

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO AND ONE LIFE COUNSELING CENTER

This Agreement is entered into this _____ day of _____, 2026, by and between the County of San Mateo, a political subdivision of the state of California, hereinafter called "County," and One Life Counseling 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 Specialty Mental Health Private Provider Network 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 B—Payments and Rates
Schedule B—Rate Table
Attachment E—Fingerprinting Certification
Attachment I—§ 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 ONE MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,800,000). 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 December 1, 2025, through June 30, 2028.

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.

County may terminate this Agreement for cause. In order to terminate for cause, County must first give Contractor notice of the alleged breach. Contractor shall have five business days after receipt of such notice to respond and a total of ten calendar days after receipt of such notice to cure the alleged breach. If Contractor fails to cure the breach within this period, County may immediately terminate this Agreement without further action. The option available in this paragraph is separate from the ability to terminate without cause with appropriate notice described above. In the event that County provides notice of an alleged breach pursuant to this section, County may, in extreme circumstances, immediately suspend performance of services and payment under this Agreement pending the resolution of the process described in this paragraph. County has sole discretion to determine what constitutes an extreme circumstance for purposes of this paragraph, and County shall use reasonable judgment in making that determination.

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. Assignability 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, regulations, and executive orders, 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, as well as any required economic or other sanctions imposed by the United States government or under state law in effect during the term of the Agreement. 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, regulation, or executive order, the requirements of the applicable law, regulation, or executive order 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 4.107 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. (This paragraph may be deleted without County Attorney Review if not relevant to this agreement)

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 also report to the County the filing by any person in any court any complaint of discrimination or the filing by any person of any and all charges with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the Fair Employment and Housing Commission, or any other entity charged with the investigation of allegations of discrimination within seventy-five (75) days of such filing, provided that within such seventy-five (75) days such entity has not notified contractor that such charges are dismissed

or otherwise unfounded. Such notification to County shall include a general description of the allegations and the nature of specific claims being asserted. Contractor shall provide County with a statement regarding how it responded to the allegations within sixty (60) days of its response and shall update County regarding the nature of the final resolution of such allegations.

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 Executive Officer, 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 Executive Officer.

To effectuate the provisions of this Section, the County Executive 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. Anti-Harassment Clause

Employees of Contractor and County shall not harass (sexually or otherwise) or bully or discriminate against each other's employee 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. Any misconduct by Contractor's employees towards County employees may be grounds for termination of the Contract. Contractor shall timely address any allegations of their employee's misconduct by a County employee including immediately removing that employee from work on the Contract.

14. 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 unless this Agreement's total value listed in the Section titled "Payments", exceeds two-hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000); Contractor acknowledges that Chapter 2.85's requirements will apply if this Agreement is amended such that its total value exceeds that threshold amount.

15. 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.

16. 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.

17. 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.

18. 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: Helen Rodriguez, Contract Administrator II
Address: 2000 Alameda De Las Pulgas, Suite 280, San Mateo, CA 94403
Telephone: (650) 573-2242
Facsimile: (650) 573-2110
Email: hrodriguez@smcgov.org

In the case of Contractor, to:

Agency: One Life Counseling Center
Name/Title: Suzanne Hughes, MFT
Address: 1303 San Carlos Ave.
San Carlos, CA 94070
Telephone: 650-394-5155
Email: sbudrick@yahoo.com

19. 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.

20. 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:

For Contractor: **One Life Counseling Center**

DocuSigned by:

Suzie Hughes
Contractor Signature

1/8/2026
Date

Suzanne Hughes
Contractor Name (please print)

COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

By:

President, Board of Supervisors, San Mateo County

Date:

ATTEST:

By:

Clerk of Said Board

EXHIBIT A – SCOPE OF WORK
ONE LIFE COUNSELING CENTER
FY 2025 – 2028

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

For the term of this Agreement as herein specified, Contractor shall provide specialty mental health services to clients of the Behavioral Health and Recovery Services Division (BHRS). These services shall be provided in a manner prescribed by the laws of California and in accord with the applicable laws, titles, rules and regulations of the Short-Doyle/Medi-Cal program. All payments under this Agreement must directly support services specified in this Agreement. The BHRS Specialty Mental Health Private Provider Network (SPPN) Manual located at <https://www.smchealth.org/bhrs/contracts> and is included herein by reference. To the extent that there is inconsistency between a provision in these manuals and this Agreement, the provisions in the Mental Health & AOD Documentation Manual shall prevail.

A. Specialty Mental Health Services (Authorized by the Mental Health Plan)

Contractor shall provide specialty mental health services to clients under the San Mateo County Mental Health Plan (MHP) operated by Behavioral Health and Recovery Services Division (BHRS). These services shall be provided to Short-Doyle/Medi-Cal eligible beneficiaries; beneficiaries who are dually covered by Short-Doyle/Medi-Cal and the Health Plan of San Mateo's CareAdvantage program for Medicare; and clients known to be indigent, for whom the MHP has assumed responsibility. It is the Contractor's responsibility to ensure that the client is eligible at the time services are provided.

Contractor will be an integral part of the BHRS treatment team and will be expected to participate in meetings as requested, and to maintain communication with the team regarding treatment concerns.

The language differential only applies to therapy codes. Specialty mental health services shall be provided by licensed staff and shall include the following:

1. Assessment Services, In person or telehealth - CPT Code 90791 CA

Initial assessments to determine medical necessity are typically done at the BHRS clinic and not authorized to the SPPN provider. BHRS will provide the assessment to the contractor. On rare

occasions and with approval by Access, an assessment unit will be authorized to the provider.

2. Treatment Services, Face-to-Face (non-MD)
 - a. Individual Therapy – CPT Code 90832CA, 90834CA, 90837CA
Individual Therapy are those therapeutic interventions consistent with the client's goals that focus primarily on symptom reduction as a means to improve functional impairments. Individual Therapy is usually delivered to an individual but may include family or significant support persons when the individual is present, but the focus of work is on the client and not on the family system.
 - b. Family Therapy – CPT Code 90847CA
Family Therapy consists of contact with the client and one or more family members and/or significant support persons. Services shall focus on the care and management of the client's mental health conditions within the family system. Client must be present.
 - c. Group Therapy – CPT Code 90853CA
Group Therapy are those therapeutic interventions for more than one client that focus primarily on symptom reduction as a means to improve functional impairments.
 - d. Clinical Consultation - T1017CA
Clinical consultation is to be used for communication with the client's behavioral health and medical treatment team for purposes of care coordination only. Clinical Consultation can include discussing treatment progress, change in client status, and if there has been no contact with the client (no phone, no visit, etc.) This code is not to be used for sending emails, texts, or leaving voicemails. * Please note that the minimum billable time is 8 minutes, and it is paid per 15 mins. (8 minutes is the halfway point to allow for each unit of service to be claimed. One unit = 8-22 minutes, Two units = 23-37 minutes, Three Units = 38-52 minutes).
3. Crisis Intervention – CPT Code 90839CA, 90840CA
Crisis intervention must be provided in person, and only be used in urgent situations requiring assessment, that can't otherwise wait for a routine appointment. Contractor shall provide Crisis Intervention if medically necessary.

To be considered for payment Crisis Intervention must be retroactively authorized by BHRS ACCESS Team and supported by clinical documentation.

B. Minimum Service Availability

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.

II. ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS

A. Qualifications

1. Contractor's professional staff shall at all times keep and maintain a valid license to engage in the practice of medicine in the State of California.
2. Contractor shall be certified by the appropriate State recognized Board in California (or eligible for certification by such Board by virtue of having successfully completed all educational and residency requirements required to sit for the Board examinations).
3. Contractor shall ensure all professional staff that bill therapy codes are registered with board of behavioral sciences, pre-licensed mental health professional who is registered with the appropriate licensing board and working in a clinical setting under supervision. An intern should use the taxonomy code most appropriate for them as a practitioner and should bill using the HL modifier after the service code to indicate that the services were provided by a registered, pre-licensed mental health professional working in a clinical setting under supervision.
4. MediCal Enrollment – Contractor shall be enrolled in the MediCal program or in the process of becoming enrolled. Contractor will keep BHRS informed on their enrollment status and submit proof of MediCal enrollment.

B. Requirement of Contractor to Notify County of any Detrimental Professional Information or Violation of County Rules or Policies

Contractor shall notify County upon the occurrence of any and/or all of the following:

1. Contractor's license to practice medicine in any jurisdiction is suspended, revoked, or otherwise restricted;
2. A complaint or report concerning Contractor's competence or conduct is made to any state medical or professional licensing agency;
3. Contractor's participation as a Medicare or Medi-Cal provider is under investigation or has been terminated;
4. There is a material change in any of the information the Contractor has provided to County concerning Contractor's professional qualification or credentials;
5. Contractor must also notify the County within thirty (30) days of:
 - a. any breach of this Agreement;
 - b. any material violation of County's rules or regulations by the Contractor himself/herself; or
 - c. if the Contractor is subject to or participates in any form of activity which would be characterized as discrimination or harassment.

C. Provider Eligibility

Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS) requires that contractors comply with the following requirements:

1. Complete and submit an SPPN Application that includes history/experience delivering similar services;
2. Completed Attachment A: Agency/Group Credentialing Form on all clinical staff (only for agencies);
3. Provide NPI number;
4. Completed County W9;
5. Complete Form 700: Disclosure of Ownership and Control
6. Complete Attachment E: Fingerprinting Certificate
7. Submit proof of insurance
 - i. Comprehensive General Liability...\$1,000,000 incident/ \$3,000,000 aggregate.
 - ii. Professional Liability...\$1,000,000 incident/ \$3,000,000 aggregate.

iii. Workman's Compensationstatutory amount.

Execution of a contract is dependent upon credentialing clearance.

D. Professional Information and/or Changes in Provider Information

The Contractor is required to notify the County of any detrimental professional information or violation of County rules or policies. The Contractor shall notify County upon the occurrence of any and/or all of the following that applies to the agency or its staff:

1. Contractor's or Contractor's staff's license to practice medicine in any jurisdiction is suspended, revoked, or otherwise restricted;
2. A complaint or report concerning Contractor's or Contractor's staff's competence or conduct is made to any state medical or professional licensing agency;
3. Contractor's or Contractor's staff's participation as a Medicare or Medi-Cal provider is under investigation or has been terminated;
4. There is a material change in any of the information the Contractor has provided to County concerning the professional qualification or credentials of the Contractor's staff;
5. Contractor must also notify the County within thirty (30) days of:
 - i. any breach of this Agreement;
 - ii. any material violation of County's rules or regulations by the Contractor or its staff; or
 - iii. if the Contractor is subject to or participates in any form of activity which would be characterized as discrimination or harassment.
6. Contractor is responsible to notify the County, in writing, at least thirty (30) days prior to any change in Contractor's address, business telephone number, office hours, tax identification number, professional license number, Drug Enforcement Agency registration number, or change of business ownership.

E. Health Order Compliance Requirements

Comply with employer requirements established by Cal-OSHA through the COVID -19 Prevention Non-Emergency Regulations which are chaptered in the California Code of Regulations, Title 8-Cal/OSHA, Chapter 4 Division of Industrial Safety, Subchapter 7 General Industry Safety Orders, Section 3205 COVID-19 Prevention.

This section applies to all employees and places of employment with the exception of locations with one employee that does not have contact with other persons, employees working from home, or employees teleworking from a location of the employee's choice, which is not under the control of the employer.

Employers can comply with this section by either maintaining a COVID-19 Plan that was required by previous contract conditions or as part of the required Injury and Illness Prevention Program required by Section 3203.

Employers are required to comply with COVID-19 Prevention requirements of Cal/OSHA.

More information, including access to the text of the regulations, COVID-19 Prevention Plan Templates, Frequently Asked Questions, and Fact Sheets can be found at https://www.dir.ca.gov/dosh/coronavirus/Non_Emergency_Regulations/.

F. Automatic Termination

This Agreement shall be immediately terminated as follows:

1. Upon Contractor's loss, restriction or suspension of his or her professional license to practice medicine in the State of California;
2. Upon Contractor's suspension or exclusion from either the Medicare or Medi-Cal Programs;
3. If the Contractor violates the State Medical Practice Act;
4. If the Contractor's professional practice imminently jeopardizes the safety of clients;
5. If Contractor violates ethical and professional codes of conduct of the workplace as specified under state and federal law;
6. Contractor has a guardian or trustee of its person or estate appointed by a court of competent jurisdiction;
7. Contractor becomes disabled so as to be unable to perform the duties required by this Agreement;
8. Contractor fails to maintain professional liability insurance required by this Agreement.
9. Contractor has claims/violations regarding an illegal act;

10. Contractor has claims/violations regarding misappropriations of funds;

11. Contractor has claims/violations regarding fraud of any kind.

G. Availability and Accessibility of Services

Effective no sooner than January 1, 2024, to preserve a beneficiary's right to access covered services in person, a provider furnishing services through telehealth must do one of the following: 1. Offer those same services via in-person, face-to-face contact; or 2. Arrange for a referral to, and a facilitation of, in-person care that does not require a beneficiary to independently contact a different provider to arrange for that care.

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. Timely Access to Services

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

1. 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.

Contractor must notify Access at HS_BHRS_SPPN_inquires@smcgov.org to be placed on the Provider List not accepting new client referrals when temporarily unable to meet this standard due to vacations, filled schedules, etc. It is the provider's responsibility to notify Access Call Center when provider resumes the ability to accept new client referrals.

2. The County shall monitor Contractor regularly to determine compliance with timely access requirements. (42 C.F.R. § 438.206(c)(1)(v)).
3. 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)(vi)).

I. Advance Directives

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

J. Employee Notification

Contractor and its staff are not employees of San Mateo County Behavioral Health and Recovery Service (BHRs). Should Contractor become employed by BHRs, Contractor shall immediately notify in writing the Provider Relations Coordinator. The Contractor will not be able to continue participation in the BHRs SPPN.

K. Beneficiary Brochure and Provider List

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>.

L. 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 that the records of persons under age eighteen (18) at the time of treatment shall be maintained: a) until one (1) year 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 is allowed to maintain records for a longer period of time if required by other regulations or licenses).

M. Client Rights and Satisfaction Surveys

1. Administering Satisfaction Surveys

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

2. 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.

N. 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 BHRS Quality Management (by completing the BHRS 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 BHRS Policy #19-08, which can be found online at: <https://www.smchealth.org/bhrs-policies/credentialing-and-re-credentialing-providers-19-08>. BHRS Quality Management must be notified within twenty-four (24) hours of any violations. Contractor must notify BHRS 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, BHRS will send a packet of contract documents that are to be completed by the Contractor and returned to BHRS. 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 BHRS Quality Management via email at: HS_BHRS_QM@smcgov.org or via a secure electronic format.

Contractor is ultimately responsible to ensure the eligibility of its staff through online screening. Contractor is required to screen for ineligible employees, interns and volunteers by using the following websites:

c. Office of Inspector General

Contractor may not employ any persons deemed an Ineligible Person by the Office of the Inspector General in the provision of

services for the County through this agreement. Any employee(s) of contractor determined to be an Ineligible Person will be removed from responsibility for, or involvement with County clients or operations. An “Ineligible Person” is an individual who (1) is currently excluded, suspended, debarred or otherwise ineligible to participate in Federal health care programs, or (2) has been convicted of a criminal offense related to the provision of health care items or services and has not been reinstated in the Federal health care programs after a period of exclusion, suspension, debarment or ineligibility. Ineligibility may be verified by checking: www.Exclusions.OIG.HHS.Gov.

d. California Department of Healthcare Services (DHCS)

Contractors providing state funded health services may not employ any persons deemed an Ineligible Person by the California Department of Healthcare Services (DHCS) in the provision of services for the County through this agreement. Any employee(s) of contractor determined to be an Ineligible Person will be removed from responsibility for, or involvement with County clients or operations. An “Ineligible Person” is an individual who has been (1) convicted of a crime involving fraud or abuse of the Medi-Cal program, or (2) suspended from the federal Medicare program for any reason. Ineligibility may be verified by checking: <http://files.medi-cal.ca.gov>, once there, type in “medi-cal suspended and ineligible provider list” in the search box.

O. Credentialing

Contractor is responsible for implementing a process to verify, at time of employment, the credentials of its clinical staff (or obtain a waiver). All clinical personnel must comply with HIPAA regulations to obtain a National Provider Identifier (NPI) number. The license and NPI information shall be reported to the County through the completion of a County provided credentialing form and submitted to the BHRs Quality Management team. Thereafter, on a yearly basis, Contractor is responsible to conduct a re-credentialing check verifying the NPI number, and ensure that qualification standards have been met and all applicable licenses are current.

P. 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.

Q. Staff Termination

Contractor shall inform County, in a timely fashion, when staff have been terminated. BHRS requires prompt notification to be able to terminate computer access and to safeguard access to electronic medical records by completing the BHRS Credentialing form.

R. Minimum Staffing Requirements

Contractor shall have on file job descriptions (including minimum qualifications for employment and duties performed) for all personnel whose salaries, wages, and benefits are reimbursable in whole or in part under this 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.

S. 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.

1. Contractor will submit an annual cultural competence plan that details on-going and future efforts to address the diverse needs of clients, families and the workforce. This plan will be submitted to the BHRS Analyst/Program Manager and the Office of Diversity & Equity (ODE) by September 1st of the fiscal year.

2. Contractor will actively participate in at least one cultural competence effort within BHRS and/or to send a representative to attend a Health Equity Initiative (HEI), including but not limited to the Diversity & Equity Council (DEC), for the term of the Agreement. Participation in an HEI/DEC allows for the dissemination of CLAS as well as ongoing collaborations with diverse stakeholders. Contractor shall submit to BHRS Office of Diversity and Equity (ODE) by March 31st, a list of staff who have participated in these efforts. For more information about the HEI/DEC, and other cultural competence efforts within BHRS, contact ODE or visit <https://www.smchealth.org/health-equity-initiatives>.
3. Contractor will establish the appropriate infrastructure to provide services in County identified threshold languages. Currently the threshold languages are: Spanish, Tagalog and Chinese (Mandarin and Cantonese). If contractor is unable to provide services in those languages, Contractor is expected to contact their BHRS Analyst/Program Manager for consultation. If additional language resources are needed, please contact ODE.
4. Contractor will translate relevant and appropriate behavioral health-related materials (such as forms, signage, etc.) in County identified threshold languages in a culturally and linguistically appropriate manner. BHRS strongly encourages its contractors to use BHRS-sponsored forms in an effort to create uniformity within the system of care. Contractor shall submit to ODE by March 31st, copies of Contractor's health-related materials in English and as translated.
5. Should Contractor be unable to comply with the cultural competence requirements, Contractor will meet with the Analyst/Program Manager and ODE (ODE@smcgov.org) to plan for appropriate technical assistance.

T. Documentation of Services

BHRS will be migrating to an online system for the submissions of authorizations and claims. Contractor will be required to use this system when it becomes available. Until the implementation of the online system, Contractor may use a manual process to request authorizations and the submission of claims. The manual process is as follows:

1. Manual Process

Contractor shall document in accordance with the SPPN Provider Manual located online at: <https://www.smchealth.org/bhrs/contracts>. Contractor will utilize the documentation forms located on <http://smchealth.org/SOCMHContractors>. Forms must be completed

electronically (no handwritten forms will be accepted) and faxed to: 650-596-8065.

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 will utilize the documentation forms located on <http://smchealth.org/SOCMHContractors>

Documentation shall be completed in compliance with the BHRS Policies & Documentation Manuals (as defined in Paragraph II. of this Exhibit A).

U. 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.

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

1. 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.

2. Training Requirements

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

- i. Confidentiality and HIPAA for Mental Health and AOD
- ii. Compliance Training for BHRS
- iii. Fraud, Waste, and Abuse Training
- iv. Critical Incident Management
- v. BHRS AB210 Brief Overview
- vi. Cultural Humility (one-time requirement)

- vii. Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity/Expression (SOGIE) Training (one-time requirement)
- viii. Working Effectively with Interpreters training (if using interpreter services)

Contractor may utilize BHRS Confidentiality trainings located at <http://smchealth.org/bhrs/providers/ontrain>. Other trainings may also be offered through the County's Learning Management System (LMS) located at: <https://sanmateocounty.csod.com/selfreg/register.aspx?c=bhrsp01>. 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.

3. 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:
 - i. 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;
 - ii. 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
 - iii. Agree to use appropriate safeguards to prevent the unauthorized use or disclosure of the protected information.

W. Critical Incident Reporting

Contractor is required to submit Critical Incident reports to BHRS Quality Management on the same day of the incident or within 24 hours 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, including but not limited to participation in quality improvement meetings, provision of all information requested by the

County relevant to the incident, and Contractor staff cooperation.

X. Compliance Plan and Code of Conduct

Contractor will annually read and be knowledgeable of the compliance principles contained in the BHRS Compliance Plan and Code of Conduct located at <http://smchealth.org/bhrs-documents>.

Y. Certification

Contractor shall maintain all applicable certifications through San Mateo County to provide any of the following reimbursable services: Short-Doyle Medi-Cal, Medi-Cal, Medicare, or Drug Medi-Cal.

Z. No Volume Guarantee

The County does not represent, warrant, or covenant any minimum volume of SPPN clients or payments to Contractor.

*** END OF EXHIBIT A ***

EXHIBIT B
ONE LIFE COUNSELING CENTER
FY 2025 – 2028

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:

I. PAYMENTS

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 contract shall not exceed ONE MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,800,000).

B. Rates and Method of Payment

County rates for reimbursement are based on DHCS County rates for reimbursement. County shall not pay or be obligated to pay more than the amounts for each component of service required under this agreement listed on Schedule B—Specialty Mental Health CPT CODES & Rate Schedule.

Contractor will be responsible for all expenses incurred during the performance of services rendered under this Agreement.

C. Beneficiaries

Contractor shall be compensated for services provided to the beneficiaries listed below when the MHP authorizes such services.

1. Short-Doyle/Medi-Cal eligible beneficiaries;
2. Beneficiaries who are dually covered by Short-Doyle/Medi-Cal, the Health Plan of San Mateo's CareAdvantage program for Medicare, and the H Lines program; and
3. Clients known to be indigent, for whom the MHP has assumed responsibility. ACE beneficiaries are not included in this service agreement.

D. Claims

1. Contractor shall obtain and complete HICF 1500 claim form for outpatient services rendered to beneficiaries and authorized by MHP.
2. Contractor shall obtain a signed Assignment of Benefits (AOB) form from any dually (insurance and Medi-Cal) insured client; claims shall not be processed without an attached AOB. County reserves the right to withhold payment until a completed AOB is submitted.
3. Contractor shall send all claims, along with evidence of authorization, to the MHP within 12 months, or one calendar year from the date of service. Claims that are received after one calendar year of the date of service are considered to be late claims and will be denied by County. Send all claims to:

County of San Mateo
Behavioral Health and Recovery Services
Attn: Provider Billing
2000 Alameda De Las Pulgas, Suite 280
San Mateo, CA 94403

E. Member Liability

Unless beneficiary has other health insurance coverage under Medicare, Kaiser, Blue Cross/Blue Shield, or a known insurance carrier or health plan, Contractor shall look only to the County for compensation for services provided through this agreement and, with the exception of applicable co-payments levied from a third party insurer, shall at no time seek compensation from beneficiary. County is not responsible for co-payments levied by third party insurers and shall not accept submission of claims for co-payments.

F. 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.

G. County May Withhold Payment

Contractor shall provide all pertinent documentation required for Medi-Cal reimbursement and any other federal and state regulation applicable to reimbursement including assessment, 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 Quality Improvement Manager of San Mateo County BHRS.

- H. 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.
- I. 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.
- J. In the event this Agreement is terminated prior to June 30, 2028, 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.
- K. 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.
- L. 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).
- M. 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.
- N. 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 Quality Improvement Manager of San Mateo County BHRS.

O. 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.

P. 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 A 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 specialty mental health services included in the claim, all requirements for Contractor payment authorization for specialty mental health services 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 Exhibit A Paragraph II.L. Retention of Records relative to medical records, Contractor agrees to keep for a minimum period of ten (10) 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 ***

SAN MATEO COUNTY BHRS
Specialty Mental Health CPT CODES & Rate Schedule
Effective 11/01/2025
2025 rates

CPT CODE	DESCRIPTION	RATE
90791CA	Assessment – 60 minutes	\$220.48
90832CA	Psychotherapy – 16-37 minutes	\$110.24
90834CA	Psychotherapy – 38-52 minutes	\$165.36
90837CA	Psychotherapy – 53-67 minutes	\$220.48
90839CA	Crisis Intervention – to be used in urgent situations requiring assessment, which can't otherwise wait for a routine appointment, 30 - 74 minutes	\$220.48
90840CA	Crisis Intervention (add on code) – additional 30 minutes, must be used in conjunction with <u>90839CA</u> and add up to 75 minutes or more	\$110.24
90847CA	Family Therapy with client present – 50 minutes	\$183.38
90853CA	Group Therapy - per person, 23-57 minutes	\$42.40
T1017CA	Clinical Consultation - to be used for care coordination with the clinic treatment team only (8 - 15 minutes)	\$55.12
N0000	No Show – (failure of client to appear for or cancel an appointment within 24hrs of the scheduled time, documented in chart at time of appointment, verifiable in retrospective audit) <u>Limit 2</u> per client within the entire authorization period.	\$110.24

Please refer to Exhibits A & B in your contract for specific details on each CPT code.

Services provided in a language other than English, and/or with the use of an interpreter, receive a bilingual differential of \$15.

Training fee will be paid by the invoice of \$50 an hour.

Services provided via telehealth are paid at the same rates as listed on this table. Please bill accordingly.

ATTACHMENT E

FINGERPRINTING CERTIFICATION

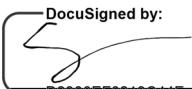
Contractor hereby certifies that its employees, trainees, and/or its subcontractors, assignees, volunteers, and any other persons who provide services under this agreement, who have direct contact with any client will be fingerprinted in order to determine whether they have a criminal history which would compromise the safety of individuals with whom the Contractor's employees, trainees and/or its subcontractors, assignees, or volunteers have contact. Additionally, Contractor's employees, volunteers, consultants, agents, and any other persons who provide services under this Agreement and who has/will have supervisory or disciplinary power over a child (Penal Code Section 11105.3) (the "Applicant") shall be fingerprinted in order to determine whether each such Applicant has a criminal history which would compromise the safety of children with whom each such Applicant has/will have contact.

Contractor's employees, volunteers, consultants, agents, and any other persons who provide services under this Agreement will be fingerprinted and: (check a or b)

a. do NOT exercise supervisory or disciplinary power over children (Penal 11105.3).

b. do exercise supervisory or disciplinary power over children (Penal 11105.3).

Name of Contractor

DocuSigned by:


Signature of Authorized Official

Suzanne Hughes

Name (please print)

Chief Executive Officer

Title (please print)

1/8/2026

Date

ATTACHMENT I

Assurance of Compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as Amended

The undersigned (hereinafter called "Contractor(s)") hereby agrees that it will comply with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, all requirements imposed by the applicable DHHS regulation, and all guidelines and interpretations issued pursuant thereto.

The Contractor(s) gives/give this assurance in consideration of for the purpose of obtaining contracts after the date of this assurance. The Contractor(s) recognizes/recognize and agrees/agree that contracts will be extended in reliance on the representations and agreements made in this assurance. This assurance is binding on the Contractor(s), its successors, transferees, and assignees, and the person or persons whose signatures appear below are authorized to sign this assurance on behalf of the Contractor(s).

The Contractor(s): (Check a, b, or c)

- a. Has no employees
- b. Employs fewer than 15 persons
- c. Employs 15 or more persons and, pursuant to section 84.7 (a) of the regulation (45 C.F.R. 84.7 (a), has designated the following person(s) to coordinate its efforts to comply with the DHHS regulation.

Name of 504 Person:

Name of Contractor(s):

Street Address or P.O. Box:

City, State, Zip Code:

I certify that the above information is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge

Signature:

DocuSigned by:

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Title of Authorized Official:

Chief Executive Officer

Date:

1/8/2026

*Exception: DHHS regulations state that: "If a recipient with fewer than 15 employees finds that, after consultation with a disabled person seeking its services, there is no method of complying with (the facility accessibility regulations) other than making a significant alteration in its existing facilities, the recipient may, as an alternative, refer the handicapped person to other providers of those services that are accessible."