

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO AND GHC OF LAKESIDE,  
LLC DOING BUSINESS AS LAKESIDE SPECIAL CARE CENTER FOR THE TERM  
OF JULY 1, 2021 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2023**

This Agreement is entered into this XXXX day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021, by and between the County of San Mateo, a political subdivision of the state of California, hereinafter called "County," and GHC OF LAKESIDE, LLC DOING BUSINESS AS LAKESIDE SPECIAL CARE CENTER, hereinafter called "Contractor."

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Whereas, pursuant to Section 31000 of the California Government Code, County may contract with independent contractors for the furnishing of such services to or for County or any Department thereof; and

Whereas, it is necessary and desirable that Contractor be retained for the purpose of providing residential care services.

**Now, therefore, it is agreed by the parties to this Agreement as follows:**

**1. Exhibits and Attachments**

The following exhibits and attachments are attached to this Agreement and incorporated into this Agreement by this reference:

Exhibit A-Services  
Exhibit 8-Payments and Rates  
Attachment 1-§ 504 Compliance

**2. Services to be performed by Contractor**

In consideration of the payments set forth in this Agreement and in Exhibit B, Contractor shall perform services for County in accordance with the terms, conditions, and specifications set forth in this Agreement and in Exhibit A.

**3. Payments**

In consideration of the services provided by Contractor in accordance with all terms, conditions, and specifications set forth in this Agreement and in Exhibit A, County shall make payment to Contractor based on the rates and in the manner specified in Exhibit B. County reserves the right to withhold payment if County determines that the quantity or quality of the work performed is unacceptable. In no event shall County's total fiscal obligation under this Agreement exceed TWO HUNDRED NINETEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$219,000). In the event that the County makes any advance payments, Contractor agrees to refund any amounts in excess of the amount owed by the County

at the time of contract termination or expiration. Contractor is not entitled to payment for work not performed as required by this agreement.

**4. Term**

Subject to compliance with all terms and conditions, the term of this Agreement shall be from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023.

**5. Termination**

This Agreement may be terminated by Contractor or by the Chief of San Mateo County Health or his/her designee at any time without a requirement of good cause upon thirty (30) days' advance written notice to the other party. Subject to availability of funding, Contractor shall be entitled to receive payment for work/services provided prior to termination of the Agreement. Such payment shall be that prorated portion of the full payment determined by comparing the work/services actually completed to the work/services required by the Agreement.

County may terminate this Agreement or a portion of the services referenced in the Attachments and Exhibits based upon the unavailability of Federal, State, or County funds by providing written notice to Contractor as soon as is reasonably possible after County learns of said unavailability of outside funding.

**6. Contract Materials**

At the end of this Agreement, or in the event of termination, all finished or unfinished documents, data, studies, maps, photographs, reports, and other written materials (collectively referred to as "contract materials") prepared by Contractor under this Agreement shall become the property of County and shall be promptly delivered to County. Upon termination, Contractor may make and retain a copy of such contract materials if permitted by law.

**7. Relationship of Parties**

Contractor agrees and understands that the work/services performed under this Agreement are performed as an independent contractor and not as an employee of County and that neither Contractor nor its employees acquire any of the rights, privileges, powers, or advantages of County employees.

**8. Hold Harmless**

**a. General Hold Harmless**

Contractor shall indemnify and save harmless County and its officers, agents, employees, and servants from all claims, suits, or actions of every name, kind, and

description resulting from this Agreement, the performance of any work or services required of Contractor under this Agreement, or payments made pursuant to this Agreement brought for, or on account of, any of the following:

- (A) injuries to or death of any person, including Contractor or its employees/officers/agents;
- (B) damage to any property of any kind whatsoever and to whomsoever belonging;
- (C) any sanctions, penalties, or claims of damages resulting from Contractor's failure to comply, if applicable, with the requirements set forth in the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) and all Federal regulations promulgated thereunder, as amended; or
- (D) any other loss or cost, including but not limited to that caused by the concurrent active or passive negligence of County and/or its officers, agents, employees, or servants. However, Contractor's duty to indemnify and save harmless under this Section shall not apply to injuries or damage for which County has been found in a court of competent jurisdiction to be solely liable by reason of its own negligence or willful misconduct.

The duty of Contractor to indemnify and save harmless as set forth by this Section shall include the duty to defend as set forth in Section 2778 of the California Civil Code.

**b. Intellectual Property Indemnification**

Contractor hereby certifies that it owns, controls, and/or licenses and retains all right, title, and/or interest in and to any intellectual property it uses in relation to this Agreement, including the design, look, feel, features, source code, content, and/or other technology relating to any part of the services it provides under this Agreement and including all related patents, inventions, trademarks, and copyrights, all applications therefor, and all trade names, service marks, know how, and trade secrets (collectively referred to as "IP Rights") except as otherwise noted by this Agreement.

Contractor warrants that the services it provides under this Agreement do not infringe, violate, trespass, or constitute the unauthorized use or misappropriation of any IP Rights of any third party. Contractor shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless County from and against all liabilities, costs, damages, losses, and expenses (including reasonable attorney fees) arising out of or related to any claim by a third party that the services provided under this Agreement infringe or violate any third-party's IP Rights provided any such right is enforceable in the United States. Contractor's duty to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless under this Section applies only provided that: (a) County

notifies Contractor promptly in writing of any notice of any such third-party claim; (b) County cooperates with Contractor, at Contractor's expense, in all reasonable respects in connection with the investigation and defense of any such third-party claim; (c) Contractor retains sole control of the defense of any action on any such claim and all negotiations for its settlement or compromise (provided Contractor shall not have the right to settle any criminal action, suit, or proceeding without County's prior written consent, not to be unreasonably withheld, and provided further that any settlement permitted under this Section shall not impose any financial or other obligation on County, impair any right of County, or contain any stipulation, admission, or acknowledgement of wrongdoing on the part of County without County's prior written consent, not to be unreasonably withheld); and (d) should services under this Agreement become, or in Contractor's opinion be likely to become, the subject of such a claim, or in the event such a third party claim or threatened claim causes County's reasonable use of the services under this Agreement to be seriously endangered or disrupted, Contractor shall, at Contractor's option and expense, either: (i) procure for County the right to continue using the services without infringement or (ii) replace or modify the services so that they become non-infringing but remain functionally equivalent.

Notwithstanding anything in this Section to the contrary, Contractor will have no obligation or liability to County under this Section to the extent any otherwise covered claim is based upon: (a) any aspects of the services under this Agreement which have been modified by or for County (other than modification performed by, or at the direction of, Contractor) in such a way as to cause the alleged infringement at issue; and/or (b) any aspects of the services under this Agreement which have been used by County in a manner prohibited by this Agreement.

The duty of Contractor to indemnify and save harmless as set forth by this Section shall include the duty to defend as set forth in Section 2778 of the California Civil Code.

## **9. Assignment and Subcontracting**

Contractor shall not assign this Agreement or any portion of it to a third party or subcontract with a third party to provide services required by Contractor under this Agreement without the prior written consent of County. Any such assignment or subcontract without County's prior written consent shall give County the right to automatically and immediately terminate this Agreement without penalty or advance notice.

## **10. Insurance**

### **a. General Requirements**

Contractor shall not commence work or be required to commence work under this Agreement unless and until all insurance required under this Section has been obtained and such insurance has been approved by County's Risk Management, and Contractor shall use diligence to obtain such insurance and to obtain such approval. Contractor shall furnish County with certificates of insurance evidencing the required coverage, and there shall be a specific contractual liability endorsement extending Contractor's coverage to include the contractual liability assumed by Contractor pursuant to this Agreement. These certificates shall specify or be endorsed to provide that thirty (30) days' notice must be given, in writing, to County of any pending change in the limits of liability or of any cancellation or modification of the policy.

**b. Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability Insurance**

Contractor shall have in effect during the entire term of this Agreement workers' compensation and employer's liability insurance providing full statutory coverage. In signing this Agreement, Contractor certifies, as required by Section 1861 of the California Labor Code, that (a) it is aware of the provisions of Section 3700 of the California Labor Code, which require every employer to be insured against liability for workers' compensation or to undertake self-insurance in accordance with the provisions of the Labor Code, and (b) it will comply with such provisions before commencing the performance of work under this Agreement.

**c. Liability Insurance**

Contractor shall take out and maintain during the term of this Agreement such bodily injury liability and property damage liability insurance as shall protect Contractor and all of its employees/officers/agents while performing work covered by this Agreement from any and all claims for damages for bodily injury, including accidental death, as well as any and all claims for property damage which may arise from Contractor's operations under this Agreement, whether such operations be by Contractor, any subcontractor, anyone directly or indirectly employed by either of them, or an agent of either of them. Such insurance shall be combined single limit bodily injury and property damage for each occurrence and shall not be less than the amounts specified below:

- (a) Comprehensive General Liability.. . . . \$1,000,000
- (b) Motor Vehicle Liability Insurance .. . . . \$1,000,000
- (c) Professional Liability..... .. . \$1,000,000

County and its officers, agents, employees, and servants shall be named as additional insured on any such policies of insurance, which shall also contain a provision that (a) the insurance afforded thereby to County and its officers, agents, employees, and

servants shall be primary insurance to the full limits of liability of the policy and (b) if the County or its officers, agents, employees, and servants have other insurance against the loss covered by such a policy, such other insurance shall be excess insurance only.

In the event of the breach of any provision of this Section, or in the event any notice is received which indicates any required insurance coverage will be diminished or canceled, County, at its option, may, notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement to the contrary, immediately declare a material breach of this Agreement and suspend all further work and payment pursuant to this Agreement.

## **11. Compliance With Laws**

All services to be performed by Contractor pursuant to this Agreement shall be performed in accordance with all applicable Federal, State, County, and municipal laws, ordinances, and regulations, including but not limited to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) and the Federal Regulations promulgated thereunder, as amended (if applicable), the Business Associate requirements set forth in Attachment H (if attached), the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability in programs and activities receiving any Federal or County financial assistance. Such services shall also be performed in accordance with all applicable ordinances and regulations, including but not limited to appropriate licensure, certification regulations, provisions pertaining to confidentiality of records, and applicable quality assurance regulations. In the event of a conflict between the terms of this Agreement and any applicable State, Federal, County, or municipal law or regulation, the requirements of the applicable law or regulation will take precedence over the requirements set forth in this Agreement.

Further, Contractor certifies that it and all of its subcontractors will adhere to all applicable provisions of Chapter 4.106 of the San Mateo County Ordinance Code, which regulates the use of disposable food service ware. Accordingly, Contractor shall not use any non-recyclable plastic disposable food service ware when providing prepared food on property owned or leased by the County and instead shall use biodegradable, compostable, reusable, or recyclable plastic food service ware on property owned or leased by the County.

Contractor will timely and accurately complete, sign, and submit all necessary documentation of compliance.

## **12. Non-Discrimination and Other Requirements**

### **a. General Non-discrimination**

No person shall be denied any services provided pursuant to this Agreement (except as limited by the scope of services) on the grounds of race, color, national origin, ancestry, age, disability (physical or mental), sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital or domestic partner status, religion, political beliefs or affiliation, familial or parental status (including pregnancy), medical condition (cancer-related), military service, or genetic information.

**b. Equal Employment Opportunity**

Contractor shall ensure equal employment opportunity based on objective standards of recruitment, classification, selection, promotion, compensation, performance evaluation, and management relations for all employees under this Agreement. Contractor's equal employment policies shall be made available to County upon request.

**c. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973**

Contractor shall comply with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, which provides that no otherwise qualified individual with a disability shall, solely by reason of a disability, be excluded from the participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination in the performance of any services this Agreement. This Section applies only to contractors who are providing services to members of the public under this Agreement.

**d. Compliance with County's Equal Benefits Ordinance**

Contractor shall comply with all laws relating to the provision of benefits to its employees and their spouses or domestic partners, including, but not limited to, such laws prohibiting discrimination in the provision of such benefits on the basis that the spouse or domestic partner of the Contractor's employee is of the same or opposite sex as the employee.

**e. Discrimination Against Individuals with Disabilities**

The nondiscrimination requirements of 41 C.F.R. 60-741.5(a) are incorporated into this Agreement as if fully set forth here, and Contractor and any subcontractor shall abide by the requirements of 41 C.F.R. 60-741.5(a). This regulation prohibits discrimination against qualified individuals on the basis of disability and requires affirmative action by covered prime contractors and subcontractors to employ and advance in employment qualified individuals with disabilities.

**f. History of Discrimination**

Contractor certifies that no finding of discrimination has been issued in the past 365 days against Contractor by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the

California Department of Fair Employment and Housing, or any other investigative entity. If any finding(s) of discrimination have been issued against Contractor within the past 365 days by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the California Department of Fair Employment and Housing, or other investigative entity, Contractor shall provide County with a written explanation of the outcome(s) or remedy for the discrimination prior to execution of this Agreement. Failure to comply with this Section shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement and subjects the Agreement to immediate termination at the sole option of the County.

**g. Reporting: Violation of Non-discrimination Provisions**

Contractor shall report to the County Manager the filing in any court or with any administrative agency of any complaint or allegation of discrimination on any of the bases prohibited by this Section of the Agreement or the Section titled "Compliance with Laws". Such duty shall include reporting of the filing of any and all charges with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the California Department of Fair Employment and Housing, or any other entity charged with the investigation or adjudication of allegations covered by this subsection within 30 days of such filing, provided that within such 30 days such entity has not notified Contractor that such charges are dismissed or otherwise unfounded. Such notification shall include a general description of the circumstances involved and a general description of the kind of discrimination alleged (for example, gender-, sexual orientation-, religion-, or race-based discrimination).

Violation of the non-discrimination provisions of this Agreement shall be considered a breach of this Agreement and subject the Contractor to penalties, to be determined by the County Manager, including but not limited to the following:

- i. termination of this Agreement;
- ii. disqualification of the Contractor from being considered for or being awarded a County contract for a period of up to 3 years;
- iii. liquidated damages of \$2,500 per violation; and/or
- iv. imposition of other appropriate contractual and civil remedies and sanctions, as determined by the County Manager.

To effectuate the provisions of this Section, the County Manager shall have the authority to offset all or any portion of the amount described in this Section against amounts due to Contractor under this Agreement or any other agreement between Contractor and County.

**h. Compliance with Living Wage Ordinance**



As required by Chapter 2.88 of the San Mateo County Ordinance Code, Contractor certifies all contractor(s) and subcontractor(s) obligated under this contract shall fully comply with the provisions of the County of San Mateo Living Wage Ordinance, including, but not limited to, paying all Covered Employees the current Living Wage and providing notice to all Covered Employees and Subcontractors as required under the Ordinance.

**13. Compliance with County Employee Jury Service Ordinance**

Contractor shall comply with Chapter 2.85 of the County's Ordinance Code, which states that Contractor shall have and adhere to a written policy providing that its employees, to the extent they are full-time employees and live in San Mateo County, shall receive from the Contractor, on an annual basis, no fewer than five days of regular pay for jury service in San Mateo County, with jury pay being provided only for each day of actual jury service. The policy may provide that such employees deposit any fees received for such jury service with Contractor or that the Contractor may deduct from an employee's regular pay the fees received for jury service in San Mateo County. By signing this Agreement, Contractor certifies that it has and adheres to a policy consistent with Chapter 2.85. For purposes of this Section, if Contractor has no employees in San Mateo County, it is sufficient for Contractor to provide the following written statement to County: "For purposes of San Mateo County's jury service ordinance, Contractor certifies that it has no full-time employees who live in San Mateo County. To the extent that it hires any such employees during the term of its Agreement with San Mateo County, Contractor shall adopt a policy that complies with Chapter 2.85 of the County's Ordinance Code." The requirements of Chapter 2.85 do not apply if this Agreement's total value listed in the Section titled "Payments", is less than one-hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000), but Contractor acknowledges that Chapter 2.85's requirements will apply if this Agreement is amended such that its total value meets or exceeds that threshold amount.

**14. Retention of Records : Right to Monitor and Audit**

(a) Contractor shall maintain all required records relating to services provided under this Agreement for three (3) years after County makes final payment and all other pending matters are closed, and Contractor shall be subject to the examination and/or audit by County, a Federal grantor agency, and the State of California.

(b) Contractor shall comply with all program and fiscal reporting requirements set forth by applicable Federal, State, and local agencies and as required by County.

(c) Contractor agrees upon reasonable notice to provide to County, to any Federal or State department having monitoring or review authority, to County's authorized representative, and/or to any of their respective audit agencies access to and the right

to examine all records and documents necessary to determine compliance with relevant Federal, State, and local statutes, rules, and regulations, to determine compliance with this Agreement, and to evaluate the quality, appropriateness, and timeliness of services performed.

#### **15. Merger Clause: Amendments**

This Agreement, including the Exhibits and Attachments attached to this Agreement and incorporated by reference, constitutes the sole Agreement of the parties to this Agreement and correctly states the rights, duties, and obligations of each party as of this document's date. In the event that any term, condition, provision, requirement, or specification set forth in the body of this Agreement conflicts with or is inconsistent with any term, condition, provision, requirement, or specification in any Exhibit and/or Attachment to this Agreement, the provisions of the body of the Agreement shall prevail. Any prior agreement, promises, negotiations, or representations between the parties not expressly stated in this document are not binding. All subsequent modifications or amendments shall be in writing and signed by the parties.

#### **16. Controlling Law: Venue**

The validity of this Agreement and of its terms, the rights and duties of the parties under this Agreement, the interpretation of this Agreement, the performance of this Agreement, and any other dispute of any nature arising out of this Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of California without regard to its choice of law or conflict of law rules. Any dispute arising out of this Agreement shall be venued either in the San Mateo County Superior Court or in the United States District Court for the Northern District of California.

#### **17. Notices**

Any notice, request, demand, or other communication required or permitted under this Agreement shall be deemed to be properly given when both: (1) transmitted via facsimile to the telephone number listed below or transmitted via email to the email address listed below; and (2) sent to the physical address listed below by either being deposited in the United States mail, postage prepaid, or deposited for overnight delivery, charges prepaid, with an established overnight courier that provides a tracking number showing confirmation of receipt.

In the case of County, to:

Name/Title: Talisha Racy, Clinical Services Manager  
Address: 2000 Alameda de Las Pulgas, Suite 240.

San Mateo, CA 94403  
Telephone: 650-573-3615  
Email: [Tracy@smcgov.org](mailto:Tracy@smcgov.org)

In the case of Contractor, to:

Name/Title: Jamie Boehs, Administrator  
GHC of Lakeside LLC dba Lakeside Special Care Center  
Address: 111962 Woodside Ave. Lakeside, CA 92040  
Telephone: 619-561-1222  
Email: [jamieboehs@lifegen.net](mailto:jamieboehs@lifegen.net)

### **18. Electronic Signature**

Both County and Contractor wish to permit this Agreement and future documents relating to this Agreement to be digitally signed in accordance with California law and County's Electronic Signature Administrative Memo. Any party to this Agreement may revoke such agreement to permit electronic signatures at any time in relation to all future documents by providing notice pursuant to this Agreement.

### **19. Payment of Permits/Licenses**

Contractor bears responsibility to obtain any license, permit, or approval required from any agency for work/services to be performed under this Agreement at Contractor's own expense prior to commencement of said work/services. Failure to do so will result in forfeit of any right to compensation under this Agreement.

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In witness of and in agreement with this Agreement's terms, the parties, by their duly authorized representatives, affix their respective signatures:

COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

By: .....  
President, Board of Supervisors, San Mateo County

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

By: .....  
Clerk of Said Board

GHC OF LAKESIDE, LLC OBA LAKESIDE SPECIAL CARE CENTER

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Contractor's Signature

Date: 5/6/2021  
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EXHIBIT A - SERVICES  
GHC OF LAKESIDE, LLC OBA LAKESIDE SPECIAL CARE CENTER  
FY 2021 - 2023

In consideration of the payments set forth in Exhibit B, Contractor shall provide the following services:

I. DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES TO BE PERFORMED BY CONTRACTOR

A. Skilled Nursing Facility

Contractor shall provide basic service level in full compliance with Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations, Section 72445, or Title 9 of the California Code of Regulations, which includes life skills training, money management, training on accessing community services, transitional programs, and discharge planning with County staff. Contractor's basic services shall also include reasonable access to medical treatment and up-to-date psychopharmacology including Clozapine, reasonable transportation to needed off-site services, and bilingual/bicultural programs.

1. Comprehensive Treatment Services

- a. 24-hour skilled nursing care
- b. Pain management
- c. Enteral/parenteral Nutrition
- d. Intravenous (IV therapy; antibiotics, electrolyte imbalances)
- e. Wound care
- f. Teaching services including diabetes and colostomy management
- g. Hospice care
- h. Pharmacy, lab and radiology services
- i. Comprehensive neuro-behavioral services
- j. Comprehensive therapy: physical, occupational, and speech therapies
- k. Comprehensive nutritional support services
- l. Podiatry care, including diabetic and stasis ulcer care
- m. Dental and optometry care
- n. Psychiatric and psychological care, including support groups
- o. Restorative nursing

2. Intensive interdisciplinary evaluation and individualized behavioral program planning.

3. Neuro-Rehab services and activities designed for each level of cognitive and medical disability that include:

- a. Life Skills training

- i. Personal care
- ii. Money management
- iii. Impulse control stress management
- iv. Physical fitness
- v. Culinary skills group
- vi. Health and wellness
- vii. Prevocational activities
- viii. Meal preparation and planning
- ix. Placement preparedness
- x. Goal setting activities
- xi. Community awareness training
- xii. Community Service Projects
- xiii. Horticulture therapy

b. Meaningful Service

- i. Peer support group activities
- ii. Education and recreational activities
- iii. Social activities, community outing, parties, special events
- iv. Cooking groups
- vi. Gardening groups
- vi. Spiritual fulfillment groups include:
  - a) Art
  - b) Music
  - c) Nature appreciation
  - d) Church
  - e) Tai-chi
- vii. Self-directed learning opportunities include:
  - a) Reading
  - b) Internet
  - c) Tapes

c. Health education: Individual and group

4. Rehabilitation services designed to improve or maintain functional self-care skills.

B. As of the effective date of this Agreement, the Skilled Nursing Facilities are:

- 1. Bradley Court
- 2. Lakeside Special Care Center

C. Mental Health Program Services

Contractor shall provide to San Mateo County's Behavioral Health & Recovery Services (BHRS) Division up to two (2) beds for San Mateo County residents who have concurrent medical and psychiatric conditions

and in need of medical care, mental health rehabilitation, treatment and long term care.

1. Admissions

- a. Contractor and County shall work jointly to optimize placements within the available beds at the GHC of Lakeside, LLC dba Lakeside Special Care Center. All admissions shall be subject to screening procedures and standards mutually agreeable to Contractor and Director of BHRS or designee, subject to the provisions in Section 2 below.
- b. The admission of all persons receiving services under this Agreement must receive the approval of the Director of BHRS or designee. Such approval shall be indicated by a signed "Authorization for Admission to IMO/State Hospital Placement" form.

2. Patient Eligibility

Contractor shall admit patients with a Diagnostic Statistical Manual (DSM) IV diagnosis. Individuals in need of twenty-four (24) hour skilled nursing services, patients who may have histories of and, without adequate treatment, are at risk of displaying behavioral symptoms (such as combativeness, elopement risk, suicide risk, and excessive verbal abusiveness) which preclude them from being admitted into a lower level care facility, shall be considered acceptable for admission. Frequency of these behaviors is a determining factor for admission, and such admission may be negotiated between Mental Health Services and Contractor on an individual patient basis. County may grant individual exceptions to these admission criteria. It is agreed by County and 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. All admissions are subject to prior authorization by County.

Contractor shall inform a BHRS designee of patient needs and shall collaborate in any change in placement including transfer to acute care.

D. Health Order Compliance Requirements

1. Health Order Compliance Requirements

Contractor shall comply with all current health orders issued by the State Department of Health and the County Health Officer until such orders are lifted or deemed no longer necessary for health reasons by the State Department of Health and/or the San Mateo County Health Officer. Current health orders can be found at: <https://covid19.ca.gov/> and at <https://covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy/> for statewide information and at: <https://www.smchealth.org/health-officer-updates/orders-health-officer-quarantine-isolation> for County information.

At a minimum, Contractor will ensure the following:

- a. All clients, staff and volunteers are required to wear face coverings, exceptions can be made for the children served as allowed under state and County health guidelines.
- b. Contractor will create and implement protocols for personal protective equipment (PPE) use, handwashing, isolation for clients who test positive for COVID-19, and visitor protocols (if allowed under the current health order and in compliance with health order requirements (mass testing, which can be met by participating in the BHRS Surveillance Program)).
- c. The requirements and protocols mentioned in items a and b above, as well as all the identified strategies related to the pandemic, should be organized into a basic COVID-19 Plan. The plan should identify what impacts and hazards the pandemic poses for your organization, your response to mitigate these impacts and hazards, thresholds that balance workforce location between telework to in office to face to face services for clients, for example. This simple, living document, should reflect what is important to your organization and how you will manage during the pandemic,

## 2. Service Delivery During Health Order Restrictions

Contractor will create and implement alternate options for service delivery; such as using the telephone and/or online sessions via a virtual platform (such as Zoom, Teams, etc.), in the event that services cannot be performed face-to-face. The virtual platform selected by the Contractor must



have security protocols that ensure health information and the identity of clients is protected.

In the event that the Contractor cannot transition from face-to-face services to a virtual format, or other contracted work cannot be performed, Contractor will notify the BHRS Program Manager to develop alternatives to providing deliverables and/or cancelation of services if a solution cannot be reached. In the event that services are canceled or cannot be performed, funding shall be reduced commiserate with the reduction of services.

## I. ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS

### A. Quality Management and Compliance

#### 1. Quality Management Program and Quality Improvement Plan

Contractor must have a Quality Management Program and submit a Quality Improvement Plan to Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS) Quality Management (QM) annually by June 30. The Quality Improvement Plan should address 1) how the Contractor will comply with all elements of this Agreement, 2) the Contractor will maintain an audit disallowance rate of less than five percent (5%), and 3) first appointment will be within fourteen (14) days of referral or request of service. BHRS QM will provide feedback if the submitted plan is missing critical components related to San Mateo County requirements. Additional feedback may be available if requested prior to the submission date.

#### 2. Referring Individuals to Psychiatrist

Contractor will have written procedures for referring individuals to a psychiatrist or physician when necessary, if a psychiatrist is not available.

#### 3. Medication Support Services

For Contractors that provide or store medications: Contractor will store and dispense medications in compliance with all pertinent state and federal standards. Policies and procedures must be in place for dispensing, administering and storing medications consistent with BHRS Policy 99-03, Medication Room Management and BHRS Policy 04-08 Medication Monitoring located at [www.smchealth.org/bhrs-documents](http://www.smchealth.org/bhrs-documents). In particular:

- a. Medications are logged in, verified, counted and added to inventory sheets.
- b. All medications obtained by prescription are labeled in compliance with federal and state laws. Prescription labels are altered only by persons legally authorized to do so.
- c. Medications intended for external use only are stored separately from medications intended for internal use; food and blood samples are stored in separate refrigerators.
- d. All medications are stored at proper temperatures: room temperature drugs at 59-86 degrees Fahrenheit and refrigerated drugs at 36-46 degrees Fahrenheit.
- e. Medications are stored in a locked area with access limited to those medical personnel authorized to prescribe, dispense or administer medication.
- f. Medications are disposed of after the expiration date and recorded.
- g. Injectable multi-dose vials are dated and initialed when opened.
- h. A medications log is maintained to ensure that expired, contaminated, deteriorated and abandoned medications are disposed in a manner consistent with state and federal laws.
- i. "Stock" medications that are not prescribed by the client's physician may not be used (for example, Tylenol).

#### 4. Timely Access to Services

The Contractor shall ensure compliance with the timely access requirements as reference in 42 C.F.R. & 438.206(c)(1)(iv).

- a. Contractor shall return phone calls to an authorized client within **one (1) business day**. Contractor shall offer an available initial visit with an authorized client within **five (5) business days of the client's request for an appointment**. The client must be seen within **ten (10) business days** of the request for an appointment.
- b. The County shall monitor Contractor regularly to determine compliance with timely access requirements. (42 C.F.R. & 438.206(c)(1)(v)).

- c. The County shall work with the Contractor to improve timely access and/or take corrective action if there is a failure to comply with timely access requirements. (42 C.F.R. & 438.206(c)(1)(v).

## 5. Record Retention

Paragraph 14 of the Agreement notwithstanding, Contractor shall maintain medical records required by the California Code of Regulations. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Contractor shall maintain beneficiary medical and/or clinical records for a period of ten (10) years, except the records of persons under age eighteen (18) at the time of treatment shall be maintained: a) until ten (10) years beyond the person's eighteenth (18th) birthday or b) for a period of ten (10) years beyond the date of discharge, whichever is later. This rule does not supersede professional standards. Contractor may maintain records for a longer period of time if required by other regulations or licenses.

## 6. Documentation of Services

Contractor shall provide all pertinent documentation required for state and federal reimbursement including but not limited to Consent Forms, assessments, treatment plans, and progress notes. Contractor agencies must submit, via fax to Quality Management at 650-525-1762, their version of these forms for approval before the forms are to be used. Special attention must be paid to documentation requirements for residential treatment facilities. Documentation shall be completed in compliance with the BHRS Policies & Documentation Manuals (as defined in Paragraph II. of this Exhibit). Contractor agencies are required to provide and maintain record of regular documentation training to staff providing direct services. Proof of trainings including attendance by staff may be requested at any time during the term of this Agreement.

System of Care (SOC) Mental Health Providers shall document in accordance with the BHRS Documentation Manual located online at: <http://www.smchealth.org/sites/default/files/docs/BHRS/BHRSDocManual.pdf>.

SOC contractor will utilize either documentation forms located on <http://smchealth.org/SOCMHContractors> or contractor's own forms that have been pre-approved.

## 7. Audits

Behavioral Health and Recovery Services QM will conduct regular chart audits of Contractors. Contractor is required to provide either the original or copies of charts, including all documentation upon request. The Department of Health Care Services and other regulatory agencies conduct regular audits of the clinical services provided by BHRS and Contractors requiring submission of charts as requested. Contractor is required to provide all necessary documentation for external audits and reviews within the stated timeline.

8. Client Rights and Satisfaction Surveys

a. Administering Satisfaction Surveys

Contractor agrees to administer/utilize any and all survey instruments as directed by BHRS, including outcomes and satisfaction measurement instruments.

b. Beneficiary/Patient's Rights

Contractor will comply with County policies and procedures relating to beneficiary/patient's rights and responsibilities as referenced in the Agreement.

c. Advance Directives

Contractor will comply with County policies and procedures relating to advance directives.

9. Beneficiary Brochure and Provider Lists

Contractor must provide Medi-Cal beneficiaries new to BHRS with a beneficiary brochure at the time of their first mental health service from the Contractor. Contractors are required to be aware of and make available to BHRS Medi-Cal clients all mandatory postings listed at this website <http://www.smchealth.org/bhrs/providers/mandpost>.

10. Licensing Reports

Contractor shall submit a copy of any licensing complaint or corrective report issued by a licensing agency to BHRS Quality Management, BHRS Deputy Director of Youth Services, BHRS Deputy Director of Adult and Older Adult Services, or the Manager of SU Services or their designee, within ten (10) business days of Contractor's receipt of any such licensing report.

11. Compliance with HIPAA, Confidentiality Laws, and PHI Security

- a. Contractor must implement administrative, physical, and technical safeguards that reasonably and appropriately protect the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of Protected Health Information (PHI), including electronic PHI that it creates, receives, maintains, uses or transmits, in compliance with 45 C.F.R and to prevent use or disclosure of PHI other than as provided for by this Agreement. Contractor shall implement reasonable and appropriate policies and procedures to comply with the standards. Contractor is required to report any security incident or breach of confidential PHI to BHRS Quality Management within twenty-four **(24)** hours.
- b. Contractor will develop and maintain a written Privacy and Security Program that includes administrative, technical and physical safeguards appropriate to the size and complexity of the Contractor's operations and the nature and scope of its activities.
- c. Contractor agrees to comply with the provisions of 42 C.F.R. Part 2 as described below if records contain or contract possesses any PHI covered under 42 C.F.R Part 2:
  - 1) Acknowledge that in receiving, storing, processing, or otherwise using any information from BHRS about the clients in the program, it is fully bound by the provisions of the federal regulations governing Confidentiality of Behavioral Health and Recovery Services Patient Records, 42 C.F.R. Part 2;
  - 2) Undertake to resist in judicial proceedings any effort to obtain access to information pertaining to clients otherwise than as expressly provided for in the federal confidentiality regulations, 42 C.F.R. Part 2; and
  - 3) Agree to use appropriate safeguards to prevent the unauthorized use or disclosure of the protected information.
- d. Confidentiality Training

Contractor is required to conduct, complete and maintain record of annual confidentiality training by all staff serving or accessing PHI of BHRS clients. Contractor may utilize BHRS

Confidentiality trainings located at  
<http://smchealth.ogr/bhrs/providers/ontrain>.

12. Other Required Training

Contractor will complete and maintain a record of annual required trainings. The following trainings must be completed on an initial and the annual basis:

- a. HIPPA
- b. Compliance
- c. Fraud, Waste, and Abuse
- d. Critical Incident Management
- e. Cultural Humility
- f. Interpreter training (if using interpreter services)

Training may be offered through the County's Learning Management System (LMS) located at:  
[https://sanmateocounty.csod.com/sel\\_freq/register.aspx?c+bhrs\\_p01](https://sanmateocounty.csod.com/sel_freq/register.aspx?c+bhrs_p01). Contractor must register on the LMS site to access the training modules. Proof of training, such as certificate of completion, may be requested at any time during the term of this Agreement.

13. Critical Incident Reporting

Contractor is required to submit Critical Incident reports to BHRS Quality Management (via fax # 650-525-1762) when there are unusual events, accidents, errors, violence or significant injuries requiring medical treatment for clients, staff or members of the community. (Policy #93-11 and 45 C.F.R. § 164, subpart C, in compliance with 45 C.F.R. § 164.316.)

The incident reports are confidential however discussion may occur with the Contractor regarding future prevention efforts to reduce the likelihood of recurrence. Contractor is required to participate in all activities related to the resolution of critical incidents.

14. Ineligible Employees

Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS) requires that contractors comply with Federal requirements as outlined in 42 CFR (438.608) Managed Care Regulations. Contractors must identify the eligibility of employees, interns, or volunteers prior to hiring, and on a monthly basis thereafter. Results of the eligibility screenings are to be maintained in the employee files. This process is meant to ensure that any person delivering services to clients of BHRS are not currently excluded, suspended, debarred or have been convicted of

a criminal offense as described below. The Contractor must notify BHRIS Quality Management (by completing the BHRIS Critical Incident Reporting Form, Policy#93-11) should a current employee, intern, or volunteer be identified as ineligible. Contractors are required to screen for ineligible employees, interns, and volunteers by following procedures included in BHRIS Policy# 19-08, which can be found online at: <http://www.smchealth.org/bhrs-policies/compliance-policy-funded-services-provided-contracted-organizational-providers-19-08>. BHRIS Quality Management must be notified within twenty-four (24) hours of any violations. Contractor must notify BHRIS Quality Management if an employee's license is not current or is not in good standing and must submit a plan to correct to address the matter.

a. Credentialing Check - Initial

During the initial contract process, BHRIS will send a packet of contract documents that are to be completed by the Contractor and returned to BHRIS. Attachment A - Agency/Group Credentialing Information will be included in the contract packet. Contractor must complete Attachment A and return it along with all other contract forms.

b. Credentialing Check - Monthly

Contractor will complete Attachment A - Agency/Group Credentialing Information each month and submit the completed form to BHRIS Quality Management via email at: [HS\\_BHRIS\\_QM@smc.gov](mailto:HS_BHRIS_QM@smc.gov) or via a secure electronic format.

15. Compliance Plan and Code of Conduct

Contractor will annually read and be knowledgeable of the compliance principles contained in the BHRIS Compliance Plan and Code of Conduct located at <http://smchealth.org/bhrs-documents>. In addition, Contractor will assure that Contractor's workforce is aware of compliance mandates and informed of the existence and use of the BHRIS Compliance Improvement Hotline (650) 573-2695.

Contractor is required to conduct, complete and maintain record of annual compliance training by all staff serving or accessing PHI of BHRIS clients. Contractor may utilize BHRIS Confidentiality trainings located at <http://smchealth.org/bhrs/providers/ontrain>.

16. Fingerprint Compliance

Contractor certifies that its employees, trainees, and/or its subcontractors, assignees, volunteers, and any other persons who provide services under this agreement, who have direct contact with any client will be fingerprinted in order to determine whether they

have a criminal history which would compromise the safety of individuals with whom the Contractor's employees, trainees and/or its subcontractors, assignees, or volunteers have contact. Contractor shall have a screening process in place to ensure that employees who have positive fingerprints shall:

1. Adhere to CCR Title 9 Section 13060 (Code of Conduct) when providing services to individuals with whom they have contact as a part of their employment with the contractor; OR
2. Obtain a waiver from Community Care Licensing allowing the employee to provide services to individuals with whom they have contact as a part of their employment with the contractor.

A certificate of fingerprinting certification is attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein as Attachment E.

#### 17. Minimum Staff Requirements

Contractor shall have on file job descriptions (including minimum qualifications for employments and duties performed) for all personnel whose salaries, wages, and benefits are in whole or in part under this Agreement. Contractor agrees to submit any material changes in such duties or minimum qualifications to County prior to implementing such changes or employing persons who do not meet the minimum qualifications currently on file. Contractor service personnel shall be direct employees, contractors, volunteers, or training status persons.

#### B. Cultural Competency

Implementations of these guidelines are based on the National Culturally and Linguistically Accessible Services (CLAS) Standards issued by the Department of Health and Human Services. For more information about these standards, please contact the Office of Diversity & Equity (ODE) at 650-573-2714 or [ode@smcgov.org](mailto:ode@smcgov.org).

1. Out-of-county Contractors must attest to compliance with all of the pertinent cultural competence requirements in their host County contract. Out-of-county Contractors shall submit to the Office of Diversity & Equity ([ode@s.mcgov.org](mailto:ode@s.mcgov.org)) by March 31st, documentation of their compliance.
2. Technical Assistance

Contractors who are not able to comply with the cultural competence requirements will be asked to meet with the Program Manager and



ODE ([ode@smcgov.org](mailto:ode@smcgov.org)) to plan for appropriate technical assistance.

- C. Contractor will provide to the Chief of San Mateo County Health or designee a photocopy of each unusual occurrence report filed with the State Department of Health Services, as defined in Section 72541 of Division 5, Title 22, California Code of Regulations.
- D. Contractor shall submit a copy of any licensing report issued by a licensing agency to the Deputy Director for Adult/Older Adult Services of BHRS within ten (10) business days of Contractor's receipt of any such licensing report.
- E. For Medi-Cal funded services, Contractor shall provide all pertinent documentation required for federal Medi-Cal reimbursement (including initial and quarterly notices, assessment and service plans, and progress notes).
- F. For Medi-Cal funded services, Contractor shall maintain certification through San Mateo County to provide Short-Doyle Medi-Cal reimbursable services.
- G. Availability and Accessibility of Service

Contractor shall offer hours of operation that are no less than the hours of operation offered to commercial enrollees, if the Contractor also serves enrollees of a commercial plan, or that are comparable to the hours the Contractor makes available for Medi-Cal services that are not covered by the County or another Mental Health Plan, if the Contractor serves only Medi-Cal clients.

- H. Surety Bond

Contractor shall retain and show proof of a bond issued by a surety company in accordance with Community Care Licensing's regulations for a licensee who may be entrusted with care and/or control of client's cash resources.

### III. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Contractor shall ensure that the following outcome objectives are pursued throughout the term of this Agreement:

- A. Mental Health Program

- 1. Effectiveness

Goal 1: To maintain or improve clients' level of functioning.

Objective 1: At least fifty percent (50%) of clients will improve or maintain their level of functioning as measured by a standardized outcome instrument designated by the State.

Data collection is to be completed by the County in cooperation with Contractor.

2. Satisfaction

Goal 1: To enhance clients' satisfaction with the services provided.

Objective 1: At least fifty percent (50%) of customer survey respondents will rate services as good or better.

Objective 2: At least fifty percent (50%) of customer survey respondents will rate access to mental health services as good or better.

Data collection is to be completed by the County in cooperation with Contractor.

\*\*\* END OF EXHIBIT A \*\*\*

EXHIBIT B-PAYMENTS AND RATES  
GHC OF LAKESIDE, LLC OBA LAKESIDE SPECIAL CARE CENTER  
FY 2021 - 2023

In consideration of the services provided by Contractor in Exhibit A, County shall pay Contractor based on the following fee schedule:

**I. PAYMENTS**

In full consideration of the services provided by Contractor under this Agreement and subject to the provisions of Paragraph 3 of this Agreement, County shall pay Contractor in the manner described below:

**A. Maximum Obligation**

The maximum amount that County shall be obligated to pay for all services provided under this Agreement shall not exceed the amount stated in Paragraph 3 of this Agreement. Furthermore, County shall not pay or be obligated to pay more than the amounts listed below for each component of service required under this Agreement.

In any event, the maximum amount County shall be obligated to pay for all services rendered under this Agreement shall not exceed TWO HUNDRED NINETEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$219,000).

**B. Rates for Services**

**1. FY 2021 - 2022**

- a. For the term July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022, Contractor shall be paid for two (2) beds at the negotiated rate of: ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$150) per bed per day.
- b. The maximum amount County shall be obligated to pay for services rendered for the term July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022, shall not exceed ONE HUNDRED NINE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$109,500).

**2. FY 2022 - 2023**

- c. For the term July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023, Contractor shall be paid for two (2) beds at the negotiated rate of: ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$150) per bed per day.
- d. The maximum amount County shall be obligated to pay for services rendered for the term July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023,

shall not exceed ONE HUNDRED NINE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$109,500).

- C. The daily rate of reimbursement will be at the rate of reimbursement established and adjusted from time to time by the State Department of Health Care Services.
- D. Under the terms of Title 22, Division 5, Section 72520, California Code of Regulations, Contractor shall be reimbursed for bed-hold days. The bed-hold rate is equal to the SNF/STP reimbursement rate minus foodcost.
- E. County shall be responsible for billing and collecting Share of Cost (SOC) and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) revenue, and any such collections shall be retained by County to offset the cost of providing these services. Contractor shall facilitate such collections and remit any revenue received to County.
- F. San Mateo County residents who are eligible for reimbursement from the Veteran's Administration or other private resources are not billable under this contract.
- G. Enhanced or Special Services
  - 1. Selected San Mateo County residents admitted to Contractor's facilities may be authorized for additional "enhanced" payments. Authorization for such payments shall be indicated upon admission by a signed "Authorization for Admission to IMO/State Hospital Placement" or "Authorization for Admission to a GHC of Lakeside, LLC dba Lakeside Special Care Center" form, as appropriate. The rate will be negotiated and authorized by the Chief of San Mateo County Health or designee and Contractor. Clients placed in facilities requiring an enhanced rate must have that rate indicated on the "Authorization for Admission to GHC of Lakeside LLC dba Lakeside Special Care Center" form, as appropriate.
  - 2. Some San Mateo County residents may be admitted to facilities that have a day rehabilitation component. A day rehabilitation component and rate will be indicated on the "Authorization for Admission to IMO/State Hospital Placement" or "Authorization for Admission to a GHC of Lakeside, LLC dba Lakeside Special Care Center" form, as appropriate.
  - 3. San Mateo County residents admitted to Transitional Residential Programs will also be indicated on the "Authorization for Admission to IMO/State Hospital Placement" or GHC of Lakeside, LLC dba Lakeside Special Care Center" form, as appropriate.

- H. Except for Medi-Cal funded services, the terms of a negotiated rate contract as set out in DMH #84 10 specify that no cost reconciliation is necessary.
- I. Contractor will be responsible for all expenses incurred during the performance of services rendered under this Agreement.
- J. Modifications to the allocations in Paragraph A of this Exhibit B may be approved by the Chief of San Mateo County Health or designee, subject to the maximum amount set forth in Paragraph 3 of this Agreement.
- K. The Chief of San Mateo County Health or designee is authorized to execute contract amendments which modify the County's maximum fiscal obligation by no more than \$25,000 (in aggregate), and/or modify the contract term and/or services so long as the modified term or services is/are within the current or revised fiscal provisions.
- L. In the event that funds provided under this Agreement are expended prior to the end of the contract period, Contractor shall provide ongoing services under the terms of this Agreement through the end of the contract period without further payment from County.
- M. In the event this Agreement is terminated prior to June 30, 2023, Contractor shall be paid on a prorated basis for only that portion of the contract term during which Contractor provided services pursuant to this Agreement. Such billing shall be subject to the approval of the Chief of San Mateo County Health or designee.
- N. Disallowances that are attributable to an error or omission on the part of County shall be the responsibility of County. This shall include but not be limited to quality assurance (QA) audit disallowances as a result of QA Plan error or format problems with County-designed service documents.
- O. The contracting parties shall be subject to the examination and audit of the Department of Auditor General for a period of three years after final payment under contract (Government Code, Section 8546.7).
- P. Monthly Invoice and Payment
  - 1. Payment by County to Contractor shall be monthly. Contractor shall bill County on or before the tenth (10th) working day of each month for the prior month. The invoice shall include a summary of services and changes for the month of service. In addition, contractor shall provide back-up to the invoice. Such back-up shall be in the form of:
    - a. County provided service reporting form(s) ("Service Reporting Form(s)") completed by Contractor according to the instructions accompanying the Service Reporting Form(s), or

- b. County approved form(s) which provide detailed description of services provided including but not limited to: patient names, number of patient days, daily negotiated rate, and type of service provided (Ex: Day Treatment, etc). Non-billable clients referenced in Paragraph I.F. of this Exhibit B14 must be included in the monthly claim with a daily rate of ZERO DOLLARS (\$0) and the source of reimbursement indicated.
- 2. County reserves the right to change the Service Report Forms, instructions, and/or require the Contractor to modify their description of services as the County deems necessary. Invoices may be sent to:

County of San Mateo  
Behavioral Health and Recovery Services  
Attn: Contracts Unit  
2000 Alameda de las Pulgas, Suite 280  
San Mateo, CA 94403

- Q. 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 Chief of San Mateo County Health or designee.
- R. In the event Contractor claims or receives payment from County for a service, reimbursement for which is later disallowed by County or the State of California or the United States Government, then Contractor shall promptly refund the disallowed amount to County upon request, or, at its option, County may offset the amount disallowed from any payment due or become due to Contractor under this Agreement or any other agreement
- S. County May Withhold Payment

Contractor shall provide all pertinent documentation required for Medi-Cal, Medicare, and any other federal and state regulation applicable to reimbursement including assessment and service plans, and progress notes. The County may withhold payment for any and all services for which the required documentation is not provided, or if the documentation provided does not meet professional standards as determined by the BHRS Quality Improvement Manager. Contractor shall meet quarterly with County contract monitor, as designated by the BHRS Deputy Director, Adult and Older Adults, to review documentation and billing reports, and to take

appropriate corrective action, as needed, to resolve any identified discrepancies.

T. Inadequate Performance

If County or Contractor finds that performance is inadequate, at the County's discretion, a meeting may be called to discuss the causes for the performance problem, to review documentation, billing and/or other reports, and to take appropriate corrective action, as needed, to resolve any identified discrepancies. This Agreement may be renegotiated, allowed to continue to end of term, or terminated pursuant to Paragraph 5 of this Agreement. Any unspent monies due to performance failure may reduce the following year's agreement, if any.

U. Election of Third Party Billing Process

Contractor shall select an option for participating in serial billing of third-party payors for services provided through this Agreement through the completion of Attachment C - Election of Third Party Billing Process. The completed Attachment C shall be returned to the County with the signed Agreement. Based upon the option selected by the Contractor the appropriate following language shall be in effect for this Agreement.

1. Option One

- a. Contractor shall bill all eligible third-party payors financially responsible for a beneficiary's health care services that Contractor provides through this Agreement. Within ten (10) days of the end of each month, Contractor shall provide to County copies of the Explanation of Benefits or other remittance advice for every third-party payment and/or denial of such third-party payments for services provided by Contractor during such month. The amount of any such third-party payment shall be deducted from the total actual costs for all services rendered by Contractor as reflected on the Cost Report as defined in Paragraph R of this Exhibit B1. County accepts no financial responsibility for services provided to beneficiaries where there is a responsible third-party payor, and to the extent that County inadvertently makes payments to Contractor for such services rendered, County shall be entitled to recoup such reimbursement, through the Cost Report reconciliation.
- b. Contractor shall provide a copy of each completed Payor Financial Form (Attachment D) and subsequent annual updates for all clients who receive services through this Agreement. For clients who begin to receive services during

the term of this Agreement, completed Payor Financial Forms shall be provided to the County with client registration forms. For clients who were receiving services prior to the start date of this Agreement and who continue to receive services through this Agreement, completed Payor Financial Forms are due within ten (10) days of the end of the first month of the Agreement.

2. Option Two

- a. Contractor shall provide information to County so that County may bill applicable other third-parties before billing Medi-Cal for services provided by Contractor through this Agreement. The amount of any such third-party payment shall be deducted from the total actual costs for all services rendered by Contractor as reflected on the Cost Report as defined in Paragraph R of this Exhibit B. County accepts no financial responsibility for services provided to beneficiaries where there is a responsible third party payor, and to the extent that County inadvertently makes payments to Contractor for such services rendered, County shall be entitled to recoup such reimbursement through the Cost Report reconciliation.
- b. Contractor shall provide a copy of the completed Payor Financial Form (Attachment D) and subsequent annual updates for all clients who receive services through this agreement. For clients who begin to receive services during the term of this Agreement, completed Payor Financial Forms shall be provided to the County with client registration forms. For clients who were receiving services prior to the start date of this Agreement and who continue to receive services through this Agreement, completed Payor Financial Forms are due within ten (10) days of the end of the first month of the Agreement.

V. Beneficiary Billing

Contractor shall not submit a claim to, demand or otherwise collect reimbursement from, the beneficiary or persons acting on behalf of the beneficiary 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 beneficiaries liable for debts in the event that the County becomes insolvent, for costs of covered services for which the State does not pay the County, for costs of covered services for which the State or the County does not pay the Contractor, for costs of covered services provided under this or other contracts, referral or other arrangement rather than from the County, or for



payment of subsequent screening and treatment needed to diagnose the specific condition of or stabilize a beneficiary with an emergency psychiatric condition.

W. Claims Certification and Program Integrity

1. Contractor shall comply with all state and federal statutory and regulatory requirements for certification of claims, including Title 42, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 438, Sections 438.604, 438.606, and, as effective August 13, 2003, Section 438.608, as published in the June 14, 2002 Federal Register (Vol. 67, No. 115, Page 41112), which are hereby incorporated by reference.
2. Anytime Contractor submits a claim to the County for reimbursement for services provided under Exhibit A of this Agreement, Contractor shall certify by signature that the claim is true and accurate by stating the claim is submitted under the penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California.

The claim must include the following language and signature line at the bottom of the form(s) and/or cover letter used to report the claim.

"Under the penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California, I hereby certify that this claim for services complies with all terms and conditions referenced in the Agreement with San Mateo County.

Executed at \_\_\_\_\_ California, on-----20

Signed\_\_\_\_\_ Title \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

Agency\_\_\_\_\_"

3. The certification shall attest to the following for each beneficiary with services included in the claim:
  - a. An assessment of the beneficiary was conducted in compliance with the requirements established in this agreement.
  - b. The beneficiary was eligible to receive services described in Exhibit A1 of this Agreement at the time the services were provided to the beneficiary.
  - c. The services included in the claim were actually provided to the beneficiary.

- d. Medical necessity was established for the beneficiary as defined under California Code of Regulations, Title 9, Division 1, Chapter 11, for the service or services provided, for the timeframe in which the services were provided.
  - e. A client plan was developed and maintained for the beneficiary that met all client plan requirements established in this agreement.
  - f. For each beneficiary with Day Treatment Rehabilitation and/or supplemental specialty mental health services included in the claim, all requirements for Contractor payment authorization for Day Treatment Rehabilitation and/or supplemental specialty mental health services included in the claim, all requirements for Contractor were met, and any reviews for such service or services were conducted prior to the initial authorization and any re-authorization periods as established in this Agreement.
  - g. Services are offered and provided without discrimination based on race, religion, color, national or ethnic origin, sex, age, or physical or mental disability.
4. Except as provided in Paragraph I1.A.4. of Exhibit A relative to medical records, Contractor agrees to keep for a minimum period of three years from the date of service a printed representation of all records which are necessary to disclose fully the extent of services furnished to the client. Contractor agrees to furnish these records and any information regarding payments claimed for providing the services, on request, within the State of California, to the California Department of Health Services; the Medi-Cal Fraud Unit; California Department of Mental Health; California Department of Justice; Office of the State Controller; U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board or their duly authorized representatives, and/or the County.

\*\*\* END OF EXHIBIT B \*\*\*