

**AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES #6353**

Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation 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 GHC of Auburn, LLC a California Limited Liability Corporation, doing business as Siena Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, duly qualified to conduct business in the State of California, whose principal place of business is 11600 Education Street, Auburn, CA 95602 (hereinafter referred to as "Contractor");

**RECITALS**

**WHEREAS**, County has determined that it is necessary to obtain a contractor to provide residential skilled nursing and rehabilitation twenty-four (24) hour program and facility services for mentally ill adults (hereinafter referred to as "Client" or "Clients") on an "as requested" basis for the County of El Dorado Health and Human Services Agency (HHS), Behavioral Health Division; and

**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; and

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

**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:** Contractor agrees to furnish the personnel and equipment necessary to provide Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) services/Special Treatment Program (STP) services, or other such services as required by the licensure of the facility to mentally disabled adult persons ages eighteen

(18) years and older pursuant to California Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) , Division 5, commencing with Section 5000; California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 22, Sections 72443-72475 and Title 9, Sections 786.0-786.23; California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) Policies and Directives; and other applicable statues and regulations according to facilities licensure requirements as set forth below.

**A. Definitions:**

Skilled Nursing Facility (“SNF”)	Shall be licensed by the State of California Department of Public Health
Skilled Nursing Facility with Special Treatment Program	These facilities require both a license with the California Department of Public Health as a SNF, and certification as a Special Treatment Program by the California Department of Health Care Services.
Special Treatment Program (“STP”)	STPs are designed to serve clients who have a chronic psychiatric impairment and whose adaptive functioning is moderately impaired. These clients require continuous supervision and may be expected to benefit from an active rehabilitation program designed to improve their adaptive functioning or prevent any further deterioration of their adaptive functioning. Services are provided to individuals having special needs or deficits in one or more of the following areas: self-help skills; behavioral adjustment; interpersonal relations; pre-vocation preparation; and alternative placement planning. Shall be licensed by the California Department of Health Care Services.
Institute for Mental Disease (“IMD”)	Pursuant to California Department of Mental Health Letter 10-02 dated February 1, 2010 “IMDs in California generally include facilities in the following licensing categories, if the facility has more than 16 beds: Acute psychiatric hospitals; psychiatric health facilities; skilled nursing facilities with a certified special treatment program for the mentally disordered; and mental health rehabilitation centers.”

**B. Goals and Outcomes:** Contractor’s program shall have the following goals and objectives:

1. Goals:
  - a. To aid Clients in reconstituting from the crisis that precipitated their acute hospitalization, to prevent further disintegration that

could lead to acute hospitalization, to prevent placement in more restrictive longer-term settings.

- b. The facility shall offer no less than twenty-seven (27) program hours per week. Clients shall demonstrate improved functional behavior, as measured by movement through the levels of assessment phase.
  - c. To explore individual potential for improvement of quality of life, so as to significantly reduce recidivism to acute care facilities and prevent admission to other locked long-term care facilities or state hospitals.
  - d. To develop alternative therapeutic interventions for the target population that will enable them to remain in the community for significantly longer periods of time.
  - e. Clients shall have reduced medication levels, as measured through amount of medication used.
  - f. The Contractor's program shall offer benefit to clients through a variety of rehabilitation services such as (but not limited to) the following: individualized and group counseling; Alcoholic Anonymous/Narcotic Anonymous twelve (12) step groups; educational and General Education Development prep sessions; wellness and recovery groups; art therapy; relapse prevention groups; nutritional counseling; life skills training; stress reduction; self-management skills; exercise group, social skills groups; Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT); Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT); peer support; vocational training and groups; personal motivation groups; pharmacology groups; and anger management.
2. Outcome Objectives:
- a. Ninety percent (90%) of clients with a planned discharge (excluding clients who elope and do not return or who die) have improved their functioning.
  - b. At least 90% of residents admitted will complete six (6) months of residency or be successfully placed at a lower level of care. Clients who are discharged and readmitted within three (3) weeks will be considered to have continuous residency.
  - c. For Clients completing three (3) months of residency, acute psychiatric hospitalization will be reduced 70% in the six (6) months following discharge compared to the average six-month period in the two (2) years prior to admission.
  - d. Recidivism: At least 60% of Clients with a planned termination will not be admitted in an acute care psychiatric hospital within six (6) months after discharge.

**C. Target Population and Geographic Area:**

1. Target Population: Contractor shall provide the services described herein to the following target population:

- a. Contractor shall serve Clients who have a chronic psychiatric impairment and whose adaptive functioning is impaired as described and defined in Title 22 of the CCR, Sections 51335 and 72443-72475.
  - b. The population to be served by this program is mentally ill adults, from eighteen (18) and older, in need of structured, round-the-clock psychiatric care and treatment. Most of the Clients will have episodic psychiatric illnesses of long duration, which may be accompanied by medical problems.
  - c. As a result their histories may be characterized with multiple previous hospitalizations in acute care, locked long-term care and/or State hospital facilities., detention under permanent conservatorships, alienation from their families of origin or conflicting family relationships, history of interrupted or aborted educations experiences, multiple fragmented contacts with community mental health and social service agencies, reliance on public assistance and supplemental income, inability to structure time or pursue long-range goals with any degree of success, a lack of social and vocational skills common to the age grouping into which these Clients fall, and finally, a generally consistent expressed and active resistance to treatment.
  - d. These Clients tend to consume a disproportionate share of limited mental health resources. Caring for this targeted population requires specialized Institution for Mental Disease (IMD)/STP facilities. This is the most efficient and effective means of insuring their well-being.
  - e. Individuals that are temporarily or permanently conserved, or may sign a voluntary admission agreement.
2. Service Locations and Hours of Operation:
- a. Contractor facility addresses:

Siena Skilled Nursing & Rehabilitation Center	11600 Education St Auburn, CA 95603
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- b. Twenty-four (24) hours per day, seven (7) days a week.

**D. Requirements for Service Delivery:**

- 1. Contractor shall admit Clients with a *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual* (DSM) V diagnosis subject to bed availability, the order of a physician, and compliance with reasonable admission policies and procedures and individuals in need of twenty-four (24) hour skilled nursing services. Clients who may have histories of, and without adequate treatment are at risk of displaying behavioral symptoms which preclude them from being admitted into a lower-level care facility, shall also be considered acceptable for admission. Frequency, scope, and severity of these

behaviors are a determining factor to be negotiated on an individual Client basis between County and the Contractor. It is agreed by County and the Contractor that individuals whose mental illness is deemed appropriate for acute care, as well as individuals suffering exclusively from developmental disability, mental retardation, or physical illnesses (without a psychiatric component) shall not be considered for admission.

2. Contractor shall provide the basic service level (the minimum array of services provided to IMD Clients) which fully comply with Title 22 of the CCR, Section 72445 which includes, when appropriate, life skill training, money management, training on accessing community services, transitional programs, and discharge planning. It is further agreed by the Contractor that basic services shall also include reasonable access to required medical treatment and up-to-date psychopharmacology and transportation to needed off-site services and bilingual and bicultural programming, as appropriate.
3. **Services:** Contractor shall provide, operate, and maintain an IMD/STP program in accord with the most current Title 22, CCR related to SNF and STP regulations, and the current Program Manual for Skilled Nursing Facilities with Special Treatment Programs from DHCS.
4. **Bed Hold Days:** When a client is out of the facility for up to 168 hours (7 days) due to extenuating circumstances (e.g., hospitalization at a non-Fee-for-Service Hospital, or an authorized visit to the client's family), the Contractor shall be allowed to claim for bed hold days. County shall provide a **"Bed Hold Authorization"** form, attached hereto as **Exhibit A** and incorporated by reference herein, 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. Contractor shall pay for ancillary costs at the direction of the County based on the directive of the Department of Health Care Services.
6. Contractor shall perform the following additional activities, but are not limited to:
  - a. Actively participate in client discharge planning with County Behavioral Health Division staff and client.
  - b. Participate in meetings as directed by the County, to support collaboration with the County, in order to ensure efficient process and operations.
  - c. **Cultural Competence:** Contractor shall meet the standards as delineated in the County's Cultural Competence Standards.
7. **Admission Criteria:** To be eligible for admission, a Client must be:
  - a. At least eighteen (18) years of age;
  - b. Diagnosed as having a disabling psychiatric disorder such as Schizophrenia or affective disorders and require treatment in a twenty-four (24) hour locked residential setting; and
  - c. Temporarily or permanently conserved;

- d. Contract Administrator, or designee, will assure that the program goals and objectives are met in accordance with contract terms and conditions. The Contractor will be notified in writing of the County designee responsible for program monitoring, referrals, approvals, and certification.
  - a. Screening/Referral Process:
    - 1) County will authorize all admissions of Clients admitted to the facility in writing, per the terms of this contract. County shall document all referrals and admissions of clients by completing and submitting to Contractor a placement packet; County will authorize payment for clients only if initially authorized for admission by County. County will designate in writing the responsible individual(s) who will coordinate and be responsible for screening, referrals, and monitoring of this Agreement.
    - 2) Clients with complicated medical problems or conditions shall be carefully and individually screened with consultation from the Contractor's program and medical staff prior to acceptance and admission.
  - b. The following Clients will not be acceptable for admission:
    - 1) Clients with an infectious disease for whom Contractor cannot provide proper isolation or who cannot cooperate with needed isolation procedures and restrictions.
    - 2) Any Client needing drug or alcohol detoxification.
    - 3) Those with a primary diagnosis of sociopathy or substance abuse.
    - 4) Clients under eighteen (18) years of age.
    - 5) Clients with incontinence will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.
    - 6) Clients on any life support equipment, i.e., oxygen or IV.
    - 7) Clients in which their medical or mental health needs cannot be provided with in the facility.
    - 8) Voluntary Clients.
    - 9) Clients that physically assaulted or harmed anyone in the last thirty (30) days
    - 10) Clients that are currently suicidal.
    - 11) Clients in restraints.
  - c. Personal Considerations:

- 1) Upon admission, Contractor shall inform the Client of Client's Rights as well as the rules and regulations of the program. Client shall also be informed of the charge for care.
  - 2) Contractor shall maintain a policy of equal access to treatment and service or all applicants meeting admission criteria.
  - d. Client Certification: Certification and recertification procedures shall be completed by the facility staff and reviewed by the County. All Clients must be certified and approved by County prior to admission. Contractor will not be paid for any Client that has not been certified and approved by County. Clients will be reviewed on a regular basis by County.
8. Clinical Program Description:
- a. The major components of the treatment program shall follow four (4), more or less defined segments of clinical recovery.
  - b. Client Orientation – The central focus of initial treatment will be to provide the Client with a safe, predictable, reality oriented physical and psychological environment. Treatment will address the reduction of presenting symptomatology, but from the start will begin to consider possible outcomes and placement options.
  - c. Assessment and Treatment Planning – This process includes the interdisciplinary assessment of the Client and the development of an integrated treatment plan by the treatment team.
  - d. Rehabilitation and Treatment Milieu – During their stay, the Clients will participate in group and individual activities directed towards restoring and/or achieving increased levels of function and independence in order to promote rapid return to the community.
  - e. Discharge Preparation – The final clinical segment will focus upon finalizing preparation of the Client for returning to community life in the least restrictive environment. Linkages will be established with community care providers and other support resources, and treatment will be scaled down with increasing privileges. Whenever possible and appropriate, coordination will be established with Clients' families.
9. Discharge Criteria and Planning: Contractor shall designate staff to provide planning for client discharges to less restrictive levels of care and follow-up treatment to other licensed facilities in coordination with the County. County reserves the right to discharge clients when they disagree with clinical judgment of the facility professional staff. Should such circumstances occur, it will be duly recorded in the Client's medical record that the discharge was made against medical advice. Contractor shall complete the County identified level of care tool at

quarterly reviews beginning at six (6) months of stay and when clients are discharged.

10. **Limitations of Service:** Any applicant shall be served if financial support can be provided by the Client, his/her family, county, billing state or federal funding, or any other third-party payer. The program is not designed for Clients whose mental impairments or need for nursing care services are higher than those provided by the Contractor. Contractor may discharge to acute psychiatric services any Client whose level of impairment requires acute hospitalization.
11. **Minimum Staffing Qualifications:** Contractor shall comply with staffing requirements as are in Title22, CCR. Contractor shall have on file job description, including minimum qualifications for employment and duties performed for all personnel whose salaries, wages, and benefits are reimbursable in whole or in part under this contract.
12. **Prior Authorization:**
  - a. Process: County shall authorize client admissions in writing.
  - b. Billing for Services: Contractor shall be responsible for applying for any third-party revenues, including the collection of Social Security Income/State Supplementary (SSI/SSP) Payment revenue.
13. Contractor shall perform linkage and referrals to community-based organizations including, but not limited to, primary care clinics and complementary healing centers, faith-based congregations, ethnic organizations and peer-directed programs such as Clubhouses.
14. Contractor's program and services shall be trauma-informed and accommodate the vulnerabilities of trauma survivors and allow services to be delivered in a way that will avoid inadvertently re-traumatizing people and will facilitate consumer participation in services.
15. To ensure equal access to quality care by diverse populations, each service provider receiving funds from this contract shall adopt the federal Office of Minority Health (OMH) Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Service (CLAS) national standards. The National CLAS standards are located at: <https://www.thinkculturalhealth.hhs.gov/clas>
16. Contractor shall follow Tuberculosis testing guidelines for all employees and client residents.

**E. Data Collection and Reporting Requirements:** Contractor shall provide Quarterly status reports.

**F. Customer Satisfaction Surveys:**

1. Contractor shall conduct semi-annual customer satisfaction surveys during the term of the contract. The survey shall include at minimum the following:
  - All major services provided;
  - A survey of current customers;
  - A survey of former customers;



- Rating of specific services offered or provided to the customer; and
  - A provision for comments in every survey.
2. Contractor shall conduct the survey, compile the data and submit report findings to the County semi- annually.
  3. Contractor shall specify the total number of participants who responded to the survey compared to the total number of participants served.

**G. Evaluation of Contractor’s Performance:**

1. The County Health and Human Services Agency, Behavioral Health Division (BHD) shall evaluate Contractor’s performance under this Agreement after completion of the Agreement. County shall maintain a copy of any written evaluation in the County contact file.
2. The BHD’s determination as to satisfactory work shall be final absent fraud or mistake.

**ARTICLE II**

**Term:** This Agreement shall become effective upon final execution by both parties hereto and shall continue through July 31, 2025, unless terminated earlier pursuant to the provisions contained herein below in the Article titled, “Fiscal Considerations,” or the Article titled, “Default, Termination, and Cancellation.”

**ARTICLE III**

**Compensation for Services:**

- A. **Rates:** For the purposes of this Agreement, the payment provisions and billing rates shall be as defined in **Exhibit B, “Rate Schedule,”** attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein. Notice of rate changes shall be submitted, in writing, to the address noted in the Article titled, “Notice to Parties.” Said notice shall be provided at least thirty (30) days in advance of a rate change. Upon HHSAs’s written confirmation of receipt of the rate change, the revised rates shall be incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.
- B. It is expressly understood and agreed between the parties hereto that the County shall make no payment for County Clients and have no obligation to make payment to Contractor unless the services provided by Contractor hereunder received prior written authorization from the HHSAs Director, or designee. It is further agreed that County shall make no payments for services unless Contractor has provided County with evidence of insurance as outlined in the Article titled, “Insurance” hereof. County may provide retroactive authorization when special circumstances exist, as determined by the HHSAs Director, or designee.
- C. For Clients who receive Supplemental Security Income (“SSI”) benefits or have sufficient alternative income, Client/Client’s payee may be required to pay a residential share of cost to Contractor. For Clients who do not receive SSI benefits and do not have other income, County may be required to pay the residential share of cost 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 on behalf of Client for any period during which County paid this

residential share of cost, County will be reimbursed for such payments, to the extent funds are available. County may provide retroactive authorization when special circumstances exist, as determined by the HHSa Director, or designee.

- D. **Bed Holds**: Holding a bed while a Client is absent from the facility shall require written pre-authorization by the County Contract Administrator in the form of a Bed Hold Authorization form (Exhibit A). Bed holds shall be paid at the same rate (may be adjusted by Contractor for meals) as if the Client were present at the facility, as established in **Exhibit B, “Rate Schedule.”** In the event a bed hold exceeds fourteen (14) days, further authorization requires the approval of the HHSa Director or designee.
- E. **Other Fiscal Provisions**: County anticipates revenues from various sources to be used to fund services provided by Contractor through this Agreement. Should actual revenues be less than the amounts anticipated for any period of this Agreement, the maximum payment obligation and/or payment obligations for specific services may be reduced at the discretion of the HHSa Director or designee.

County Short-Doyle/Uninsured clients who may present at Contractor's facility without being authorized by County per Article I “Scope of Services”, item D. 12, “Prior Authorization” and other applicable terms of this Agreement, are expressly excluded from reimbursement by County. County may provide retroactive authorization when special circumstances exist, as determined by the HHSa Director or designee, based on Contractor’s written request.

County will perform eligibility and financial determinations, in accordance with State Department of Mental Health Uniform Method of Determining Ability to Pay, for all clients. (NOTE: Authority Welfare and Institutions Code Sections 5709 and 5710 and Title 9 CCR Section 524.)

- A. **Client Billing** - Contractor shall not submit a claim to, demand or otherwise collect reimbursement from the client or persons acting on behalf of the client for any specialty mental health or related administrative services provided under this contract except to collect other health insurance coverage, share of cost and co-payments. The Contractor shall not hold clients liable for debts as follows:
- 1) In the event that the County becomes insolvent;
  - 2) For costs of covered services for which the State does not pay the County;
  - 3) For costs of covered services for which the State or the County does not pay the Contractor;
  - 4) For costs of covered services provided under this or other contracts not authorized by County;
  - 5) For costs of covered services provided via referral or other arrangement not authorized by County; or
  - 6) For payment of subsequent screening and treatment needed to diagnose the specific condition of or stabilize a client with an emergency psychiatric condition.
- B. Contractor shall bill any third party payer financially responsible for a client’s health care services and, in such cases, County shall not bear any financial responsibility. To the extent

that County inadvertently makes payments to Contractor when a responsible third party payer is determined to exist, County shall be entitled to recoup such reimbursement and Contractor shall promptly honor any such reimbursement request from County.

F. **Invoices:** It is a requirement of this Agreement that Contractor shall submit an original invoice, similar in content and format with the following sample available at: [https://www.edcgov.us/Government/hhsa/Pages/hhsa\\_contractor\\_resources.aspx](https://www.edcgov.us/Government/hhsa/Pages/hhsa_contractor_resources.aspx). Itemized invoices shall follow the format specified by County and shall reference this Agreement number on their faces and on any enclosures or backup documentation. Copies of documentation attached to invoices shall reflect Contractor’s charges for the specific services billed on those invoices.

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

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

or to such other location as County directs.

For services provided herein, including any deliverables that may be identified herein, Contractor shall submit invoices for services fifteen (15) 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 I, “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. County may withhold or delay any payment if Contractor fails to comply with any provision of this Agreement.

1. **Supplemental Invoices:** For the purpose of this Agreement, supplemental invoices shall be defined as invoices submitted for additional 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 and a detailed explanation why the invoice was not submitted in the approved timeframe.
  - For those situations where a service is disallowed by County on an invoice, or inadvertently not submitted on an invoice, and a corrected invoice is later submitted ("Supplemental Invoice"), 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.

#### **ARTICLE IV**

**Maximum Obligation:** The maximum obligation for services and deliverables provided under this Agreement shall not exceed \$3,300,000.

In the event that Contractor fails to deliver the services, documents or other deliverables required herein, County at its sole option may delay the monthly payment for the period of time of the delay, cease all payments until such time as the deliverables are received, or proceed as set forth herein below in the Article titled, "Default, Termination, and Cancellation." In no event shall County be obligated to pay Contractor for any amount above the Maximum Obligation of this Agreement.

#### **ARTICLE V**

##### **Cost Report and Settlement:**

A. The Cost Report template is distributed by the State. Contractor shall submit an annual Cost Report to County within thirty (30) days of distribution of the Cost Report template by the State or by September 30 following the fiscal period in which the costs were incurred, whichever is later. A fiscal period shall be defined as July 1 through June 30 (Fiscal Year). Contractor shall prepare the Cost Report in accordance with all federal, State, and County requirements, following Generally Accepted Accounting Principles, as well as with the State Department of Health Care Services Cost and Financial Reporting System Local Program Financial Support Instruction Manual, incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein. Contractor shall allocate direct and indirect costs to and between programs, cost centers, services, and funding sources in accordance with such requirements and consistent with prudent business practice. Contractor shall maintain source documentation of costs and allocations, and said documentation shall be available at any time to County upon reasonable notice.

It is agreed between County and Contractor that the provisional base compensation stated in this Agreement is intended to approximate the Contractor's actual costs. Should the actual costs as determined in the Cost Report for the fiscal period be less than the provisional costs, Contractor agrees to reimburse County for all amounts paid in excess of the actual rate. Contractor may not reduce the invoice amounts to cover the amount of the reimbursement owed to the County but shall remit reimbursement to the County no later than thirty (30) days following the final submission of the cost report to the Contractor. Costs will be settled to the lesser of actual and allowable costs, and not exceeding the maximum amount of this Agreement.

If Contractor fails to submit an accurate and complete Cost Report as indicated above in section A., the County shall withhold payments to Contractor under this Agreement beginning February following the fiscal period in which the costs were incurred and until Contractor submits an accurate and complete Cost Report.

B. Contractor will reimburse County, as indicated in the County/State Final Cost Settlement. Settlement shall not exceed Contractor's actual direct and indirect costs, of which indirect costs may include operating income, nor shall costs exceed the Base Compensation for the Fiscal Year in which the costs were incurred. Reimbursement shall be processed thirty (30) days after the State issues its report. County shall notify Contractor of the issuance of the State's report.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **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 sixty (60) 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 within the specified time period 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 VII**

### **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, medical condition, marital status, age, or sex; Contractor shall, unless exempt, comply with the applicable provisions of the Fair Employment and Housing Act (Government Code, Sections 12900 et seq.) and applicable regulations promulgated thereunder (California Code of Regulations, Title 2, Sections 7285.0 et seq.); the applicable regulations of the Fair Employment and Housing Commission implementing Government Code, Section 12990, set forth in Chapter 5 of Division 4 of Title 2 of the California Code of Regulations 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, the California Family Rights Act (Government Code Section 12945.2), the Unruh Civil Rights Act (California Civil Code, Division I, Part 2, Section 51, et seq), the Ralph Civil Rights Act (California Civil Code, Division I, Part 2, Section 51.7), the California Trafficking Victims Protection Act (California Civil Code, Division I, Part 2, Section 52.5), the Disabled Persons Act (California Civil Code, Division I, Part 2.5), and as applicable, Section 11135 et.

seq., of the California Government Code, prohibiting discrimination in all state-funded programs. 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 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 C**, "Vendor Assurance of Compliance with the County of El Dorado Health and Human Services Agency Nondiscrimination in State and Federally Assisted Programs," attached hereto, incorporated by reference herein, and thus made a part hereof. Contractor shall acknowledge compliance by signing and returning **Exhibit C** upon request by County.

### **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**

**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 X**

**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 XI**

**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 XII**

**HIPAA Compliance:** As a condition of Contractor performing services for the County of El Dorado, Contractor shall execute that Business Associate Agreement, which is attached hereto as **Exhibit D** and incorporated by reference herein.

## **ARTICLE XIII**

**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 XIV**

**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, 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 shall not make any agreements or representations on the County's behalf.

#### **ARTICLE XV**

**Fiscal Considerations:** The parties to this Agreement recognize and acknowledge that County is a political subdivision of the State of California. As such, El Dorado 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 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 the County, this Agreement may be deemed to be canceled in its entirety subject to payment for services performed prior to cancellation.

#### **ARTICLE XVI**

**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 XVII**

##### **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.
  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 Contractor, 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. 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 XVIII**

**Notice to Parties:** All notices to be given by the parties hereto shall be in writing and served by depositing same in the United States Post Office, postage prepaid and return receipt requested. 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  
[HHS-Contracts@edcgov.us](mailto:HHS-Contracts@edcgov.us)

or to such other location as the County directs.

With a copy to:

COUNTY OF EL DORADO  
Chief Administrative Office  
Procurement and Contracts Division  
330 Fair Lane  
Placerville, CA 95667  
ATTN: Purchasing Agent

Notices to Contractor shall be addressed as follows:

GHC of Auburn dba Siena Skilled Nursing & Rehabilitation Center  
11600 Education Street  
Auburn, CA 95602-2468  
ATTN: Administrator

With a copy to:

GHC of Auburn  
6 Hutton Center Drive, Suite 400  
Santa Ana, CA 92707  
Attn: Marissa Brandel, Corporate Counsel  
[MarissaBrandel@lifegen.net](mailto:MarissaBrandel@lifegen.net)

or to such other location as the Contractor directs.

## **ARTICLE XIX**

**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 XX**

**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.

## **ARTICLE XXI**

### **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 XXII**

**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 \$1,000,000.00 combined single limit per occurrence for bodily injury and property damage and a \$2,000,000.00 aggregate limit.
- 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, 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 per occurrence.
- E. Contractor shall furnish a certificate of insurance satisfactory to the County of El Dorado Risk Manager as evidence that the insurance required above is being maintained.
- F. The insurance will be issued by an insurance company acceptable to Risk Management, or be provided through partial or total self-insurance likewise acceptable to Risk Management.
- 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. The Contractor's insurance coverage shall be primary insurance as respects the 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 the Contractor's insurance and shall not contribute with it.
- J. Any deductibles or self-insured retentions must be declared to and approved by the County, either: the insurer shall reduce or eliminate such deductibles or self-insured retentions as respects the County, its officers, officials, employees and volunteers; or the 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 the County.

### **ARTICLE XXIII**

**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:

1. 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
2. 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 XXIV**

**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 XXV**

**Debarment and Suspension:** The Contractor shall comply with the provisions of Title 2, CFR Section 180 as implemented by Title 2, CFR Section 376, and Executive Orders 12549 and 12689, "Debarment and Suspension," which excludes parties listed on the General Services Administration's list of parties excluded from Federal procurement or non-procurement programs from having a relationship with the Contractor.

**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 subcontractor 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 application/proposal/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 or 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 in to 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.
- G. The terms and definitions herein have the meanings set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of the rules implementing Federal Executive Order 12549.
- H. 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.
- I. The Contractor shall comply with the provisions of Title 2, CFR Section 180 as implemented by Title 2, CFR Section 376, and Executive Orders 12549 and 12689, "Debarment and Suspension," which excludes parties listed on the General Services Administration's list of parties excluded from Federal procurement or non-procurement programs from having a relationship with the Contractor.

## **ARTICLE XXVI**

**Conflict of Interest:** The parties to this Agreement have read and are aware of the provisions of Government Code Section 1090 et seq. and Section 87100 relating to conflict of interest of public officers and employees. Contractor attests that it has no current business or financial relationship with any County employee(s) that would constitute a conflict of interest with provision of services under this contract and will not enter into any such business or financial relationship with any such employee(s) during the term of this Agreement. County represents that it is unaware of any financial or economic interest of any public officer or employee of Contractor relating to this Agreement. It is further understood and agreed that if such a financial interest does exist at the inception of this Agreement either party may immediately terminate this Agreement by giving written notice as detailed in the Article titled, "Default, Termination and Cancellation."

## **ARTICLE XXVII**

**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 will be required to submit a Form 590 prior to execution of an Agreement or County shall 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 XXVIII**

**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 XXIX**

**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 XXX**

**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 XXXI**

**Administrator:** The County Officer or employee with responsibility for administering this Agreement is Lesly VanSloten, LMFT, Manager of Mental Health Programs, Behavioral Health Division, or successor.

#### **ARTICLE XXXII**

**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 XXXIII**

**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 XXXIV**

**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 XXXV**

**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 XXXVI**

**No Third Party Beneficiaries:** Nothing in this Agreement is intended, nor will be deemed, to confer rights or remedies upon any person or legal entity not a party to this agreement.

#### **ARTICLE XXXVII**

**Addition Terms and Conditions:** By signing this Agreement, Contractor and any of Contractor's subcontractors providing services under this Agreement, pursuant to the Article titled, "Assignment and Delegation," shall comply with these terms and conditions.

Furthermore, by signing this Agreement, in accordance with CCR Title 9, Section 1810.435, Contractor certifies:

- A. Contractor possesses and shall maintain throughout the term of this Agreement, the necessary license to operate pursuant to the terms and conditions herein.
- B. Contractor shall provide appropriate supervision of staff.
- C. Contractor shall have as head of service a licensed mental health professional or mental health rehabilitation specialist as described in CCR Title 9, Sections 622 through 630.
- D. Contractor shall possess appropriate liability insurance.
- E. Contractor shall maintain a safe facility.
- F. Contractor shall store and dispense medications in compliance with all pertinent State and federal standards.
- G. Contractor shall maintain Client records in a manner that meets State and federal standards.
- H. Contractor shall meet the County Quality Management Program standards and requirements, available upon request, and incorporated hereto as if fully set forth herein.
- I. Contractor shall have accounting and fiscal practices that are sufficient to comply with its obligations pursuant to CCR Title 9, Section 1810.105.
- J. Contractor shall meet any additional requirements established by the County as a part of the credentialing or other evaluation process.



**ARTICLE XXXVIII**

**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 XXXIX**

**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: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lesly VanSloten, LMFT  
Manager of Mental Health Programs  
Behavioral Health Division

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

**Requesting Department Head Concurrence:**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Daniel Del Monte, MPA  
Interim Director  
Health and Human Services Agency

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

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

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

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

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

Lori Parlin, Chair  
Board of Supervisors  
"County"

ATTEST:  
Kim Dawson  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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

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

**-- CONTRACTOR --**

GHC OF AUBURN, LLC  
A California Limited Liability Corporation  
DBA Siena Skilled Nursing & Rehabilitation Center

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Steve Black  
Vice President  
"Contractor"

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

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lois Mastrocola  
Chief Financial Officer  
"Contractor"

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

**EXHIBIT A**

**COUNTY OF EL DORADO  
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY  
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DIVISION**

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**BED HOLD AUTHORIZATION**

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:  
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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

## EXHIBIT B

### Siena Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Rate Schedule

A. Contractor will be responsible to bill Medi-Cal for County Clients the DHCS annual published rates available at <https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/medi-cal/Pages/AB1629/LTCAB1629.aspx>. The maximum daily rate to be paid by County to Contractor is a combination of the approved Long Term Care (LTC) Patch rate plus any Ancillary Services, or Bed Hold rate, if applicable, and if agreed upon by both Parties in writing in advance.

Long Term Care Patch Rates:

Item	Pay Point Description	Daily Rate per Client
LTC Patch A	<b>Special Care Standard Rate</b> Adult Ambulatory Mental Health In-Patient Client/24-Hour Facility that includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Basic Care Services</li> <li>• LTC Treatment Services</li> <li>• Case Management Services</li> </ul>	\$175/day
LTC Patch B	<b>Special Care Additional Services Rate</b> Adult Adaptive, Special, Extraordinary Needs Mental Health In-Patient Client/24-Hour Facility that includes Adaptive, Special, Extraordinary Needs Client/24-hours client facility that includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Basic Care Services</li> <li>• LTC Treatment Services</li> <li>• Case Management Services</li> </ul>	\$200/day
LTC Indigent Rate	<b>Unfunded or Uncontracted Medi-cal HMO</b> <b>Special Care Standard Rate</b> Adult Ambulatory Mental Health In-Patient Client/24-Hour Facility that includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Basic Care Services</li> <li>• LTC Treatment Services</li> <li>• Case Management Services</li> </ul>	\$500/day
STP Patch A	<b>Special Care Standard Rate</b> Adult Ambulatory Mental Health In-Patient Client/24-Hour Facility that includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Basic Care Services</li> <li>• Treatment Services</li> <li>• Case Management Services</li> </ul>	\$275/day
STP Patch B	<b>Special Care Additional Services Rate</b> Adult Adaptive, Special, Extraordinary Needs Mental Health In-Patient Client/24-Hour Facility that includes Adaptive, Special, Extraordinary Needs	\$300/day

## EXHIBIT B

### Siena Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Rate Schedule

Item	Pay Point Description	Daily Rate per Client
	Client/24-hours client facility that includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Basic Care Services</li> <li>• Treatment Services</li> <li>• Case Management Services</li> </ul>	
STP Patch C	<b>Special Care Additional Services Intense Rate</b> Adult Adaptive, Special, Extraordinary Needs Mental Health In-Patient Client/24-Hour Facility that includes Adaptive, Special, Extraordinary Needs Client/24-hours client facility that includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Basic Care Services</li> <li>• Treatment Services</li> <li>• Case Management Services</li> <li>• High acuity</li> <li>• AWOL Risk</li> <li>• Additional staffing required</li> </ul>	\$325/day
STP Indigent Rate	<b>Unfunded or Uncontracted Medi-Cal HMO Special Care Standard Rate</b> Adult Ambulatory Mental Health In-Patient Client/24-Hour Facility that includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Basic Care Services</li> <li>• Treatment Services</li> <li>• Case Management Services</li> </ul>	\$600/day
Bed Hold	Current Pay Point Description the day prior to beginning of bed hold	Current rate minus Raw Food Cost published by DHCS (FY 21/22= \$8.73)
Ancillary Services	This pay point is for Contractor costs related to: Transportation Costs, Client Accompaniment to Doctor's or Court Appointments, Costs to Move Clients to Contractor's facility, and other Medical/Pharmaceutical services related to the care of County contracted clients that are not reimbursed by Medi-Cal, contract expenses for specialists needed to meet Client's needs. It also includes any other expenses that need to be approved by County in advance on case by-case basis based on funding availability.	Rates will be negotiated and agreed upon by both parties in writing prior to the cost being incurred.

**EXHIBIT C**  
**“VENDOR ASSURANCE OF COMPLIANCE WITH**  
**THE COUNTY OF EL DORADO HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY**  
**NONDISCRIMINATION IN STATE**  
**AND FEDERALLY ASSISTED PROGRAMS”**

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NAME OF VENDOR/RECIPIENT: GHC of Auburn, LLC dba Siena Skilled Nursing & Rehabilitation Center

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 THE VENDOR/RECIPIENT 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, the vendor/recipient 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 vendor/recipient directly or through contract, license, or other provider services, as long as it receives federal or state assistance.

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Date  
11600 Education Street, Auburn, CA 95602  
Address of vendor/recipient

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Signature

(08/13/01)

**CR50-Vendor Assurance of Compliance**

## **Exhibit D**

### **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; and

**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; and

**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 ; and

**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; and

**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.