

## AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO AND RASHMI GARG, MD

This Agreement is entered into this 10 day of June, 2025, by and between the County of San Mateo, a political subdivision of the state of California, hereinafter called "County," and Rashmi Garg, MD, 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 psychiatric services for clients with mental health problems herein after described for the San Mateo County Health System, Behavioral Health and Recovery Services Division.

**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  
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 DOLLARS (\$1,000,000). 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, 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) 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 report to the County Executive Officer 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 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 Officer 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: Patti Lee, MD / Supervising Child Psychiatrist  
Address: 2000 Alameda de las Pulgas, San Mateo, CA 94403  
Telephone: 650-599-1033  
Facsimile: 650-368-4001  
Email: [pplee@smcgov.org](mailto:pplee@smcgov.org)

In the case of Contractor, to:

Name/Title: Rashmi Garg, MD  
Address: 1950 Alameda de las Pulgas, San Mateo, CA 94402  
Telephone: 650-372-8567  
Email: [RGarg@smcgov.org](mailto:RGarg@smcgov.org)

## **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: RASHMI GARG, MD

Signed by:  5AC88332AF0B4B6...	05/07/2025	Rashmi Garg, MD
Contractor Signature	Date	Contractor Name (please print)

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COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

By:  Resolution No. 081242  
President, Board of Supervisors, San Mateo County

Date: June 10, 2025

ATTEST:

By:   
Clerk of Said Board

EXHIBIT A SERVICES  
RASHMI GARG, M.D.  
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In consideration of the payments set forth in Exhibit B, Contractor shall provide the following services:

I. DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES

A. INTRODUCTION

For the term of this Agreement as herein specified, Contractor shall provide psychiatry evaluation and treatment to youth clients of the Behavioral Health and Recovery Services Division (BHRS).

B. SERVICES

Contractor shall provide the following services:

1. Contractor shall provide psychiatric services for children and youth. Services may include medication evaluation and treatment, diagnostic evaluations, psychotherapy, family consultation, treatment plan review, case consultation, and other duties as needed. Clinic service sites will include Canyon Oaks Youth Residential Center, Central County Mental Health, South County Mental Health, School-Based Mental Health, and other sites as assigned. Such services shall be provided in a professional and diligent manner.
2. Contractor shall receive general administrative and clinical supervision from the Supervising Child Psychiatrist or designee.
3. Contractor shall provide services up to an average of twenty (20) hours per week.
4. Case documentation shall be maintained in compliance with Short-Doyle Medi-Cal standards as described in DMH Notice 94 14, the Rehabilitation option including completion of the Physician's Initial Note, Mental Health Services Medication Consent Forms, and progress and prescribing notes. Charts shall be subject to annual medication monitoring review and additional review as needed. Documentation shall be completed in compliance with the San Mateo County BHRS San Mateo Documentation Manual, which is included in the Agreement by reference herein.
5. Service Standards
  - a. Contractor will meet County expectations of outpatient clinic productivity.

- b. Contractor will work cooperatively with County designees to optimize workflow, including participating in work-flow analysis, appropriate use of scheduling, division of duties, optimal use of clinic staff, and other activities as designated by County.
- c. Contractor will make all reasonable efforts to participate in coordination and optimization of services, including but not limited to active participation in Quality Improvement and Utilization Management efforts.
- d. Contractor will make all reasonable efforts to schedule the provision of services in a manner that complies with the County's staffing needs.
- e. Contractor will attempt to provide two (2) months' notice, but shall not provide less than two (2) weeks, for non-emergency absences from assigned duties. Notice shall be provided electronically or in writing to all relevant service areas.

C. Professional Standards

Contractor shall perform her duties under this Agreement in accordance with the rules of ethics of the medical profession. Contractor shall also perform her duties under this Agreement in accordance with the appropriate standard of care for his/her medical profession and specialty.

D. Provision of Records for County

Contractor shall furnish any and all information, records and other documents related to Contractor's services hereunder which County may reasonably request in furtherance of its quality assurance, utilization review, risk management, and any other plans and/or programs adopted by County to assess and improve the quality and efficiency of County's services. As reasonably requested, Contractor shall participate in one or more of such plans and/or programs.

E. Contractor shall furnish any and all information, records and other documents related to Contractor's services hereunder which County may reasonably request in furtherance of its quality assurance, utilization review, risk management, and any other plans and/or programs adopted by County to assess and improve the quality and efficiency of County's services. As reasonably requested, Contractor shall participate in one or more of such plans and/or programs.

Contractor shall inform County of any other arrangements which may present a professional, financial, stark law, or any other state or federal conflict of interest or materially interfere in Contractor's performance of its duties under this Agreement. In the event Contractor pursues conduct which does, in fact, constitute a conflict of interest or which materially interferes (or is reasonably

anticipated to interfere) with Contractor's performance under this Agreement, County may exercise its rights and privileges hereunder.

F. No Contract in County Name

Contractor shall not have the right or authority to enter into any contract in the name of County or otherwise bind County in any way without the express written consent of County.

G. 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/](https://www.dir.ca.gov/dosh/coronavirus/Non_Emergency_Regulations/)

II. ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS

A. Compliance with Health Information Privacy and Accountability Act (HIPAA).

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

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to report any security incident or breach of confidential PHI to BHRS Quality Management within twenty – four (24) hours.

2. Contractor will develop and maintain written information 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.
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:
  - a. 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;
  - b. 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
  - c. Agree to use appropriate safeguards to prevent the unauthorized use or disclosure of the protected information.

4. 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 the County of San Mateo BHRS Confidentiality trainings located at <http://smchealth.org/bhrs/providers/ontrain>

5. Other Required Training

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

- a. HIPAA Training
- b. Compliance Training
- c. Fraud, Waste, & Abuse Training
- d. Critical Incident Management for BHRS
- e. Cultural Humility
- f. Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA) Bloodborne Pathogens Training
- g.. Interpreter training (if using interpreter services)



Trainings may be offered through the County's Learning Management System (LMS) located at:  
[https://sanmateocounty.csod.com/LMS/catalog/Welcome.aspx?tab\\_page\\_id=-67](https://sanmateocounty.csod.com/LMS/catalog/Welcome.aspx?tab_page_id=-67).

Contractor must register on the LMS site to access the training modules. The link to register for a LMS new account is:  
<https://sanmateocounty.csod.com/selfreg/register.aspx?c=bhrscp01>. Proof of training, such as certificate of completion, may be requested at any time during the term of this Agreement.

#### 6. 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.

#### B. 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>. In addition, Contractor will assure that Contractor's workforce is aware of compliance mandates and informed of the existence and use of the BHRS Compliance Improvement Hotline (650) 573-2695.

#### C. Reporting of Convictions

Contractor shall report any and all felony and/or misdemeanor convictions that occur during the term of this agreement within seventy-two (72) hours of the conviction. A conviction may, at the discretion of the County, result in the termination of the agreement. Each conviction will be reviewed by County to determine if it is substantially related to the services provided through the agreement prior to making a determination regarding termination of the agreement. Failure to report a conviction within seventy-two (72) hours of the

conviction may, at the discretion of the County, result in termination of the agreement.

D. Qualifications

1. Contractor 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 maintain active Basic Life Support certification.

E. Miscellaneous Duties and Responsibilities

Contractor will cooperate with the administration of psychiatry services. Such cooperation shall include, but not limited to maintaining medical records in a timely fashion.

F. Compliance with Rules and Regulations

Contractor agrees to abide by rules, regulations and guidelines of County, as the County may from time to time amend, add or delete rules, regulations or guidelines at County's sole discretion and such amendment will not affect the enforceability or terms of this Agreement.

G. Requirement of Physician 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 privileges at any hospital, health care County or under any health care plan are denied, suspended, restricted or terminated (other than by Contractor) or under investigation for medical disciplinary cause or reason;

4. Contractor's controlled substance registration certificate (issued by the Drug Enforcement Administration) if any, is being, or has been suspended, revoked or renewed;
5. Contractor's participation as a Medicare or Medi-Cal provider is under investigation or has been terminated;
6. There is a material change in any of the information the Contractor has provided to County concerning Contractor's professional qualification or credentials;
7. 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.

H. 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; or

8. Contractor fails to maintain professional liability insurance required by this Agreement.

I. Tail Coverage

If Contractor obtains one or more claims-made insurance policies to fulfill its obligations, Contractor will: (1) maintain coverage with the same company during the term of this Agreement and for at least three (3) years following termination of this Agreement; or (2) purchase or provide coverage that assures protection against claims based on acts or omissions that occur during the period of this Agreement which are asserted after the claims-made insurance policy expired.

J. Availability and Accessibility

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.

III. GOAL AND OBJECTIVE

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

Goal 1: Clients will maintain their current or reduced level of placement.

Objective 1: At least eighty percent (80%) of clients served will maintain their current or reduced level of placement.

\*\*\* End of Exhibit A \*\*\*

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

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.

In any event, the maximum amount County shall be obligated to pay for all services rendered under this Agreement shall not exceed ONE MILLION DOLLARS (\$1,000,000).

B. Rates of Services

As of the date of the execution of this Agreement, the County and the Union of American Physicians and Dentists (UAPD) are in negotiations to establish a new Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), which is expected to include a wage increase for County employed physicians and dentists. It is agreed that following the approval of the new MOU, this Agreement will be amended to increase the hourly rates by a percentage equivalent to any percentage increase included in the MOU for the base wage rate for staff psychiatrists. Any such rate increase for this Agreement shall be applied retroactively to July 1, 2025.

For the term of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, County shall pay Contractor at a rate of TWO HUNDRED SIXTY-FIVE DOLLARS AND FORTY-SEVEN CENTS (\$265.47) per hour for up to an average of TWENTY (20) hours per week.

For the term of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, County shall pay Contractor at a rate of TWO HUNDRED SIXTY-FIVE DOLLARS AND FORTY-SEVEN CENTS (\$265.47) per hour for up to an average of TWENTY (20) hours per week.

For the term of July 1, 2027 through June 30, 2028, County shall pay Contractor at a rate of TWO HUNDRED SIXTY-FIVE DOLLARS AND FORTY-SEVEN CENTS (\$265.47) per hour for up to an average of TWENTY (20) hours per week.

C. Monthly Invoice and Payment

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. Such invoices shall be on County provided forms or in a County approved format. County reserves the right to change the forms, format, instructions, and/or require the Contractor to modify their description of services as the County deems necessary.

Invoices that are received after the tenth (10th) working day of the month are considered to be late submissions and may be subject to a delay in payment. Claims may be sent to [BHRS-Contracts-Unit@smcgov.org](mailto:BHRS-Contracts-Unit@smcgov.org): OR

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

D. Billing and Compliance

Contractor shall prepare such administrative and business records and reports related to the Service in such format and upon such intervals, as County shall reasonably require. Contractor shall not directly submit a billing statement of charges to any County client or other entity for services arising from the practice of medicine, nor shall Contractor make any surcharge or give any discount for care provided without the prior written authorization of County. The County has complete authority to assign clients to Contractor, determine write-offs, and take any other action relating to billing and collection of fees for clinical services. All accounts receivable generated for services rendered by Contractor pursuant to this Agreement are the property of the County. Contractor shall have the right to review any and all billings for his/her services bearing his/her name of Provider Number.

E. 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, and this Agreement may either be renegotiated, allowed to continue to end of term, or terminated pursuant to Paragraph 5 of this Agreement.

F. County anticipates the receipt of revenues from various sources to be used to fund services provided by Contractor through this Agreement. Should planned or actual revenues be less than the amounts anticipated at the time of the signing of this Agreement, the maximum payment obligation and/or payment obligations for specific services may be reduced at the discretion of the Chief of the Health System or designee.

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G. The Chief of the Health System or the Chief's 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.

H. In the event this Agreement is terminated prior to June 30, 2028, the Contractor shall be paid for services already provided pursuant to this Agreement.

I. Client Records Upon Termination and Notice to Clients

All original client records shall be property of the County. Upon termination of this Agreement, Contractor shall return any such records as may be in Contractor's possession to County, subject to Contractor's right to copies of records.

J. Invoice Certification and Program Integrity

Anytime Contractor submits a claim to the County for reimbursement for services provided under Exhibit A-1 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 \_\_\_\_\_

K. Change of Circumstances

In the event (1) Medicare, Medi-Cal, or any third party payor or any federal, state or local legislative or regulative authority adopts any law, rule, regulation, policy, procedure or interpretation thereof which establishes a material change in the method or amount of reimbursement or payment for services under this Agreement, or if (2) any or all such payors/authorities, impose requirements which require a material change in the manner or either party's operations under this Agreement and/or the costs related thereto, then upon the request of either

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party materially affected by any such change in circumstances, the parties shall enter into good faith negotiations for the purpose of establishing such amendments or modifications as may be appropriate in order to accommodate the new requirements and change of circumstance while preserving the original intent of this Agreement to the greatest extent possible. If after thirty (30) days of such negotiations, the parties are unable to reach an agreement as to how or whether this Agreement shall continue, then either party may terminate this Agreement upon thirty (30) days prior written notice.

\*\*\* End of Exhibit B \*\*\*

## ATTACHMENT I

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

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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:** Rashmi Garg, MD

**Name of Contractor(s):** Rashmi Garg, MD

**Street Address or P.O. Box:** 1950 Alameda De Las Pulgas

**City, State, Zip Code:** San Mateo, CA 94403

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

**Signature:**

Signed by:

Rashmi Garg, MD

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**Title of Authorized Official:**

MD

**Date:** 05/07/2025

\*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."