall defend at its own expense, indemnify, and hold the County harmless, its officers, employees, agents, and volunteers, against and

from any and all liability, claims, suits, losses, damages, or expenses of every name, kind and description, including attorney's fees and costs incurred, brought for, or on account of, injuries to or death of any person, including but not limited to workers, County employees, and the public, or damage to property, or any economic or consequential losses, which are claimed to or in any way arise out of or are connected with the acts or omissions of Contractor or its officers, agents, or employees in rendering the services, operations, or performance hereunder, except for liability, claims, suits, losses, damages or expenses arising from the sole negligence or willful acts of the County, its officers and employees, or as expressly prescribed by statute. This duty of Contractor to indemnify and save County harmless includes the duties to defend set forth in California Civil Code Section 2778.

The insurance obligations of Contractor are separate, independent obligations under the Agreement, and the provisions of this defense and indemnity are not intended to modify nor should they be construed as modifying or in any way limiting the insurance obligations set forth in the Agreement.

Nothing herein shall be construed to seek indemnity in excess of that permitted by Civil Code section 2782, et seq. In the event any portion of this Article is found invalid, the Parties agree that this Article shall survive and be interpreted consistent with the provisions of Civil Code section 2782, et seq.

## **ARTICLE XXIII**

### **Litigation:**

- A. County, promptly after receiving notice thereof, shall notify the Contractor in writing of the commencement of any claim, suit, or action against the County or State of California or its officers or employees for which the Contractor must provide indemnification under this Agreement. The failure of the County to give such notice, information, authorization, or assistance shall not relieve the Contractor of its indemnification obligations.
- B. Contractor, promptly after receiving notice thereof, shall immediately notify the County in writing of any claim or action against it which affects, or may affect, this Agreement, the terms, and conditions hereunder, or the County or State of California, and shall take such action with respect to said claim or action which is consistent with the terms of this Agreement and the interest of the County and State.

## **ARTICLE XXIV**

### **Debarment and Suspension Certification:**

By signing this agreement, the Contractor agrees to comply with applicable federal suspension and debarment regulations and Contractor further certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief that it and its principals or affiliates or any sub-contractor utilized under the agreement:

- A. Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded by any federal department or agency;
- B. Have not within a three year period preceding this Agreement been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (federal, State or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification of destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
- C. Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (federal, State, or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in the above Paragraph B;

- D. Have not within a three (3)-year period preceding this Agreement had one or more public transactions (federal, State, or local) terminated for cause or default;
- E. Shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier or sub recipient covered transaction with any person(s) who are proposed for debarment under federal regulations or are debarred, suspended, declared ineligible or voluntarily excluded from participation in such transactions, unless authorized by the State; and
- F. Shall include a clause entitled, "Debarment and Suspension Certification" that essentially sets forth the provisions herein, in all lower tier or sub recipient covered transactions.

The terms and definitions herein have the meanings set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of the rules implementing Federal Executive Order 12549.

If the Contractor knowingly violates this certification, in addition to other remedies available to the federal and state Governments, County may immediately terminate this Agreement for cause or default.

## **ARTICLE XXV**

**Insurance:** Contractor shall provide proof of a policy of insurance satisfactory to the County of El Dorado Risk Manager and documentation evidencing that Contractor maintains insurance that meets the following requirements:

- A. Full Worker's Compensation and Employer's Liability Insurance covering all employees of Contractor as required by law in the State of California.
- B. Commercial General Liability Insurance of not less than \$1,000,000 combined single limit per occurrence for bodily injury and property damage and a \$2,000,000 aggregate limit. County, including, without limitation, its officers, officials, employees, and volunteers shall be named as an additional insured on Insurance Services Office (ISO) form CG 2010 1185, or its equivalent.
- C. Automobile Liability Insurance of not less than \$1,000,000.00 is required in the event motor vehicles are used by the Contractor in the performance of the Agreement.
- D. In the event Contractor is a licensed professional or professional consultant/contractor, and is performing professional services under this Agreement, professional liability is required with a limit of liability of not less than \$1,000,000.00.
- E. Contractor shall furnish a certificate of insurance satisfactory to the County's Risk Management Division as evidence that the insurance required above is being maintained.
- F. The insurance will be issued by an insurance company acceptable to County's Risk Management Division or be provided through partial or total self-insurance likewise acceptable to the Risk Management Division.
- G. Contractor agrees that the insurance required above shall be in effect at all times during the term of this Agreement. In the event said insurance coverage expires at any time or times during the term of this Agreement, Contractor agrees to provide at least thirty (30) days prior to said expiration date, a new certificate of insurance evidencing insurance coverage as provided for herein for not less than the remainder of term of the Agreement, or for a period of not less than one (1) year. New certificates of insurance are subject to the approval of Risk Management and Contractor agrees that no work or services shall be performed prior to the giving of such approval. In the event the Contractor fails to keep in effect at all times insurance coverage as herein provided, County may, in addition to any other remedies it may have, terminate this Agreement upon the occurrence of such event.

- H. The certificate of insurance must include the following provisions stating that:
1. The insurer will not cancel the insured's coverage without prior written notice to County; and
  2. The County of El Dorado, its officers, officials, employees and volunteers are included as additional insured on an additional insured endorsement, but only insofar as the operations under this Agreement are concerned. This provision shall apply to the general liability policy.
- I. Contractor's insurance coverage shall be primary insurance in respect to County, its officers, officials, employees, and volunteers. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by the County, its officers, officials, employees or volunteers shall be in excess of Contractor's insurance and shall not contribute with it.
- J. Any deductibles or self-insured retentions must be declared to and approved by County. At the option of County, either: The insurer shall reduce or eliminate such deductibles or self-insured retentions in respect to County, its officers, officials, employees, and volunteers; or Contractor shall procure a bond guaranteeing payment of losses and related investigations, claim administration, and defense expenses.
- K. Any failure to comply with the reporting provisions of the policies shall not affect coverage provided to the County, its officers, officials, employees or volunteers.
- L. The insurance companies shall have no recourse against the County of El Dorado, its officers and employees or any of them for payment of any premiums or assessments under any policy issued by any insurance company.
- M. Contractor's obligations shall not be limited by the foregoing insurance requirements and shall survive expiration of this Agreement.
- N. In the event Contractor cannot provide an occurrence policy, Contractor shall provide insurance covering claims made as a result of performance of this Agreement for not less than three (3) years following completion of performance of this Agreement.
- O. Certificate of insurance shall meet such additional standards as may be determined by the contracting County Department either independently or in consultation with Risk Management, as essential for protection of County.

## ARTICLE XXVI

**Force Majeure:** Neither party will be liable for any delay, failure to perform, or omission under this Agreement that is due to any cause that it is beyond its control, not due to its own negligence, and cannot be overcome by the exercise of due diligence. In that event, the affected party will:

- A. Promptly give written notice to the other of the fact that it is unable to so perform and the cause(s) that is beyond its control; and
- B. Once the cause(s) has ceased, provide written notice to the other party and immediately resume its performance under this Agreement.

For purposes of this Article, "cause that is beyond its control" includes labor disturbances, riots, fires, earthquakes, floods, storms, lightning, epidemics, war, disorders, hostilities, expropriation or confiscation of properties, failure of and delays by carriers, interference by civil or military authorities, whether legal or de facto, and whether purporting to act under some constitution, decree, or law, or otherwise, or acts of God.

## ARTICLE XXVII

**Waiver:** No failure on the part of the parties to exercise any rights under this Agreement, and no course of dealing with respect to any right hereunder, shall operate as a waiver of that right, nor shall any single or partial exercise of any right preclude the exercise of any other right. The remedies herein provided are cumulative and are not exclusive of any other remedies provided by law.

## ARTICLE XXVIII

**Conflict of Interest:** The parties to this Agreement have read and are aware of the provisions of Government Code Section 1090 et seq. and the Political Reform Act of 1974 (Section 87100 et seq.), relating to conflict of interest of public officers and employees. Individuals who are working for Contractor and performing work for County and who are considered to be a Contractor within the meaning of Title 2, California Code of Regulations, Section 18700.3, as it now reads or may thereafter be amended, are required to file a statement of economic interest in accordance with County's Conflict of Interest Code. County's Contract Administrator shall at the time this Agreement is executed make an initial determination whether or not the individuals who will provide services or perform work pursuant to this Agreement are Consultants within the meaning of the Political Reform Act and County's Conflict of Interest Code. Statements of economic interests are public records subject to disclosure under the California Public Records Act.

Contractor covenants that during the term of this Agreement neither it, or any officer or employee of the Contractor, has or shall acquire any interest, directly or indirectly, in any of the following:

- A. Any other contract connected with, or directly affected by, the services to be performed by this Agreement.
- B. Any other entities connected with, or directly affected by, the services to be performed by this Agreement.
- C. Any officer or employee of County that are involved in this Agreement.

If Contractor becomes aware of a conflict of interest related to this Agreement, Contractor shall promptly notify County of the existence of that conflict, and County may, in its sole discretion, immediately terminate this Agreement by giving written notice as detailed in the Article titled "Default, Termination and Cancellation."

Pursuant to Government Code section 84308 (SB 1439, the Levine Act), Contractor shall complete and sign the attached Exhibit F, marked "California Levine Act Statement," incorporated herein and made by reference a part hereof, regarding campaign contributions by Contractor, if any, to any officer of County.

## ARTICLE XXIX

**California Residency (Form 590):** If Contractor is a California resident, Contractors must file a State of California Form 590, certifying its California residency or, in the case of a corporation, certifying that it has a permanent place of business in California. The Contractor shall be required to submit a Form 590 prior to execution of an Agreement or County will withhold seven (7) percent of each payment made to the Contractor during term of the Agreement. This requirement applies to any agreement/contract exceeding \$1,500.00.



### **ARTICLE XXX**

**County Payee Data Record Form:** All independent Contractors or corporations providing services to County who do not have a Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Form W-9 (Form W-9) on file with County must file a County Payee Data Record Form with County.

### **ARTICLE XXXI**

**County Business License:** County's Business License Ordinance provides that it is unlawful for any person to furnish supplies or services, or transact any kind of business in the unincorporated territory of El Dorado County without possessing a County business license unless exempt under County Ordinance Code Section 5.08.070. Contractor warrants and represents that it shall comply with all of the requirements of County's Business License Ordinance, where applicable, prior to beginning work under this Agreement and at all times during the term of this Agreement.

### **ARTICLE XXXII**

**Licenses:** Contractor hereby represents and warrants that Contractor and any of its subcontractors employed under this Agreement has all the applicable licenses, permits, and certifications that are legally required for Contractor and its subcontractors to practice its profession or provide the services or work contemplated under this Agreement in the State of California. Contractor and its subcontractors shall obtain or maintain said applicable licenses, permits, or certificates in good standing throughout the term of this Agreement.

### **ARTICLE XXXIII**

**Contract Administrator:** The County Officer or employee with responsibility for administering this Agreement is Christianne Kernes, LMFT, Deputy Director, Behavioral Health Division, HHSA, or successor. In the instance where the named Contract Administrator no longer holds this title with County and a successor is pending, or HHSA has to temporarily delegate this authority, County Contract Administrator's Supervisor shall designate a representative to temporarily act as the primary Contract Administrator of this Agreement and HHSA Administration shall provide the Contractor with the name, title and email for this designee via notification in accordance with the Article titled "Notice to Parties" herein.

### **ARTICLE XXXIV**

**Authorized Signatures:** The parties to this Agreement represent that the undersigned individuals executing this Agreement on their respective behalf are fully authorized to do so by law or other appropriate instrument and to bind upon said parties to the obligations set forth herein.

### **ARTICLE XXXV**

**Electronic Signatures:** Each party agrees that the electronic signatures, whether digital or encrypted, of the parties included in this Agreement, are intended to authenticate this writing and to have the same force and effect as manual signatures. Electronic Signature means any electronic visual symbol or signature attached to or logically associated with a record and executed and adopted by a party with the intent to sign such record, including facsimile or email electronic signatures, pursuant to the California Uniform Electronic Transactions Act (Cal. Civ. Code §§ 1633.1 to 1633.17) as amended from time to time.

## ARTICLE XXXVI

**Partial Invalidity:** If any provision of this Agreement is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, void or unenforceable, the remaining provisions will continue in full force and effect without being impaired or invalidated in any way.

## ARTICLE XXXVII

**California Forum and Law:** Any dispute resolution action arising out of this Agreement, including, but not limited to, litigation, mediation, or arbitration, shall be brought in El Dorado County, California, and shall be resolved in accordance with the laws of the State of California.

## ARTICLE XXXVIII

**No Third Party Beneficiaries:** Nothing expressed or implied in the terms and conditions of this Agreement is intended to confer, nor shall anything herein confer, upon any person other than the County or the state, or the Contractor and their respective successors or assignees, any rights remedies, obligations, or liabilities whatsoever.

## ARTICLE XXXIX

### **Additional Terms and Conditions:**

#### **A. Mental Health Plan and Performance Agreement Special Terms and Conditions:**

All services provided pursuant to this Agreement, shall be in accordance with the terms and conditions of Mental Health Plan (MHP) Agreement between the County and Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) Standard Agreement 22-20100 (County No. 6967) linked at: <https://www.eldoradocounty.ca.gov/files/assets/county/v/1/documents/government/health-and-human-services/contractor-resources/mental-health-plan-dhcs-22-20100.pdf>, and the County and DHCS Performance Agreement 21-10079 (County No. 5819) which is linked at <https://www.eldoradocounty.ca.gov/files/assets/county/v/1/documents/government/health-and-human-services/contractor-resources/performance-agreement-dhcs-21-10079.pdf> or as may be amended or replaced hereinafter. Said agreements hereinafter are referred to as the MHP Agreement or Performance Agreement. The MHP Agreement and Performance Agreement are incorporated by reference herein. Contractor agrees to be responsible to ensure all services are consistent and in accordance with said Agreement(s) in effect at the time services are provided, available at <https://EIDoradoCounty.ca.gov/HHSA-Contractor-Resources>.

Contractor certifies that the terms and conditions of the MHP Agreement and Performance Agreement have been reviewed and services provided by Contractor shall be consistent and in accordance with said Agreements in effect, or as may be amended or replaced, at the time services are provided.

**B. Admission Policies:** Contractor's admission policies (if applicable) shall be in writing and available to the public and shall include a provision that clients are accepted for care without discrimination as described in this Agreement.

**C. Audits:** From time to time, the County or state may inspect the facilities, systems, books, and records of the Contractor to monitor compliance with this Agreement. The Contractor shall promptly remedy any violation of any provision of this Agreement and shall certify the same to the County or state in writing. The fact that the County or state inspects, or fails to inspect, or has the right to inspect, the Contractor's facilities, systems and procedures does not relieve the Contractor of its responsibilities to comply with this Agreement. The County or State's

failure to detect or detection, but failure to notify the Contractor or require the Contractor's remediation of any unsatisfactory practice, does not constitute acceptance of such practices or a waiver of the state's enforcement rights under this Agreement.

The Contractor shall maintain and make available to auditors, at all levels, accounting and program records including supporting source documentation and cooperate with all auditors.

The Contractor, auditors performing monitoring, or audits of the Contractor or its sub-contracting service providers shall immediately report to the County or state any incidents of fraud, abuse, or other criminal activity in relation to this Agreement, federal, state, and County laws, rules, regulations, and ordinances.

**D. Background Checks:** A background screening of all employees who may access Protected Health Information (PHI) or Personally Identifiable Information (PII) must be conducted. Background screenings shall be conducted in accordance with licensing requirements and should be commensurate with the risk and magnitude of harm the employee could cause, with more thorough screening being done for those employees who are authorized to bypass significant technical and operational security controls. The Contractor shall retain each employee's background check documentation for a period of three (3) years.

**E. Compliance with All Federal, State and Local Laws and Regulations:** Contractor shall comply with all federal, state, and local laws including, but not limited to, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990 (42USC12101 et. seq.) and California Government Code Sections 11135-11139.5, and all regulations, requirements, and directives pertinent to its operations. Contractor shall abide by manuals, directives and other guidance issued by the State of California. All appropriate manuals and updates shall be available for review or reference by Contractor from County's Health and Human Services Agency.

Contractor shall further comply with all applicable laws relating to wages and hours of employment and occupational safety and to fire, safety, and health and sanitation regulations. Such laws shall include, but not be limited to, the Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act, the Davis-Bacon Act, the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, the Clean Air Act and amendments, the Clean Water Act and amendments, and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act.

Contractor further warrants that it has all necessary licenses, permits, notices, approvals, certificates, waivers, and exemptions necessary for the provision of services hereunder and required by the laws and regulations of the United States, the State of California, the County of El Dorado and all other appropriate governmental agencies and shall maintain these throughout the term of the Agreement.

**F. Confidentiality and Information Security Provisions:** Contractor shall comply with applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations, including but not limited to the CFR Title 45, parts 160-164, regarding the confidentiality and security of PII.

PII means any information that identifies, relates to, describes, or is capable of being associated with, a particular individual, including but not limited to, his or her name, signature, social security number, passport number, driver's license or state identification card number,

insurance policy number, education, employment, employment history, bank account number, credit card number, or any other financial information.

1. Permitted Uses and Disclosures of PII by Contractor:
  - a. Contractor shall develop and maintain an information privacy and security program that includes the implementation of administrative, technical, and physical safeguards appropriate to the size and complexity of Contractor's operations and the nature and scope of its activities. The information privacy and security programs must reasonably and appropriately protect the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of the PII that it creates, receives, maintains, or transmits; and prevent the use or disclosure of PII other than as provided for in this Agreement. Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, Contractor, may use or disclose PII to perform functions, activities or services identified in this Agreement provided that such use or disclosure would not violate federal or state laws or regulations.
  - b. Specific Uses and Disclosures provisions. Except as otherwise indicated in the Agreement, Contractor shall:
    - i. Use and disclose only PII for the proper management and administration of Contractor or to carry out the legal responsibilities of Contractor, provided that such use and disclosures are permitted by law; and
    - ii. Take all reasonable steps to destroy or arrange for the destruction of a client's records within its custody or control containing personal information that is no longer to be retained by Contractor by (1) shredding, (2) erasing, or (3) otherwise modifying the personal information in those records to make it unreadable or undecipherable through any means.
2. Responsibilities of Contractor.
  - a. Contractor agrees to safeguards:
    - i. To prevent use or disclosure of PII other than as provided for by this Agreement. Contractor shall provide County with information concerning such safeguards as County may reasonably request from time to time; and
    - ii. Employee Training and Discipline: Contractor shall train its employees and use reasonable measures to ensure compliance with the requirements of this Agreement by employees who assist in the performance of functions or activities under this Agreement and use or disclose individually identifiable health information.
    - iii. Contractor shall restrict logical and physical access to confidential, personal (e.g., PII) or sensitive data to authorized users only; and
    - iv. Contractor shall implement a system to identify appropriate authenticated and authorized persons. If passwords are used in user authentication (e.g., username/password combination), Contractor shall implement strong password controls on all compatible computing systems that are consistent with the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Special Publication 800-86 and SANS Institute Password Protection Policy.
  - b. Contractor shall implement the following security controls on each server, workstation, or portable (e.g., laptop computer) computing device that processes or stores confidential, personal, or sensitive data:
    - i. Network based firewall or personal firewall; and
    - ii. Continuously updated anti-virus software; and
    - iii. Patch-management process including installation of all operating system/software vendor security patches; and

- iv. All data storage devices must be encrypted.
- c. Mitigation of Harmful Effects. Contractor shall mitigate, to the extent practicable, any harmful effect that is known to Contractor of a use or disclosure of PII by Contractor or its subcontractors.
- d. Agents and Subcontractors of Contractor. The same restrictions and conditions that apply through this Agreement to Contractor, shall also apply to Contractor's subcontractors and agents.
- e. Notification of Electronic Breach or Improper Disclosure. During the term of this Agreement, Contractor shall notify County immediately upon discovery of any breach of PII or data, where the information or data are reasonably believed to have been acquired by an unauthorized person per State law Civil Code 1798.82 (a). Immediate notification shall be made to County HIPAA Compliance/Security Officer, within two business days of discovery, at (530) 621-5565. Contractor shall take prompt corrective action to cure any deficiencies and any action pertaining to such unauthorized disclosure required by applicable Federal and State laws and regulations. Contractor shall investigate such breach and provide a written report of the investigation to County Compliance Officer, postmarked within thirty (30) working days of the discovery of the breach, to the following address:

County of El Dorado  
Risk Management  
330 Fair Lane  
Placerville, CA 95667  
Attn: HIPAA Compliance/Security Officer  
or  
riskmanagement@edcgov.us

- G. Confidentiality Requirements:** Acknowledging the Contractor's continuing obligation to follow existing legal mandates regarding protection and/or release of information maintained by the County, the following Confidentiality Requirements apply:
- 1. General Requirements: The Contractor shall not disclose data or documents or disseminate the contents of the final or any preliminary report without express permission of the County Contract Administrator.
  - 2. Permission to disclose information or documents on one occasion or at public hearings held by the County or state Departments of Mental Health relating to the same shall not authorize the Contractor to further disclose such information or documents on any other occasions.
  - 3. The Contractor shall not comment publicly to the press or any other media regarding the data or documents generated, collected, or produced in connection with this Agreement, or the County or State Departments of Mental Health staff, the Contractor's own personnel involved in the performance of this Agreement, at a public hearing, or in response to the questions from a legislative committee.
  - 4. If requested by the County or State, the Contractor shall require each of its employees or officers who will be involved in the performance of this Agreement to agree to the above terms in a form to be approved by the state and shall supply the state with evidence thereof. Each subcontract shall contain the foregoing provisions related to the confidentiality of data and nondisclosure of the same.

5. After any data or documents submitted has become a part of the public records of the County or state, the Contractor may, if it wishes to do so at its own expense and upon approval by the County Contract Administrator, publish or utilize the said data or documents but all such published items shall include the following legend:

*LEGAL NOTICE: This report was prepared as an account of work sponsored by the County of El Dorado and State Department of Health Care Services but does not necessarily represent the views of the County or Department or any of its employees except to the extent, if any, that it has formally been approved by the Department. For information regarding any such action, communicate directly with the County and State of California at:*

<b>COUNTY</b>	<b>STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES</b>
Health and Human Services Agency 3057 Briw Road, Suite A Placerville, CA 95667	P.O. Box 997413 Sacramento, CA 94252-2050

*Neither said County nor State Department of Health Care Services / State of California, nor any officer or employee thereof, or the Contractor or any of its subcontractors makes any warranty, express or implied, or assumes any legal liability whatsoever for the contents of this document, nor does any party represent that use of the data contained herein would not infringe upon privately owned rights without obtaining permission or authorization from any party who has any rights in connection with the data.*

6. Data Definitions:
  - a. “Data” as used in this Agreement means recorded information, regardless of form or characteristics, of a scientific or technical nature. It may, for example, document research, experimental, developmental, or engineering work, or be usable or be used to define a design or process, or support a premise or conclusion asserted in any deliverable document called for by this Agreement. The data may be graphic or pictorial delineations in media, such as drawings or photographs, charts, tables, mathematical modes, collections or extrapolations of data or information, etc. It may be in machine form, as punched cards, magnetic tape, computer printouts, or may be retained in computer memory.
  - b. “Proprietary data” is such data as the Contractor has identified in a satisfactory manner as being under Contractor’s control prior to commencement of performance of this Agreement and which has been reasonably demonstrated as being of a proprietary force and effect at the time this Agreement is commenced.
  - c. “Generated data” is that data, which a Contractor has collected, collated, recorded, deduced, read out, or postulated for utilization in the performance of this Agreement. Any electronic data processing program, model, or software system developed or substantially modified by the Contractor in the performance of this Agreement at Contractor’s expense, together with complete documentation thereof, shall be treated in the same manner as generated data. “Generated data” shall be the property of the state unless and only to the extent that it is specifically provided otherwise herein.
  - d. “Deliverable data” is that data which under terms of this Agreement is required to be delivered to the County or state. Such data shall be the property of the County and state.

The title to the Contractor’s proprietary data shall remain in the Contractor’s possession throughout the term of this Agreement and thereafter. As to generated data which is reserved to the County by express terms of this Agreement and as to any preexisting or proprietary data which has been utilized to support any premise, postulate or conclusion referred to or expressed in any deliverable hereunder, the Contractor shall preserve the same in a form which may be introduced in evidence in a court of competent jurisdiction at the Contractor’s own expense for a period of not less than five (5) years after receipt by the County and state of the final report or termination of this Agreement and any and all amendments hereto, or for three (3) years after the conclusion or resolution of any and all audits or litigation relevant to this Agreement, whichever is later.

Prior to the expiration of such time and before changing the form of or destroying any such data, the Contractor shall notify the County and state of any such contemplated action; and the County or state may within thirty (30) days after said notification determine whether it desires said data to be further preserved and, if the state so elects, the expense of further preserving said data shall be paid for by the State. The Contractor agrees that the County and state shall have unrestricted reasonable access to the same during said three (3) year period and throughout the time during which said data is preserved in accordance with this Agreement, and the Contractor agrees to use best efforts to furnish competent witnesses or to identify such competent witnesses to testify in any court of law regarding said data.

Each party shall designate an employee who shall be responsible for overall security and confidentiality of its data and information systems and each party shall notify the other of any changes in that designation. HIPAA Compliance/Security Officer is as follows:

<b>COUNTY</b>
HIPPA Compliance/ Security Officer County of El Dorado Risk Management 330 Fair Lane Placerville, CA 95667 or riskmanagement@edcgov.us

7. Confidentiality Requirements relating to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act: The Contractor shall comply with applicable laws and regulations, including but not limited to Sections 14100.2 and 5328 et seq. of the WIC Section 431.300 et seq. of Title 42, Code of Federal Regulations, and the HIPAA, including but not limited to Section 1320 d et seq. of Title 42, United States Code and its implementing regulations (including but not limited to Title 45, CFR, Parts 160, 162 and 164) regarding the confidentiality and security of individually identifiable health information (IIHI).

H. **Drug-Free Workplace**: Contractor agrees to maintain a drug-free workplace and remain in compliance with the Federal Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988 (41 U.S.C. Chapter 10) and the California Drug-Free Workplace Act of 2000 (Government Code Section 8350 et seq.) and any subsequent amendments to either Act thereto. A “drug free workplace” means the site(s) for the performance of work done by Contractor at which Contractor and employees of the

Contractor are prohibited from engaging in the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of any controlled substance. A list of controlled substances can be found in Schedules I through V of Section 202 of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 812) and as further defined in Regulation 21 CFR 1308.11 – 1308.15.

- I. **Fingerprinting:** If required by State law or County ordinance, pursuant to California Penal Code Section 11105.3(a), “Notwithstanding any other law, a human resource agency or an employer may request from the Department of Justice records of all convictions or any arrest pending adjudication involving the offenses specified in subdivision (1) of Section 15660 of the WIC of a person who applies for a license, employment, or volunteer position, in which he or she would have supervisory or disciplinary power over a minor or any person under his or her care.” Therefore, Contractor warrants that its employees, subcontractors, assignees, volunteers and any other persons who, while providing services under this Agreement, have or may have supervisory or disciplinary power over any person or minor under his or her care, have been fingerprinted in order to determine whether they have a criminal history that would compromise the safety of persons or minors with whom they have contact in the course of provision of services under this Agreement. Contractor further warrants that said employees, subcontractors, assignees, volunteers, and other persons have been cleared by Contractor to perform the services described in this Agreement. All fingerprinting services shall be at Contractor’s sole expense. More specifically, Contractor agrees that:
1. Each applicant for paid or volunteer employment by Contractor who shall or may have a supervisory or disciplinary power over a minor or any person under his or her care shall be fingerprinted in order to determine whether they have a criminal history, which would compromise the safety of such minor, or person(s) under his or her care. All fingerprinting shall be at Contractor’s sole expense.
  2. The fingerprinting process as set forth above shall be completed and the results of the process shall be obtained before any of the Contractor’s employees, subcontractors, assignees, or volunteers are assigned or permitted to work with any minor or person referred to Contractor by County. Alternatively, the Contractor may set a hire date prior to obtaining fingerprinting results contingent on the applicant certifying that: (1) his or her employment application truthfully and completely discloses whether he or she has ever been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor or been on parole or probation and (2) that the applicant understands that a background check shall be conducted and that he or she shall be immediately dismissed from employment if he or she has failed to provide information regarding convictions, has provided incomplete information regarding convictions, has omitted information regarding convictions or if the fingerprinting results reveal any conviction incompatible with employment with Contractor.
  3. Contractor shall maintain, and make immediately available to County upon request, a written fingerprint certification for each employee, volunteer, or applicant for paid or volunteer employment for whom fingerprinting is required as detailed above. Such certification shall state that the individual has been fingerprinted, shall provide the date of said fingerprinting, and shall state whether the process has disclosed any criminal history of the individual, which may compromise the safety of minors or other persons with whom that individual has contact. Fingerprint information received from Department of Justice by Contractor shall be retained or disposed of pursuant to current Department of Justice directives.



J. **Health and Safety:** Contractor shall maintain a safe facility. Contractor shall store and dispense medication in compliance with all applicable State, Federal, and County laws and regulations.

K. **Mandated Reporter Requirements:** California law requires that certain persons are mandated to report suspected child abuse, suspected dependent adult abuse, and suspected domestic violence. Contractor acknowledges and agrees to comply with the following state-required mandated reporter regulations as they apply to the services being rendered by Contractor: California Penal Code Sections 11160-11163, which covers suspected domestic violence; California Penal Code, Article 2.5 (commencing with Section 11164) of Chapter 2 of Title I of Part 4, also known as the Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act; and WIC Section 15630 et seq., which covers suspected dependent adult abuse.

L. **Miscellaneous Provisions:**

1. Disclaimer: The County makes no warranty or representation that compliance by the Contractor with this Agreement, HIPAA or the HIPAA regulations shall be adequate or satisfactory for the Contractor's own purposes or that any information in the Contractor's possession or control, or transmitted or received by the Contractor is, or will be, secure from unauthorized use or disclosure. The Contractor is solely responsible for all decisions made by the Contractor regarding the safeguarding of IHHI.
2. Assistance in Litigation or Administrative Proceedings: The Contractor shall make itself, and use its best efforts to make any subcontractors, employees or agents assisting the Contractor in the performance of its obligation under this Agreement, available to the County or state at no cost to the County or state to testify as witnesses, or otherwise, in the event of litigation or administrative proceedings being commenced against the state, its directors, officers or employees for claimed violation of HIPAA, the HIPAA regulations or other laws relating to security and privacy based upon actions or inactions of the Contractor and/or its subcontractor, employee, or agent, except where the Contractor or its subcontractor, employee or agent is named adverse party.
3. Interpretation: The terms and conditions in this Agreement shall be interpreted as broadly as necessary to implement and comply with HIPAA, the HIPAA regulations and applicable state or local laws. The parties agree that any ambiguity in the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall be resolved in favor of a meaning that complies and is consistent with applicable laws.
4. Regulatory References: A reference in the terms and conditions of this Agreement to a section in the HIPAA regulations means the section as in effect or as amended.
5. Fulfillment of Obligation: No covenant, condition, duty, obligation, or undertaking continued or made a part of this Agreement shall be waived except by written agreement of the parties hereto, and forbearance or indulgence in any other form or manner by either party in regard whatsoever will not constitute a waiver of the covenant, condition, duty, obligation, or undertaking to be kept, performed or discharged by the party to which the same may apply. Until performance or satisfaction of all covenants, conditions, duties, obligations, and undertakings is complete, the other party shall have the right to invoke any remedy available under this contract, or under law, notwithstanding such forbearance or indulgence.

M. **Monitoring for Compliance:** County shall monitor the Contractor's operations for compliance with the provisions of this Agreement as well as applicable Federal and State laws and regulations. When monitoring activities identify areas of non-compliance, County will issue reports to the Contractor detailing findings, recommendations, and corrective action. Failure to comply with required corrective action could lead to civil penalties, as appropriate, pursuant to California Code Regulations., Title 9, Sections 1810.380 and 1810.385.

Contractor shall abide by manuals, directives and other guidance issued by the State of California. All appropriate manuals and updates shall be available for review or reference by Contractor from County's HHS A

N. **Patients' Rights/Grievances:** Contractor shall give to all patients written notice of their rights pursuant to and in compliance with WIC Section 5325 et seq.; CCR Title 9, Section 860 et seq.; Title XIX of the Social Security Act; and Title 42, Code of Federal Regulations. In addition, in all facilities providing the services described herein, Contractor shall have prominently posted in the predominant language of the community a list of the patient's rights.

As a condition of reimbursement, Contractor shall provide the same level of treatment to beneficiaries served under this Agreement as provided to all other patients served.

Contractor shall not discriminate against any beneficiary of services provided under this Agreement in any manner.

Contractor agrees to provide a system through which recipients of service shall have the opportunity to express and have considered their views, grievances, and complaints regarding the delivery of services, including affording recipients notice of adverse determination and a hearing thereon to the extent required by law.

O. **Review, Inspection and Record Retention:** Contractor agrees to make all of its books and records pertaining to the goods and services furnished under the terms of the contract available for inspection, examination, or copying by authorized County, state or federal agencies, or their duly authorized representatives, at all reasonable times at Contractor's place of business or at such other mutually agreeable location in California, in a form maintained in accordance with the general standards applicable to such book or record keeping. Upon expiration or termination of this Agreement all client records shall be kept for a minimum of ten (10) years from the date of discharge and in the case of minors, for at least one (1) year after the minor client's eighteenth (18<sup>th</sup>) birthday, but in no case less than ten (10) years from the date of discharge. Service and financial records shall be retained by Contractor, for a term of at least five (5) years from the close of the County's fiscal year in which the contract was in effect, or any longer period as may be required by federal or state law including, but not limited to any record retention laws pertaining to minors, psychiatric health facilities, psychology clinics, psychologists and/or other licensed professionals. If at the end of the applicable retention period, there is litigation or an audit or other investigation involving those books or records, Contractor shall retain the books or records until the resolution of such litigation, audit, or investigation.

The County or their designee shall have access to and right to examine, monitor, and audit all records, documents, conditions, and activities related to programs funded by this Agreement.

For purposes of this section “access to” means that the Contractor shall at all times maintain a complete set of records and documents related to programs funded by this Agreement and shall make these records available to the state or County, or their respective designee in a central location.

- P. **Release of Information:** Contractor shall ensure that County HHSA is included as a receiving party on all Release of Information forms used in the performance of services under this Agreement.
- Q. **Standards of Conduct:** The following standards apply to Contractor and, in the event County agrees in writing to Contractor subcontracting services under this Agreement, pursuant to the Article titled, “Assignment and Delegation,” Contractor shall ensure the following standards are included in any subcontract hereto:
1. Every reasonable course of action shall be taken to maintain the integrity of this expenditure of public funds and to avoid favoritism and questionable or improper conduct. This Agreement shall be administered in an impartial manner, free from efforts to gain person, financial or political gain.
  2. Any executive or employee of the Contractor shall not solicit or accept money or any other consideration from a third person for the performance of an act reimbursed in whole or part by the County or the state. Supplies, materials, equipment, or services purchased with Agreement funds shall be used solely for purposes allowed under this Agreement. No member of the Contractor’s Board will cast a vote on the provision of services by that member (or any organization which that member represents) or vote on any matter which would provide direct financial benefit to that member (or immediate family of the member) or any business or organization which the member directly represents.
  3. The County, by written notice to the Contractor, may terminate the right of the Contractor to proceed under this Agreement if it is found, after notice and hearing by the County or state, that gratuities were offered or given by the Contractor or any agent or representative of the Contractor to any officer or employee of the County or state with a view toward securing a contract or securing favorable treatment with respect to the awarding, amending, or performing of such Agreement, provided that the existence of the fact upon which the County or state makes such findings that shall be an issue may be reviewed in any competent court.
  4. In the event this Agreement is terminated as provided in the paragraph above, the County or state shall be entitled:
    - a. To pursue the same remedies against the Contractor as it could pursue in the event of the breach of the Agreement by the Contractor, and
    - b. As a predetermined amount of liquidated damages in addition to any other damages to which it may be entitled by law, to exemplary damages in an amount which shall be not less than three (3) times the cost incurred by the County or state in providing any such gratuities to any such officer or employee.
  5. The rights and remedies of the Contractor provided in this clause shall not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this Agreement. The Contractor warrants by execution of this Agreement that no person or selling agency has been employed or retained to solicit or secure this Agreement upon a contract or understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee, excepting bona fide employees of the Contractor, for the purpose of securing business. For breach or violation of this warranty, the County shall have the right to annul this Agreement without

liability, paying only for the values of the work actually returned or, in its discretion, to deduct from the contract price or consideration, or otherwise recover, the full amount of such commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee.

6. Contractor, and any subcontractors and/or consultants retained by the Contractor with funds provided under this Agreement must comply with the provisions of California Government Code Section 19990, et seq.

R. **Subcontracting:** In addition to Article titled, "Assignment and Delegation," the Contractor certifies that:

1. Any work or services specified in this Agreement which will be performed by other than the Contractor shall be evidenced by a written agreement specifying the terms and conditions of such performance.
2. The Contractor shall maintain and adhere to an appropriate system, consistent with federal, state, and local law, for the award and monitoring of contracts that contain acceptable standards for insuring accountability.
3. The system for awarding contracts will contain safeguards to ensure that the Contractor does not contract with any entity whose officers have been convicted of fraud or misappropriation of funds.
4. Subcontractors shall comply with the confidentiality requirements set forth in the items titled "Confidentiality Requirements" and "Confidentiality and Information Security Provisions" of this Agreement.


#### **ARTICLE XL**

**Counterparts:** This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which will be deemed to be an original copy of this Agreement and all of which, when taken together, will be deemed to constitute one and the same Agreement.

#### **ARTICLE XLI**

**Entire Agreement:** This document and the documents referred to herein or exhibits hereto are the entire Agreement between the parties and they incorporate or supersede all prior written or oral Agreements or understandings.

**Requesting Contract Administrator Concurrence:**

By:   
Christianne Kernes (Feb 5, 2025 11:55 PST)  
Christianne Kernes, LMFT  
Deputy Director  
Behavioral Health Division  
Health and Human Services Agency

Dated: 02/05/2025

**Requesting Department Head Concurrence:**

By:   
Olivia Byron-Cooper (Feb 5, 2025 13:04 PST)  
Olivia Byron-Cooper, MPH  
Director  
Health and Human Services Agency

Dated: 02/05/2025

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement on the dates indicated below.

**-- COUNTY OF EL DORADO --**

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

George Turnboo, Chair  
Board of Supervisors  
"County"

ATTEST:  
Kim Dawson  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

**-- COMPASSION PATHWAY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH LLC --**

By: *Ifeanyi Ezeani*  
Ifeanyi Ezeani (Feb 5, 2025 13:14 PST)

Dated: 02/05/2025

Ifeanyi Ezeani  
Chief Executive Officer  
"Contractor"

## Compassion Pathway Behavioral Health LLC

### Exhibit A

#### Scope of Work

##### A. Adult Residential Facility (ARF) Basic Services

The Contractor shall comply with all service provisions for the operation of a licensed ARF including, but not limited to:

1. Preparing three (3) meals and three (3) nutritional snacks each day and, upon request, providing, via email, the Client's case manager or other Behavioral Health Division (BHD) staff with a calendar of meals and snacks.
2. Providing housekeeping and laundry.
3. Arranging daily activities and providing, via email, Client's case manager or other BHD staff with a monthly calendar of daily activities.
4. Assisting with medication and reporting, via email, medication non-compliance to Client's case manager, other designated BHD staff, and Client's conservator, if applicable.
5. Supporting Clients in scheduling and attending medical, dental, and other appointments, and providing advocacy as needed.
6. Transporting Clients to appointments as needed.
7. Providing close supervision and interaction with Clients who may require management of complex or challenging behavioral issues, reporting any concerns to Client's case manager and/or the BHD designated staff, and Client's conservator, if applicable; and developing and implementing behavior plans to decrease negative or aggressive behaviors.
8. Maintaining individual Client records in accordance with County and State requirements.
9. Participating in regularly scheduled and as-needed meetings with BHD's designated staff, Client's conservators, and/or other entities with whom the Clients is involved (e.g., Probation) to assess each Client's progress and ongoing needs.

##### B. ARF Enhanced Services

Enhanced Services provided at the Carlson Springs ARF include a range of activities that support clients in restoring, improving, and/or preserving interpersonal and independent living skills and accessing community support systems. The timing, frequency, and duration of the different types of services provided to each Client will depend on the acuity and individual needs of the Client.

The Enhanced Services provided by Carlson Springs ARF shall include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Individual Counseling
2. Group Counseling
3. Family Counseling
4. Self-Control and Symptom Management
5. Prevocational/Vocational Counseling
6. Budgeting and Money Management Education
7. Nutrition Education
8. Medication Education
9. Sex Education
10. Personal Grooming and Hygiene

11. Community Living and Interpersonal Skills
12. Planned Activities (to include indoor/outdoor games and physical exercise)
13. Client Advocacy



**Compassion Pathway Behavioral Health LLC  
Exhibit B  
Bed Hold Authorization**

**County of El Dorado  
Health and Human Services Agency  
Behavioral Health Division**

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Resident: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for Absence from Facility:  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_, authorized representative for County of El Dorado Health and Human Services Agency, Behavioral Health Division do hereby authorize Contractor to hold the bed of the resident noted above while he/she is away from the facility. Holding the bed is guaranteeing the board and care payment to Contractor for the duration of the client's absence or until notice of discharge.

By: \_\_\_\_\_ Dated: \_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Representative

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Public Guardian / Payee:

Resident: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for Absence from Facility:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_, do hereby authorize Contractor to hold the bed of the resident noted above while he/she is away from the facility. Holding the bed is guaranteeing the board and care payment to Contractor for the duration of the client's absence or until notice of discharge.

By: \_\_\_\_\_ Dated: \_\_\_\_\_  
Public Guardian / Payee

**Compassion Pathway Behavioral Health LLC  
Exhibit C  
Rates**

Facility	Facility Address	# of Beds in Facility	Board & Care Rate (monthly)	Fiscal Year (FY)	Daily Rate (per bed)
Carlson Springs Adult Residential Facility	4241 Carlson Way, Diamond Springs, CA 95619	12	Social Security (SSI)/State Supplementary Payment (SSP) Non-Medical Out-of-Home Care (NMOHC) Published Rate	FY 2024-25	\$220
				FY 2025-26	\$231
				FY 2026-27	\$243
				FY 2027-28	\$255
				FY 2028-29	\$268

**Board & Care:** Residential board and care shall be paid at the SSI/SSP NMOHC published rate effective at the time services were provided. The annual SSI/SSP NMOHC published rate becomes effective each January 1<sup>st</sup> and is available at <https://www.cdss.ca.gov/inforesources/community-care-licensing/policy/provider-information-notices/adult-senior-care>.

**Dedicated Beds and non-Dedicated Beds:** Dedicated beds and non-Dedicated Beds shall be paid at the Daily Rate identified in this Exhibit C.

**Bed Hold:** Bed Holds shall be paid at the same rate as if Client were present in the facility, as established by this Exhibit C.

**Compassion Pathway Behavioral Health LLC**  
**Exhibit D**

**Contractor Assurance of Compliance with Nondiscrimination in State and Federally Assisted Programs**

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HEREBY AGREES THAT it will comply with Title VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 as amended; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as amended; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 as amended; the Food Stamp Act of 1977, as amended and in particular section 272.6; Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990; California Civil Code Section 51 et seq., as amended; California Government Code section 11135-11139.5, as amended; California Government Code section 12940 (c), (h) (1), (i), and (j); California Government Code section 4450; Title 22, California Code of Regulations section 98000 – 98413; Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations, Section 3105A(e); the Dymally-Alatorre Bilingual Services Act (California Government Code Section 7290-7299.8); Section 1808 of the Removal of Barriers to Interethnic Adoption Act of 1996; and other applicable federal and state laws, as well as their implementing regulations [including 45 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Parts 80, 84, and 91, 7 CFR Part 15, and 28 CFR Part 42], by ensuring that employment practices and the administration of public assistance and social services programs are nondiscriminatory, to the effect that no person shall because of ethnic group identification, age, sex, color, disability, medical condition, national origin, race, ancestry, marital status, religion, religious creed or political belief be excluded from participation in or be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subject to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal or state financial assistance; and HEREBY GIVE ASSURANCE THAT it will immediately take any measures necessary to effectuate this agreement.

THIS ASSURANCE is given in consideration of and for the purpose of obtaining any and all federal and state assistance; and CONTRACTOR HEREBY GIVES ASSURANCE THAT administrative methods/procedures which have the effect of subjecting individuals to discrimination or defeating the objectives of the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) Manual of Policies and Procedures (MPP) Chapter 21, will be prohibited.

BY ACCEPTING THIS ASSURANCE, Contractor agrees to compile data, maintain records and submit reports as required, to permit effective enforcement of the aforementioned laws, rules and regulations and permit authorized CDSS and/or federal government personnel, during normal working hours, to review such records, books and accounts as needed to ascertain compliance. If there are any violations of this assurance, CDSS shall have the right to invoke fiscal sanctions or other legal remedies in accordance with Welfare and Institutions Code section 10605, or Government Code section 11135-11139.5, or any other laws, or the issue may be referred to the appropriate federal agency for further compliance action and enforcement of this assurance.

THIS ASSURANCE is binding on the Contractor directly or through contract, license, or other provider services, as long as it receives federal or state assistance.

02/05/2025

Date

Ifeanyi Ezeani

Ifeanyi Ezeani (Feb 5, 2025 13:14 PST)

Contractor Signature

5410 White Lotus Way, Elk Grove, CA 95757

Address of Contractor

**Compassion Pathway Behavioral Health LLC**  
**Exhibit E**  
**HIPAA Business Associate Agreement**

This Business Associate Agreement is made part of the base contract (“Underlying Agreement”) to which it is attached, as of the date of commencement of the term of the Underlying Agreement (the “Effective Date”).

**RECITALS**

**WHEREAS**, County and Contractor (hereinafter referred to as Business Associate (“BA”) entered into the Underlying Agreement pursuant to which BA provides services to County, and in conjunction with the provision of such services, certain Protected Health Information (“PHI”) and Electronic Protected Health Information (“EPHI”) may be disclosed to BA for the purposes of carrying out its obligations under the Underlying Agreement;

**WHEREAS**, the County and BA intend to protect the privacy and provide for the security of PHI and EPHI disclosed to BA pursuant to the Agreement in compliance with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, Pub. L. No. 104-191 of 1996 (“HIPAA”), the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act, Public Law 111-005 (the “HITECH” Act), and regulation promulgated thereunder by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (the “HIPAA Regulations”) and other applicable laws as may be amended from time to time;

**WHEREAS**, County is a Covered Entity, as defined in the Privacy Rule and Security Rule, including but not limited to 45 CFR Section 160.103;

**WHEREAS**, BA, when a recipient of PHI from County, is a Business Associate as defined in the Privacy Rule, the Security Rule, and the HITECH Act, including but not limited to 42 USC Section 17938 and 45 CFR Section 160.103;

**WHEREAS**, “Individual” shall have the same meaning as the term “individual” in 45 CFR § 164.501 and shall include a person who qualifies as a personal representative in accordance with 45 CFR § 164.202(g);

**WHEREAS**, “Breach” shall have the meaning given to such term under the HITECH Act under 42 USC Section 17921; and

**WHEREAS**, “Unsecured PHI” shall have the meaning to such term under the HITECH Act and any guidance issued pursuant to such Act including, but not limited to 42 USC Section 17932(h).

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

- I. Definitions. Unless otherwise provided in this Business Associate Agreement, capitalized terms shall have the same meanings as set forth in the Privacy Rule, as may be amended from time to time.
- II. Scope of Use and Disclosure by BA of County Disclosed PHI

- A. BA shall not disclose PHI except for the purposes of performing BA’s obligations under the Underlying Agreement. Further, BA shall not use PHI in any manner that would constitute a violation of the minimum necessary policies and procedures of the County, Privacy Rule, Security Rule, or the HITECH Act.
  - B. Unless otherwise limited herein, in addition to any other uses and/or disclosures permitted or authorized by this Business Associate Agreement or required by law, BA may:
    - 1. Use the PHI in its possession for its proper management and administration and to fulfill any legal obligations.
    - 2. disclose the PHI in its possession to a third party for the purpose of BA’s proper management and administration or to fulfill any legal responsibilities of BA, or as required by law
    - 3. Disclose PHI as necessary for BA’s operations only if:
      - a) Prior to making a disclosure to a third party, BA will obtain written assurances from such third party including:
        - (1) To hold such PHI in confidence and use or further disclose it only for the purpose of which BA disclosed it to the third party, or as required by law; and
        - (2) The third party will immediately notify BA of any breaches of confidentiality of PHI to the extent it has obtained knowledge of such breach.
    - 4. Aggregate the PHI and/or aggregate the PHI with that of other data for the purpose of providing County with data analyses related to the Underlying Agreement, or any other purpose, financial or otherwise, as requested by County.
    - 5. Not disclose PHI disclosed to BA by County not authorized by the Underlying Agreement or this Business Associate Agreement without patient authorization or de-identification of the PHI as authorized in writing by County.
    - 6. De-identify any and all PHI of County received by BA under this Business Associate Agreement provided that the de-identification conforms to the requirements of the Privacy Rule, 45 CFR and does not preclude timely payment and/or claims processing and receipt.
  - C. BA agrees that it will neither use nor disclose PHI it receives from County, or from another business associate of County, except as permitted or required by this Business Associate Agreement, or as required by law, or as otherwise permitted by law.
- III. Obligations of BA. In connection with its use of PHI disclosed by County to BA, BA agrees to:
- A. Implement appropriate administrative, technical, and physical safeguards as are necessary to prevent use or disclosure of PHI other than as permitted by the Agreement that reasonably and appropriately protects the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of the PHI in accordance with Title 45 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 160 and Part 164, Subparts A and C (the “HIPAA Privacy Rule” and the “HIPAA Security Rule”) in effect or as may be amended, including but not limited to 45 CFR 164.308, 164.310, 164.312, and 164.504(e)(2). BA shall comply with the policies, procedures, and documentation requirements of the HIPAA Security Rule.
  - B. Report to County within 24 hours of any suspected or actual breach of security, intrusion, or unauthorized use or disclosure of PHI of which BA becomes aware and/or any actual or suspected use or disclosure of data in violation of any applicable federal or state laws or regulations. BA shall take prompt corrective action to cure any such

- deficiencies and any action pertaining to such unauthorized disclosure required by applicable federal and state laws and regulations.
- C. Report to County in writing of any access, use, or disclosure of PHI not permitted by the Underlying Agreement and this Business Associate Agreement, and any Breach of Unsecured PHI of which it becomes aware without unreasonable delay and in no case later than five (5) days. To the extent the Breach is solely a result of BA's failure to implement reasonable and appropriate safeguards as required by law, and not due in whole or part to the acts or omissions of the County, BA may be required to reimburse the County for notifications required under 45 CFR 164.404 and CFR 164.406.
  - D. BA shall not use or disclose PHI for fundraising or marketing purposes. BA shall not disclose PHI to a health plan for payment or health care operations purposes if the patient has requested this special restriction, and has paid out of pocket in full for the health care item or service to which the PHI solely relates. BA shall not directly or indirectly receive remuneration in exchange of PHI, except with the prior written consent of the County and as permitted by the HITECH Act, 42 USC Section 17935(d)(2); however, this prohibition shall not affect payment by County to BA for services provided pursuant to the Agreement.
- IV. PHI Access, Amendment, and Disclosure Accounting. BA agrees to:
- A. Provide access, at the request of County, within five (5) days, to PHI in a Designated Record Set, to the County, or to an Individual as directed by the County. If BA maintains an Electronic Health Record, BA shall provide such information in electronic format to enable County to fulfill its obligations under the HITECH Act, including, but not limited to, 42 USC Section 17935(e).
  - B. Within ten (10) days of receipt of a request from County, incorporate any amendments or corrections to the PHI in accordance with the Privacy Rule in the event that the PHI in BA's possession constitutes a Designated Record Set.
  - C. To assist the County in meeting its disclosure accounting under HIPAA:
    - 1. BA agrees to implement a process that allows for an accounting to be collected and maintained by BA and its agents or subcontractors for at least six (6) years prior to the request. However, accounting of disclosure from Electronic Health Record for treatment, payment, or health care operations purposes are required to be collected and maintained for only three (3) years prior to the request, and only to the extent that BA maintains an electronic health record and is subject to this requirement. At the minimum, the information collected shall include: (i) the date of disclosure; (ii) the name of the entity or person who received PHI and, if known, the address of the entity or person; (iii) a brief description of PHI disclosed and; (iv) a brief statement of purpose of the disclosure that reasonably informs the individual of the basis for the disclosure, or a copy of the individual's authorization, or a copy of the written request for disclosure.
    - 2. Within in 30 days of notice by the County, BA agrees to provide to County information collected in accordance with this section to permit the County to respond to a request by an Individual for an accounting of disclosures of PHI.
  - D. Make available to the County, or to the Secretary of Health and Human Services (the "Secretary"), BA's internal practices, books and records relating to the use of and disclosure of PHI for purposes of determining BA's compliance with the Privacy Rule, subject to any applicable legal restrictions. BA shall provide County a copy of any PHI that BA provides to the Secretary concurrently with providing such information to the Secretary.

V. Obligations of County.

- A. County agrees that it will promptly notify BA in writing of any restrictions on the use and disclosure of PHI agreed to by County that may affect BA's ability to perform its obligations under the Underlying Agreement, or this Business Associate Agreement.
- B. County agrees that it will promptly notify BA in writing of any changes in, or revocation of, permission by any Individual to use or disclose PHI, if such changes or revocation may affect BA's ability to perform its obligations under the Underlying Agreement, or this Business Associate Agreement.
- C. County agrees that it will promptly notify BA in writing of any known limitation(s) in its notice of privacy practices to the extent that such limitation may affect BA's use of disclosure of PHI.
- D. County shall not request BA to use or disclose PHI in any manner that would not be permissible under the Privacy Rule if done by County, except as may be expressly permitted by the Privacy Rule.
- E. County will obtain any authorizations necessary for the use or disclosure of PHI, so that BA can perform its obligations under this Business Associate Agreement and/or the Underlying Agreement.

VI. Term and Termination.

- A. Term. This Business Associate Agreement shall commence upon the Effective Date and terminate upon the termination of the Underlying Agreement, as provided therein when all PHI provided by the County to BA, or created or received by BA on behalf of the County, is destroyed or returned to the County, or, or if it is infeasible to return or destroy PHI, protections are extended to such information, in accordance with the termination provisions in this Section.
- B. Termination for Cause. Upon the County's knowledge of a material breach by the BA, the County shall either:
  - 1. Provide an opportunity for the BA to cure the breach or end the violation and terminate this Agreement if the BA does not cure the breach or end the violation within the time specified by the County.
  - 2. Immediately terminate this Agreement if the BA has breached a material term of this Agreement and cure is not possible; or
  - 3. If neither termination nor cures are feasible, the County shall report the violation to the Secretary.
- C. Effect of Termination.
  - 1. Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this section, upon termination of this Agreement, for any reason, the BA shall, at the option of County, return or destroy all PHI that BA or its agents or subcontractors still maintain in any form, and shall retain no copies of such PHI.
  - 2. In the event that the County determines that returning or destroying the PHI is infeasible, BA shall provide to the County notification of the conditions that make return or destruction infeasible, and BA shall extend the protections of this Agreement to such PHI to those purposes that make the return or destruction infeasible, for so long as the BA maintains such PHI. If County elects destruction of the PHI, BA shall certify in writing to County that such PHI has been destroyed.

VII. Indemnity

- A. BA shall indemnify and hold harmless all Agencies, Districts, Special Districts and Departments of the County, their respective directors, officers, Board of Supervisors, elected and appointed officials, employees, agents and representatives (collectively

“County”) from any liability whatsoever, based or asserted upon any services of BA, its officers, employees, subcontractors, agents or representatives arising out of or in any way relating to BA’s performance under this Business Associate Agreement, including but not limited to property damage, bodily injury, or death or any other element of any kind or nature whatsoever including fines, penalties or any other costs and resulting from any reason whatsoever to the extent arising from the performance of BA, its officers, agents, employees, subcontractors, agents or representatives under this Business Associate Agreement. BA shall defend, at its sole expense, all costs and fees including but not limited to attorney fees, cost of investigation, defense and settlements or awards against the County in any claim or action based upon such alleged acts or omissions.

- B. With respect to any action or claim subject to indemnification herein by BA, BA shall, at its sole cost, have the right to use counsel of its choice, subject to the approval of County, which shall not be unreasonably withheld, and shall have the right to adjust, settle, or compromise any such action or claim without the prior consent of County; provided, however, that any such adjustment, settlement or compromise in no manner whatsoever limits or circumscribes BA’s indemnification of County as set forth herein. BA’s obligation to defend, indemnify and hold harmless County shall be subject to County having given BA written notice within a reasonable period of time of the claim or of the commencement of the related action, as the case may be, and information and reasonable assistance, at BA’s expense, for the defense or settlement thereof. BA’s obligation hereunder shall be satisfied when BA has provided to County the appropriate form of dismissal relieving County from any liability for the action or claim involved.
  - C. The specified insurance limits required in the Underlying Agreement of this Business Associate Agreement shall in no way limit or circumscribe BA’s obligations to indemnify and hold harmless the County herein from third party claims arising from the issues of this Business Associate Agreement.
  - D. In the event there is conflict between this clause and California Civil Code Section 2782, this clause shall be interpreted to comply with Civil Code Section 2782. Such interpretation shall not relieve the BA from indemnifying the County to the fullest extent allowed by law.
  - E. In the event there is a conflict between this indemnification clause and an indemnification clause contained in the Underlying Agreement of this Business Associate Agreement, this indemnification shall only apply to the subject issues included within this Business Associate Agreement.
- VIII. Amendment. The parties agree to take such action as is necessary to amend this Business Associate Agreement from time to time as is necessary for County to comply with the Privacy Rule, 45 CFR, and HIPAA generally.
- IX. Survival. The respective rights and obligations of this Business Associate Agreement shall survive the termination or expiration of this Business Associate Agreement.
- X. Regulatory References. A reference in this Business Associate Agreement to a section in the Privacy Rule means the section as in effect or as amended.
- XI. Conflicts. Any ambiguity in this Business Associate Agreement and the Underlying Agreement shall be resolved to permit County to comply with the Privacy Rule, 45 CFR, and HIPAA generally.



## Approval and Signatures

By: *Ifeanyi Ezeani*  
Ifeanyi Ezeani (Feb 5, 2025 13:14 PST)  
Ifeanyi Ezeani  
Chief Executive Officer  
Compassion Pathway Behavioral Health LLC  
"BA Representative"

Dated: 02/05/2025

By: *Christianne Kernes*  
Christianne Kernes (Feb 5, 2025 11:55 PST)  
Christianne Kernes, LMFT  
Deputy Director, Behavioral Health  
El Dorado County Health and Human Services Agency (HHS A)  
"HHS A Representative"

Dated: 02/05/2025

**Compassion Pathway Behavioral Health LLC**  
**Exhibit F**  
**California Levine Act Statement**

California Government Code section 84308, commonly referred to as the "Levine Act," prohibits any officer of El Dorado County from participating in any action related to a contract if he or she accepts, solicits, or directs any political contributions totaling more than two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250) within the previous twelve (12) months, and for twelve (12) months following the date a final decision concerning the contract has been made, from the person or company awarded the contract. The Levine Act also requires disclosure of such contribution by a party to be awarded a specific contract. An officer of El Dorado County includes the Board of Supervisors, any elected official, and the chief administrative officer (collectively "Officer"). It is the Contractor's responsibility to confirm the appropriate "Officer" and name the individual(s) in their disclosure.

Have you or your company, or any agent on behalf of you or your company, made any political contribution(s), or been solicited to make a contribution by an Officer or had an Officer direct you to make a contribution of more than \$500 to an Officer of the County of El Dorado in the twelve months preceding the date of the submission of your proposals or the anticipated date of any Officer action related to this contract?

YES  NO

If yes, please identify the person(s) by name:

If no, please type N/A. N/A

Do you or your company, or any agency on behalf of you or your company, anticipate or plan to make any political contribution(s) of more than \$250 to an Officer of the County of El Dorado in the twelve months following any Officer action related to this contract?

YES  NO

If yes, please identify the person(s) by name:

If no, please type N/A. N/A

Answering YES to either of the two questions above does not preclude the County of El Dorado from awarding a contract to your firm or any taking any subsequent action related to the contract. It does, however, preclude the identified Officer(s) from participating in any actions related to this contract.

02/05/2025

Date

Ifeanyi Ezeani

Ifeanyi Ezeani (Feb 5, 2025 13:14 PST)

Signature of authorized individual

Compassion Pathway Behavioral Health LLC    Ifeanyi Ezeani

Type or write name of company

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