

AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES #009-092-P-E2009

THIS AGREEMENT 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 Barton Healthcare System, a California non-profit public benefit corporation tax exempt organization under Title 26 Code of Federal Regulations Section 1.501 (c) (3) commonly referred to as Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, whose principal place of business is 2170 South Avenue, South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150 (hereinafter referred to as "CONTRACTOR");

R E C I T A L S

WHEREAS, COUNTY Health Services Department, Public Health Division (PHD) and CONTRACTOR are part of the El Dorado County Safety Net Provider Network (Network) which is a network of county agencies, schools, hospitals, community clinics and community-based organizations that are responsible for the provision of, or access to, health care services for low-income families, children and seniors (safety net population) commonly known as the Access El Dorado (ACCEL) Initiative; and

WHEREAS, CONTRACTOR has been participating in the development and implementation of technology-enabled Care Pathways and health information exchange (HIE) among Network participants under grant monies from the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) and California Endowment; and

WHEREAS, COUNTY has received additional funding through a Blue Shield of California Foundation grant and a California HealthCare Foundation grant; and

WHEREAS, COUNTY desires to engage CONTRACTOR to provide certain services in support of the HIE and Care Pathways development and implementation; 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 these services provided by CONTRACTOR is in the public's best interest, and that these services are more economically and feasibly performed by outside independent Contractors as well as authorized by El Dorado County Charter, Section 210 (b) (6) and/or Government Code 31000;

NOW, THEREFORE, COUNTY and CONTRACTOR mutually agree as follows:

Article I. SCOPE OF SERVICES**Section 1.01 CONTRACTOR agrees to:**

- (a) On behalf of ACCEL, contract with consultant(s) at the rate of \$100.00 per hour, inclusive of all labor, overhead, travel, and administrative expenses, in the performance of this Agreement, to develop and present to the ACCEL Steering Committee a strategic business plan that addresses the long-term sustainability of the Health Information Exchange (HIE), including Care Pathways and the Electronic Master Patient Identifier (EMPI). In any subcontract between CONTRACTOR and consultant, CONTRACTOR agrees to incorporate by reference any and all contract terms of this instant Agreement, as though fully set forth herein. CONTRACTOR shall require that all subcontractors comply with all applicable terms and conditions of this Agreement, as well as all pertinent federal and State statutes and regulations.
 - (i) COUNTY assumes no responsibility for the payment of consultant(s) used in the performance of this Agreement, and CONTRACTOR accepts sole responsibility for the payment of consultant(s) used in the performance of this Agreement. CONTRACTOR shall advise subcontractor(s), if any, of this provision.
 - (ii) CONTRACTOR is responsible for all performance requirements under this Agreement even though performance may be carried out through a subcontract.
 - (iii) CONTRACTOR shall ensure that all subcontracts for services by consultants include provisions requiring compliance with applicable terms and conditions specified in this Agreement.
- (b) On behalf of ACCEL, contract with consultants at the rate noted in Section 1.01(a) to:
 - (i) Review and update ACCEL policies and procedures to comply with new federal and State privacy and security requirements
 - (ii) Review and update ACCEL Notice of Privacy Practices language used by ACCEL partners
 - (iii) Convene and conduct meetings, teleconferences for ACCEL Steering Committee
 - (iv) Support technical workgroup activities as defined in Section 1.01(d).
- (c) On behalf of ACCEL, coordinate engagement of legal services to review and update the common patient authorization release and partner agreements for the HIE. The legal services to be provided herein are for the purpose of supporting the implementation of the ACCEL grants and are not being provided to COUNTY or on behalf of COUNTY.
- (d) Participate in the technical workgroup responsible for working with InfoCom to:
 - (i) Identify program modifications needed to update existing Care Pathways and EMPI in iREACH
 - (ii) Define reports needed for quality assurance (QA) functions
 - (iii) Identify technology/programming requirements from InfoCom for EMPI and Care Pathways upgrade and QA reports
- (e) Purchase technology/programming enhancements and reports from InfoCom identified by technical workgroup as necessary to implement HIE pilot project.
- (f) Ensure testing and implementation of current HIE pilot project, consisting of Care Pathways and EMPI enhancements linking Barton Healthcare System and County Health

Services Department using consultants/technical workgroup as needed and in coordination with affected ACCEL partners as appropriate

- (g) Provide teleconferencing capabilities for ACCEL partners to utilize for Steering Committee meetings, planning sessions, technical workgroup meetings

Article II. TERM

This Agreement shall become effective September 30, 2009 and shall expire December 31, 2010 unless earlier terminated pursuant to the provisions under Article IX herein.

Article III. COMPENSATION FOR SERVICES

Section 3.01 For 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.

Funding Sources for Services:	
Blue Shield of California Foundation	\$57,165
California HealthCare Foundation	\$16,135
Total Not-to-Exceed	\$73,300

Section 3.02 Invoices shall be submitted to:

Health Services Department – Public Health Division Finance
 941 Spring Street, Suite 3
 Placerville, CA 95667

Article IV. 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 V. 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 agreed that in all matters pertaining to this Agreement, CONTRACTOR shall act as Contractor only to COUNTY and shall not act as Contractor to any other individual or entity affected by this Agreement nor provide information in any manner to any party outside of this Agreement that would conflict with CONTRACTOR's responsibilities to COUNTY during term hereof.

Article VI. 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 out any obligation not specifically agreed to pursuant to the express language of Article I, delegate or assign services to be provided, in whole or in part, to any other person or entity without prior written consent of COUNTY.

Article VII. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR/LIABILITY

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 terms of this Agreement.

CONTRACTOR exclusively assumes responsibility for acts of its employees, associates, and subcontractors, if any are authorized herein, as they relate to services to be provided under this Agreement during the course and scope of their employment. Should CONTRACTOR subcontract for services, which is contemplated by this Agreement, CONTRACTOR agrees to advise any subcontractors of its responsibilities pursuant to this Article or during the course and scope of duties performed by any subcontractors herein relating to this contract.

CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for performing the work under this Agreement in a safe, professional, skillful and workmanlike manner and shall be liable for its own negligence and negligent acts of its employees, associates and subcontractors, if any are authorized herein, as they relate to services to be provided under this Agreement. COUNTY shall have no right of control over the manner in which work is to be done and shall, therefore, not be charged with responsibility of preventing risk to CONTRACTOR or its employees, associates and any subcontractors, if any are authorized herein, as they relate to services to be provided under this Agreement during course and scope of their employment.

Article VIII. 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 IX. DEFAULT, TERMINATION, AND CANCELLATION

Section 9.01 Default

Upon the occurrence of any default of the provisions of this Agreement, a party shall give written notice of said default to the party in default (notice). If the party in default does not cure the default within ten (10) days of the date of notice (time to cure), then such party shall be in default. The time to cure may be extended at the discretion of the party giving notice. 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 on which the extension of time to cure expires.

Notice given under this section shall specify the alleged default and the applicable Agreement provision and shall demand that the party in default perform the provisions of this Agreement within the applicable period of time. No such notice shall be deemed a termination of this Agreement unless the party giving notice so elects in this notice, or the party giving notice so elects in a subsequent written notice after the time to cure has expired. In the event of termination for default, COUNTY reserves the right to take over and complete the work by contract or by any other means.

Section 9.02 Bankruptcy

This Agreement, at the option of the COUNTY, shall be terminable in the case of bankruptcy, voluntary or involuntary, or insolvency of CONTRACTOR.

Section 9.03 Ceasing Performance

COUNTY may terminate this Agreement in the event CONTRACTOR ceases to operate as a business, or otherwise becomes unable to substantially perform any term or condition of this Agreement.

Section 9.04 Termination or Cancellation without Cause

COUNTY may terminate this Agreement in whole or in part upon seven (7) calendar days written notice by COUNTY without cause. If such prior termination is effected, COUNTY will pay for satisfactory services rendered prior to the effective dates as set forth in the Notice of Termination provided to CONTRACTOR, and for such other services, which COUNTY may agree to in writing as necessary for contract resolution. In no event, however, shall COUNTY be obligated to pay more than the total amount of the contract. 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 X. 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 SERVICES DEPARTMENT
931 SPRING STREET
PLACERVILLE, CA 95667
ATTN: NEDA WEST, DIRECTOR

or to such other location as the COUNTY directs.

Notices to CONTRACTOR shall be addressed as follows:

BARTON HEATHCARE SYSTEM
2170 SOUTH AVENUE
SOUTH LAKE TAHOE, CA 96150
ATTN: JOHN WILLIAMS, CEO

or to such other location as the CONTRACTOR directs.

Article XI. INDEMNITY

The CONTRACTOR shall defend, indemnify, and hold the COUNTY harmless against and from any and all claims, suits, losses, damages and liability for damages of every name, kind and description, including attorneys 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 CONTRACTOR's services, operations, or performance hereunder, regardless of the existence or degree of fault or negligence on the part of the COUNTY, the CONTRACTOR, subcontractor(s) and employee(s) of any of these, except for the sole, or active negligence 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 XII. INSURANCE

Section 12.01 CONTRACTOR shall provide proof of a policy of insurance satisfactory to the El Dorado County Risk Manager and documentation evidencing that CONTRACTOR maintains insurance that meets the following requirements:

- (a) Full Workers' Compensation and Employers' 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.
- (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, and is performing professional services under this Agreement, professional liability (for example, malpractice insurance) is required with a limit of liability of not less than \$1,000,000.00 per occurrence.

Section 12.02 CONTRACTOR shall furnish a certificate of insurance satisfactory to the El Dorado County Risk Manager as evidence that the insurance required above is being maintained.

Section 12.03 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.

Section 12.04 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 the 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.

Section 12.05 The certificate of insurance must include the following provisions stating that:

- (a) The insurer will not cancel the insured's coverage without thirty (30) days prior written notice to COUNTY, and;
- (b) The County of El Dorado, its officers, officials, employees, and volunteers are included as additional insured, but only insofar as the operations under this Agreement are concerned. This provision shall apply to the general liability policy.

Section 12.06 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 excess of the CONTRACTOR's insurance and shall not contribute with it.

Section 12.07 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.

Section 12.08 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.

Section 12.09 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.

Section 12.10 CONTRACTOR's obligations shall not be limited by the foregoing insurance requirements and shall survive expiration of this Agreement.

Section 12.11 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.

Section 12.12 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 the protection of the COUNTY.

Section 12.13 CONTRACTOR agrees to require subcontractor(s), if any are authorized herein, to provide proof of a policy of insurance as relates to services to be provided under this Agreement during course and scope of their employment.

Article XIII. INTEREST OF PUBLIC OFFICIAL

No official or employee of COUNTY who exercises any functions or responsibilities in review or approval of services to be provided by CONTRACTOR under this Agreement shall participate in or attempt to influence any decision relating to this Agreement which affects personal interest or interest of any corporation, partnership, or association in which he/she is directly or indirectly interested; nor shall any such official or employee of COUNTY have any interest, direct or indirect, in this Agreement or the proceeds thereof.

Article XIV. INTEREST OF CONTRACTOR

CONTRACTOR covenants that CONTRACTOR presently has no personal interest or financial interest, and shall not acquire same in any manner or degree in either: 1) any other contract connected with or directly affected by the services to be performed by this Agreement; or, 2) any

other entities connected with or directly affected by the services to be performed by this Agreement. CONTRACTOR further covenants that in the performance of this Agreement no person having any such interest shall be employed by CONTRACTOR.

Article XV. 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 in the Agreement titled, "Default, Termination and Cancellation".

Article XVI. CONFIDENTIALITY

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 "A", which is incorporated herein for all intents and purposes. CONTRACTOR shall ensure that all subcontracts for services by consultants include provisions requiring compliance with Article XVI – Confidentiality.

Article XVII. CALIFORNIA RESIDENCY (FORM 590)

All independent Contractors providing services to the COUNTY must file a State of California Form 590, certifying their California residency or, in the case of a corporation, certifying that they have 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 XVIII. TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (FORM W-9)

All independent Contractors or corporations providing services to the COUNTY must file a Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Form W-9, certifying their Taxpayer Identification Number.

Article XIX. COUNTY BUSINESS LICENSE

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 Code Section 5.08.070.

Article XX. ADMINISTRATOR

The County Officer or employee with responsibility for administering this Agreement is Sharon Elliott, Assistant Director of Public Health, or successor.

Article XXI. 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 XXII. 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 XXIII. VENUE

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 XXIV. 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 DEPARTMENT HEAD CONCURRENCE:

By: 
Nedra West, Director
Health Services Department

Dated: 2-28-10

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

--COUNTY OF EL DORADO--

By: _____
Norma Santiago, Chair
Board of Supervisors
"COUNTY"

Dated: _____


*Attest: Suzanne Allen de Sanchez
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors*

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

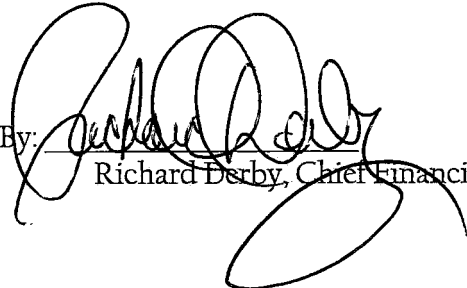
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-- CONTRACTOR --

BARTON HEALTHCARE SYSTEM

By: 
John Williams, Chief Executive Officer
"CONTRACTOR"

Dated: 3/26/10

By: 
Richard Derby, Chief Financial Officer

Dated: _____

EXHIBIT A
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HIPAA BUSINESS ASSOCIATE AGREEMENT

This HIPAA 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”).

R E C I T A L S

WHEREAS, County and Contractor entered into the Underlying Agreement pursuant to which Contractor 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 made available to Contractor for the purposes of carrying out its obligations under the Underlying Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, Pub. L. No. 104-161 of 1996 (“HIPAA”), more specifically the regulations found at Title 45, CFR, Parts 160 - 164 (the “Privacy and Security Rule”), as may be amended from time to time, which are applicable to the protection of any disclosure of PHI pursuant to the Underlying Agreement; and

WHEREAS, County is a Covered Entity, as defined in the Privacy Rule; and

WHEREAS, Contractor, when a recipient of PHI from County, is a Business Associate as defined in the Privacy Rule; 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); and

WHEREAS, the parties agree that any disclosure or use of PHI or EPHI be in compliance with the Privacy and Security Rule or other applicable law;

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

- 1) 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.

2) Scope of Use and Disclosure by Contractor of County Disclosed PHI

- a) Contractor shall be permitted to use PHI disclosed to it by the County:
 - i) on behalf of the County, or to provide services to the County for the purposes contained herein, if such use or disclosure would not violate the Privacy Rule if done by the County, or the minimum necessary policies and procedures of the County
 - ii) as necessary to perform any and all of its obligations under the Underlying Agreement.
- 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, Contractor may:
 - i) use the PHI in its possession for its proper management and administration and to fulfill any legal obligations.
 - ii) disclose the PHI in its possession to a third party for the purpose of Contractor's proper management and administration or to fulfill any legal responsibilities of Contractor. Contractor may disclose PHI as necessary for Contractor's operations only if:
 - (1) The disclosure is Required by Law; or
 - (2) Contractor obtains written assurances from any person or organization to which Contractor will disclose such PHI that the person or organization will:
 - (a) hold such PHI in confidence and use or further disclose it only for the purpose of which Contractor disclosed it to the third party, or as Required by Law; and,
 - (b) the third party will notify Contractor of any instances of which it becomes aware in which the confidentiality of the information has been breached.
 - (c) 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.
 - (d) not disclose PHI disclosed to Contractor 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.
 - (e) de-identify any and all PHI of County received by Contractor 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) Contractor 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.

3) Obligations of Contractor. In connection with its use of PHI disclosed by County to Contractor, Contractor agrees to:

- a) Use or disclose PHI only as permitted or required by this Business Associate Agreement or as Required by Law.
- b) Use reasonable and appropriate safeguards to prevent use or disclosure of PHI other than as provided for by this Business Associate Agreement.
- c) To the extent practicable, mitigate any harmful effect that is known to Contractor of a use or disclosure of PHI by Contractor in violation of this Business Associate Agreement.

- d) Report to County any use or disclosure of PHI not provided for by this Business Associate Agreement of which Contractor becomes aware.
 - e) Require sub-contractors or agents to whom Contractor provides PHI to agree to the same restrictions and conditions that apply to Contractor pursuant to this Business Associate Agreement.
 - f) Use appropriate administrative, technical and physical safeguards to prevent inappropriate use or disclosure of PHI created or received for or from the County.
 - g) Implement administrative, physical, and technical safeguards that reasonably and appropriately protect the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of the electronic PHI that it creates, receives, maintains, or transmits on behalf of the County and to follow generally accepted system security principles as required in final rule 45 CFR Parts 160-164.
 - h) Contractor will report any security incident of which it becomes aware to the County. Security incident means the attempted or successful unauthorized access, use, disclosure, modification, or destruction of information or interference with system operations. This does not include trivial incidents that occur on a daily basis, such as scans or “pings”.
 - i) Obtain and maintain knowledge of the applicable laws and regulations related to HIPAA, as may be amended from time to time.
 - j) May use PHI to report violations of law to appropriate Federal and State Authorities, consistent with § 164.502(j) (1).
- 4) PHI Access, Amendment and Disclosure Accounting. Contractor 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.
 - b) To make any amendment(s) to PHI in a Designated Record Set that the County directs or agrees to at the request of County or an Individual within sixty (60) days of the request of County.
 - c) To assist the County in meeting its disclosure accounting under HIPAA:
 - i) Contractor agrees to document such disclosures of PHI and information related to such disclosures as would be required for the County to respond to a request by an Individual for an accounting of disclosures of PHI.
 - ii) Contractor agrees to provide to County or an Individual, within sixty (60) days, 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.
 - iii) Contractor shall have available for the County the information required by this section for the six (6) years preceding the County’s request for information (except the Contractor need have no information for disclosures occurring before April 14, 2003).
 - d) Make available to the County, or to the Secretary of Health and Human Services, Contractor’s internal practices, books and records relating to the use of and disclosure of PHI for purposes of determining Contractor’s compliance with the Privacy Rule, subject to any applicable legal restrictions.
 - e) within thirty (30) days of receiving a written request from County, make available any and all information necessary for County to make an accounting of disclosures of County PHI by Contractor.

- f) Within sixty (60) days of receiving a written request from County, incorporate any amendments or corrections to the PHI in accordance with the Privacy Rule in the event that the PHI in Contractor's possession constitutes a Designated Record Set.
 - g) Not make any disclosure of PHI that County would be prohibited from making.
- 5) Obligations of County.
- a) County agrees that it will make its best efforts to promptly notify Contractor in writing of any restrictions on the use and disclosure of PHI agreed to by County that may affect Contractor's ability to perform its obligations under the Underlying Agreement, or this Business Associate Agreement.
 - b) County agrees that it will make its best efforts to promptly notify Contractor 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 Contractor's ability to perform its obligations under the Underlying Agreement, or this Business Associate Agreement.
 - c) County agrees that it make it's best efforts to promptly notify Contractor in writing of any known limitation(s) in its notice of privacy practices to the extent that such limitation may affect Contractor's use of disclosure of PHI.
 - d) County shall not request Contractor 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 Contractor can perform its obligations under this Business Associate Agreement and/or the Underlying Agreement.
- 6) 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 Contractor, or created or received by Contractor 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 Contractor, the County shall either:
 - i) Provide an opportunity for the Contractor to cure the breach or end the violation and terminate this Agreement if the Contractor does not cure the breach or end the violation within the time specified by the County.
 - ii) Immediately terminate this Agreement if the Contractor has breached a material term of this Agreement and cure is not possible; or
 - iii) If neither termination nor cures are feasible, the County shall report the violation to the Secretary.
 - c) Effect of Termination.
 - i) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this section, upon termination of this Agreement, for any reason, the Contractor shall return or destroy all PHI received from the County, created or received by the Contractor on behalf of the County. This provision shall apply to PHI that is in the possession of subcontractors or agents of the Contractor. Contractor shall retain no copies of the PHI.

- ii) In the event that the Contractor determines that returning or destroying the PHI is infeasible, Contractor shall provide to the County notification of the conditions that make return or destruction infeasible. Upon {negotiated terms} that return or destruction of PHI is infeasible, Contractor shall extend the protections of this Agreement to such PHI and limit further uses and disclosures of such PHI to those purposes that make the return or destruction infeasible, for so long as the Contractor maintains such PHI.

7) HIPAA Business Associate Indemnity

Contractor 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 from any liability whatsoever, based or asserted upon any services of Contractor, its officers, employees, subcontractors, agents or representatives arising out of or in any way relating to 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 arising from the performance of Contractor, its officers, agents, employees, subcontractors, agents or representatives from this Business Associate Agreement. Contractor 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 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 in any claim or action based upon such alleged acts or omissions.

With respect to any action or claim subject to indemnification herein by Contractor, Contractor shall, at their sole cost, have the right to use counsel of their 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 Contractor's indemnification to County as set forth herein. Contractor's obligation to defend, indemnify and hold harmless County shall be subject to County having given Contractor 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 Contractor's expense, for the defense or settlement thereof. Contractor's obligation hereunder shall be satisfied when Contractor has provided to County the appropriate form of dismissal relieving County from any liability for the action or claim involved.

The specified insurance limits required in the Underlying Agreement of this Business Associate Agreement shall in no way limit or circumscribe Contractor's obligations to indemnify and hold harmless the County herein from third party claims arising from the issues of this Business Associate Agreement.

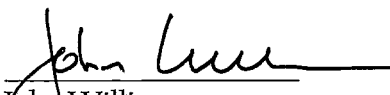
In the event there is conflict between this clause and California Civil Code Section 2782, this clause shall be interpreted to comply with Civil Code 2782. Such interpretation shall not relieve the Contractor from indemnifying the County to the fullest extent allowed by law.

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.

- 8) 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.
- 9) Survival – the respective rights and obligations of this Business Associate Agreement shall survive the termination or expiration of this Business Associate Agreement.
- 10) 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.
- 11) 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.

Dated: 3/26/10

Dated: _____

Signed: 
John Williams
Chief Executive Officer
Barton Healthcare System

Signed: _____
Norma Santiago
Chair, Board of Supervisors
County of El Dorado