

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO AND  
CLAREMONT BEHAVIORAL SERVICES, INC.**

This Agreement is entered into this   1   day of   January  , 2025, by and between the County of San Mateo, a political subdivision of the state of California, hereinafter called "County," and Claremont Behavioral Service, INC., dba Claremont EAP, 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 administering the County's Employee Assistance Program (EAP) for County employees and dependents.

**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
- Exhibit C – Knox Keene Regulatory Requirements
- Attachment H—HIPAA Business Associate Requirements
- 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 and Exhibit C.

**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 and Exhibit C, 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 Two Hundred Sixty Six Thousand Dollars (\$1,266,000.00)**. 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 January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2027 (“Term”).

#### **5. Termination**

This Agreement may be terminated by Contractor or by the County Human Resources Director 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.

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 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. 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.

#### **14. Retention of Records; Right to Monitor and Audit**

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

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

(c) Contractor agrees upon reasonable notice to provide to County, to any Federal or State department having monitoring or review authority, to County's authorized representative, and/or to any of their respective audit agencies access to and the right to examine all records and documents necessary to determine compliance with relevant Federal, State, and local statutes, rules, and regulations, to determine compliance with this Agreement, and to evaluate the quality, appropriateness, and timeliness of services performed.

#### **15. Merger Clause; Amendments**



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

**16. Controlling Law; Venue**

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

**17. Notices**

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

In the case of County, to:

Name/Title: Kim Pearson, Benefits Manager  
Address: 500 County Center, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Redwood City, CA 94063  
Telephone: (650)363-4656  
Email: kpearson@smcgov.org

In the case of Contractor, to:

Name/Title: John Kearney, Chief Revenue Officer  
Address: 1050 Marina Village Blvd, Suite 203, Alameda, CA 94501  
Telephone: (508) 735-6307  
Email: john.kearney@uprisehe  
alth.com

**18. Electronic Signature**

Both County and Contractor wish to permit this Agreement and future documents relating to this Agreement to be digitally signed in accordance with California law and County's Electronic Signature Administrative Memo. Any party to this Agreement may revoke such agreement to

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permit electronic signatures at any time in relation to all future documents by providing notice pursuant to this Agreement.


**19. Payment of Permits/Licenses**

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

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

For Contractor: **Claremont Behavioral Services, Inc.**

	8/16/2024	John Kearney, CRO
Contractor Signature	Date	Contractor Name (please print)

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COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

By:  
President, Board of Supervisors, San Mateo County

Date:

ATTEST:

By:  
Clerk of Said Board

## Exhibit A

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

- A. EAP Assessment, referral to community resources and recommendation to Medical Emergency Care, and short-term counseling. Contractor offers counseling services for a wide range of personal problems and immediate response for Crisis situations. Unless described below, each Member shall be limited to a maximum of **Eight (8)** Visits for each problem per twelve-month period, beginning with the date of the case opening. First Responder employees and Covered Dependents shall be limited to a maximum of Ten (10) Visits with a provider from a First Responder Emergency Services Trained Specialty Panel for each problem per twelve-month period, beginning with the date of the case opening. If a Member is referred for unsatisfactory work performance by means of a Supervisor/Management Referral, or if a Member is assessed as having a chemical dependency problem, the maximum number of visits shall be ten (10).

For the purpose of this provision, the word “problem” means a specific type of matter, situation or issue of concern to a Member for which the Member requests EAP services for purposes of obtaining assistance in arriving at a solution. Supervisor/Management Referrals will require the standard Contractor process is followed, including the completion of a Supervisor/Management Referral Form, customized for the County, for each case. Only cases that meet Contractor’s supervisor referral criteria will be eligible for the extended counseling visits.

Contractor provides counseling for “problem” issues including but not limited to:

- (i) marital and family problems,
  - (ii) difficulty with relationships,
  - (iii) emotional distress,
  - (iv) job stress,
  - (v) communications or conflict issues,
  - (vi) substance abuse issues and
  - (vii) loss and death issues.
- B. Contractor provides a problem-focused form of individual or family outpatient counseling that
- (i) seeks resolution of problems in living rather than basic character changes;
  - (ii) emphasizes the Member’s skills, strengths and resources;
  - (iii) involves setting and maintaining realistic goals that are achievable in a one to five-month period; and
  - (iv) encourages the Member to practice behavior outside the counseling Visits to promote therapeutic goals.
- C. Contractor’s services will provide Members with confidential EAP Assessment, Crisis Intervention, short-term counseling and referral to community resources. Contractor can also refer Members to

individuals who provide parenting and childcare resources, adult care resources, legal consultations, and financial services.

- D. Upon reaching the maximum number of Visits, a Member may continue to receive services by a Plan Provider, but at the Member's expense. Upon each case opening, Contractor shall inform the Member of the number of Visits he or she is entitled to receive.
- E. A Plan Provider may also refer a Member to a health plan for continued care, community resources for assistance for non-Covered Services. In the event of such referral, the Member shall be advised by Contractor and the Plan Provider that the Member is responsible for payment of costs and fees for services provided.
- F. Plan Provider shall also obtain from a Member a consent form prior to the release of any information concerning said Member, except as required by law. Provider shall explain such form to each Member.
- G. Upon County's request, Contractor shall provide per contract year, **seventy five (75)** hours of on-site or virtual educational seminars and **sixty (60)** hours crisis response per year. Seminars are to be selected from a list of topics provided by Contractor. Cancellations of educational seminars within three business days (72 business hours) of their scheduled time shall be counted as used on-site hours, or subject to a late cancellation billing of Three Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars (\$325), whichever applies. Additional on-site hours may be purchased by the County at current pricing of \$325. Modest customization of existing seminar content developed for requesting departments will be charged at a flat fee per customized presentation of \$500. There will be no additional charges incurred for these customized departmental outreach services, such as reimbursement for travel or incidental expenses. Additional critical incident response hours may be purchased at the price of \$300 per hour.
- H. Contractor shall conduct virtual management orientation sessions for County's management and supervisory personnel and virtual employee orientation sessions for the County's personnel at such times as are mutually agreed upon by Contractor and the County.
- I. Upon request, Contractor shall consult with the County's Human Resources staff and individual supervisors and managers regarding potential or actual supervisory referrals and Employee performance issues.
- J. Contractor shall provide quarterly and annual reports. Such reports shall include statistics on number of Employees using Contractor, demographics, referral sources, services used and problem types.
- K. Contractor shall provide Members with access to an online webpage, work/life referrals and resources, self-guided content, and digital therapeutics.
- L. Definitions
  - 1. **"Covered Dependent"** means the Subscriber's spouse or domestic partner, Subscriber's biological child, Subscriber's adopted child or step-child, or domestic partner's biological or adopted child. (Coverage for adopted children of a Subscriber or domestic partner begins on the date on which the adoptive child's birth parent or other appropriate legal authority signs a written document, including, but not limited to, a health facility minor release report, a medical authorization form, or a relinquishment form, granting the Subscriber, or the Subscriber's spouse or domestic partner the right to control health care for the adoptive

child, or absent a written document, on the date there exists evidence of the Subscriber's or Subscriber's spouse's or domestic partner's right to control the health care of the child placed for adoption.) Contractor shall not deny services to a Subscriber's child or a subscriber's domestic partner's child on any of the following grounds: (1) the child was born out of wedlock; (2) the child is not claimed as an exemption on the Subscriber's federal income tax return; or (3) the child does not reside with the Subscriber or within Contractor's service area. Dependent children are covered up to the age of twenty-six (26). Dependent children who are incapable of self-sustaining employment by reason of a physically or mentally disabling injury, illness, or condition, and who are chiefly dependent upon the Subscriber for support and maintenance, are eligible for continuing membership in Contractor.

2. **"Covered Services"** means those services, which are provided by Contractor to Members as set forth in this Exhibit A.
3. **"Crisis"** means a situation wherein a reasonable person determines there is an immediate need to assess for the possibility of a Medical Emergency Condition, Psychological Medical Emergency Condition, or to request services from Contractor relating to an Urgent situation.
4. **"Crisis Intervention"** means the process of responding to a request for immediate services to determine whether or not a Medical Emergency Condition, Psychological Medical Emergency Condition, or Urgent situation exists, and to otherwise assess the need for short-term counseling, referrals to community resources, and/or referrals to Medical Emergency Care.
5. **"Effective Date"** means January 1, 2025.
6. **"Employee"** means a regular County employee working at least 20 hours per week (in any non-terminated status).
7. **"Employee Assistance Program (EAP) Assessment"** means the process of determining, based upon information provided by a Member, the need for either:
  - a. Short-term counseling;
  - b. Referral(s) to community resources; or
  - c. Referral(s) to Medical Emergency Care services or treatment.
8. **"Employee Assistance Program (EAP) Benefits"** means a systematic program to help employees resolve personal problems, such as family conflict, drug or alcohol abuse, stress, marital discord, and other personal problems, and to provide training, consultation, and other management services relating to the effective utilization of this benefit by employers and their employees.
9. **"Grievance"** means a written or oral expression of dissatisfaction regarding Contractor and/or a Plan Provider, including quality of care concerns, and shall include a complaint, dispute, request for reconsideration or appeal made by a Member or the Member' representative. Where Contractor is unable to distinguish between a grievance and an inquiry, it shall be considered a grievance. Grievances may be communicated to Contractor via telephone, FAX, e-mail, on-line through the Contractor website, or submission of a written grievance form.

10. **“Medical Emergency Care”** means medical screening, examination, and evaluation by a physician, or, to the extent permitted by applicable law, by other appropriate personnel under the supervision of a physician, to determine if a Medical Emergency Condition or active birthing labor exists and, if it does, the care, treatment, and surgery by a physician necessary to relieve or eliminate the Medical Emergency Condition, within the capability of the facility. This definition also includes additional screening, examination, and evaluation by a physician, or other personnel to the extent permitted by applicable law and within the scope of their licensure and clinical privileges, to determine if a Psychological Medical Emergency Condition exists, and the care and treatment necessary to relieve or eliminate the Psychological Medical Emergency Condition, within the capability of the facility.
11. **“Medical Emergency Condition”** means a medical condition manifesting itself by acute symptoms of sufficient severity (including severe pain) such that the absence of immediate medical attention could reasonably be expected to result in any of the following:
  - a. Placing the patient’s health in serious jeopardy.
  - b. Serious impairment to bodily functions.
  - c. Serious dysfunction of any bodily organ or part.
12. **“Member”** means a Subscriber or a Covered Dependent who is eligible to receive Covered Services from Contractor.
13. **“Plan Provider”** means a person who has entered into a Plan Provider contract with Contractor to provide Covered Services to Members, and who is licensed in California as a psychologist, clinical social worker, or marriage and family therapist. County is not a party to these Plan Provider contracts, and assumes no responsibilities or liabilities thereof.
14. **“Prepayment Fees”** means the monthly fees set forth in Exhibit B, which the County agrees to pay Contractor for Covered Services.
15. **“Psychological Medical Emergency Condition”** means a mental disorder that manifests itself by acute symptoms of sufficient severity that it renders the patient as being either of the following:
  - a. An immediate danger to himself or herself or to others.
  - b. Immediately unable to provide for, or utilize, food, shelter, or clothing, due to the mental disorder.
16. **“Serious Personal Problem or Condition”** means circumstances wherein a Member believes he or she requires Covered Services to resolve a Crisis, important or complex matter.
17. **“Subscriber”** means an Employee of the County who: (a) meets all applicable eligibility requirements as established by the County; and (b) on whose behalf the County has paid, and Contractor has received, any applicable Prepayment Fees in accordance with section 3 of the Agreement.

18. **“Urgent”** means a situation in which it is determined that no Medical Emergency Condition or Psychological Medical Emergency Condition exists, however, the Member is in need of immediate telephone support and/or a face-to-face appointment with a Plan Provider no longer than two (2) business days to resolve a Serious Personal Problem or Condition.
19. **“Visit”** means a session between a Plan Provider and Member of approximately forty-five to fifty (45-50) minutes in length wherein the Member, individually or with others, discusses problems with a Plan Provider in order to resolve the problem. The Member’s problems may consist of family conflict, drug or alcohol abuse, stress, marital discord and other personal problems.

M. **Exclusions:** The following services are specifically excluded from Covered Services provided under this Agreement. All denials, modifications, and delays of requested services are subject to Contractor’s grievance review process.

- a. Services not listed as Covered Services.
- b. Medical Emergency Care.
- c. Acupuncture.
- d. Aversion therapy.
- e. Biofeedback and hypnotherapy.
- f. Services required by court order, or as a condition of parole or probation, not, however, to the exclusion of services to which the Member would otherwise be entitled.
- g. Services for remedial education including evaluation or medical treatment of learning disabilities or minimal brain dysfunction; developmental and learning disorders; behavioral training; or cognitive rehabilitation.
- h. Medical treatment or diagnostic testing related to learning disabilities, developmental delays, or educational testing or training.
- i. Experimental or investigational procedures.
- j. Services for the medical treatment of mental retardation or defects and deficiencies of functional nervous disorders, including chronic mental illness.
- k. Services received from a non-Plan Provider, unless pre-approved by Contractor.
- l. Psychological testing. (psychological testing is not necessary to determine an appropriate referral to a Plan Provider to receive Covered Services, or alternatively, to determine appropriate referrals to community resources for non-covered services)
- m. Sleep therapy.
- n. Examinations and diagnostic services in connection with the following: obtaining or continuing employment; obtaining or maintaining any license issued by a municipality, state or federal government; securing insurance coverage; foreign travel or school admissions.
- o. Medical treatment of congenital and/or organic disorders associated with permanent brain dysfunction, including without limitation, organic brain disease, Alzheimer’s disease



and autism.

- p. Medical treatment for speech and hearing impairments. (A speech or hearing-impaired Member is entitled to Covered Services. Treatment for speech and hearing impairment is not necessary to determine an appropriate referral to a Plan Provider to receive Covered Services, or alternatively, to determine appropriate referral to community resources for non-covered services.)
- q. IQ testing. (IQ testing is not necessary to determine an appropriate referral to a Plan Provider to receive Covered Services, or alternatively, to determine appropriate referral to community resources for non- covered services.)
- r. Medical treatment for chronic condition or pain.
- s. Services involving medication management or medication consultation with a psychiatrist, therapist or provider.

## **Exhibit B**

In consideration of the services provided by Contractor described in Exhibit A and Exhibit C and subject to the terms of the Agreement, County shall pay Contractor based on the following fee schedule and terms:

### **B.1 Compensation**

County shall pay **\$3.10 per employee per month**. Additionally, County shall pay \$1,500 per case for each first responder case opened with the Emergency Services Trained Specialty Panel for sworn employees included in the following Departments: DSA, OSS, Probation (PDA). Public Safety Communications (PSC).

### **B.2 Training Costs**

Additional onsite or virtual training seminar hours above the **Seventy-Five (75)** hours included in this contract may be purchased at the price of **\$325** per hour. Modest customization of existing seminar content developed for requesting departments will be charged at a flat fee per customized presentation of \$500. There will be no additional charges incurred for these customized departmental outreach services, such as reimbursement for travel or incidental expenses.

### **B.3 Critical Incident Response Hours**

Additional onsite or virtual Critical Incident Response hours above the **Sixty (60)** hours included in this contract may be purchased at the price of **\$300** per hour.

### **B.4 Conflict Resolution**

Additional **twenty (20)** hours per year for specialized conflict resolution and team building may be purchased at the rate of **\$325** per hour.

### **B.5 On-Site Counseling**

Additional 190 hours, not to exceed 300 hours, per year have been allocated for three departments (PSS, San Mateo Medical Center and Child Welfare) for on-site counseling per year at a rate of **\$300 per hour**.

### **B.6 Invoices**

At the beginning of each month, County will provide Contractor an accurate headcount of all Employees as of the first of each month. Contractor will invoice the County monthly by the 10<sup>th</sup> business day for services rendered during the previous month, based on the headcount of all Employees covered by Contractor and any additional services provided in the prior month. Invoices are to be sent to [HR\\_Finance@smcgov.org](mailto:HR_Finance@smcgov.org) or by mail to:

County of San Mateo  
Human Resources Department  
Attn: Accounts Payable  
500 County Center 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Redwood City, CA 94063

All amounts due under the Agreement shall be paid to Contractor within 30 days of invoice date. Payments shall be remitted to:

CLAREMONT EAP  
1050 Marina Village Blvd, Suite 203  
Alameda, CA 94501

Tax I.D. number for Contractor is: 94-3129474

## EXHIBIT C

### KNOX-KEENE ACT REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS

#### SECTION I – DEFINITIONS

- 1.1 The terms not otherwise defined in this Exhibit C shall have the same meaning as defined in the Definitions section of the Evidence of Coverage and Disclosure Form (“**EOC/DF**”). The EOC/DF is distributed by Contractor to County of San Mateo (“County”) annually and incorporated by reference into the Agreement.

#### SECTION II – MEMBER SERVICES

##### ELIGIBILITY AND ENROLLMENT

- 2.1 All eligible Members (as defined in Exhibit A and Section 2.7 below) are automatically enrolled for coverage at the commencement of the Agreement, at each open enrollment period, or following a proven qualifying event, such as at birth or adoption, marriage, creation of domestic partnership. County shall determine and notify employees of eligibility concerning hourly requirements and any applicable waiting periods. Disputes or inquiries regarding County’s eligibility requirements, including rights regarding employee renewal and reinstatement may be referred by Claremont Employee Assistance Program to County for determination.
- 2.2 All eligible Members who live or work within Contractor’s Service Area are automatically enrolled with Contractor and qualified to receive Covered Services. Any minor child or spouse/former spouse of Member who does not permanently reside with Member and is ordered by the court that coverage be provided is also eligible for services.
- 2.3 Dependent coverage is included in the Agreement. Covered Dependents are defined in Exhibit A, Section L.1. Qualified Dependents as follows are eligible for coverage on the date the Member is eligible for coverage or on the date the individual becomes a Qualified Dependent, whichever is later.
- 2.4 Dependent coverage will not terminate while a dependent child is and continues to be (1) incapable of self-sustaining employment by reason of physically or mentally disabling injury, illness, or condition; and (2) chiefly dependent upon the Member for support and maintenance provided the Member furnishes proof of such incapacity and dependency to Claremont Employee Assistance Program within sixty days (60) days of receipt of notice the Member’s dependent child is attaining the limiting age set forth in paragraph 2 above, and every two (2) years thereafter, if requested by Contractor.
- 2.5 In addition to the above, all Members’ parents and mothers and fathers-in-law in the immediate household are eligible for Covered Services under The Plan.

##### COVERED SERVICES

- 2.6 The County has contracted for Services, as indicated in Exhibit A of the Agreement.
- 2.7 Contractor will provide EAP services to County’s employees and their eligible dependents, collectively referred to in this Exhibit C as “**Members**”, at times and location(s) agreed to and arranged by Contractor and the Members.
- 2.8 Listed services are provided through Providers who have entered into written contracts with Contractor.

- 2.9 All contracting Providers are appropriately licensed and/or certified qualified clinical professionals who function as EAP counselors within the scope of employee assistance services and shall comply with professionally recognized standards of practice and all applicable state and federal laws.
- 2.10 EAP Providers may be licensed as Marriage, Family and Child Therapists (MFT), Licensed Clinical Social Workers (LCSW), Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor (LPCC), and Clinical Psychologists (PhD). All perform EAP counseling within the defined scope of EAP services.
- 2.11 Contractor provides clinical assessment, counseling, and referral for a variety of issues including, but not limited to: Marital or Relationship Difficulties, Family and Child Problems, Stress/Anxiety, Depression, Grief and Loss, Substance Abuse, Domestic Violence, Job Performance Issues, Crisis Intervention, and Communication or Conflict Issues.
- 2.12 Contractor provides individual and/or family outpatient counseling focused on problem resolution, helping the individual and/or family develop early-stage prevention skills that improve their quality of life and family relationships, and that encourages early self-detection and resolution of personal and/or family problems before they become unmanageable requiring professional assistance.
- 2.13 Emergency Health Condition.
- 2.13.1 Emergency Services. In the event of a medical emergency, the Member should call 911 or go to the nearest hospital emergency room. Medical emergencies and services for medical emergency or other medical care are not Covered Services and will not be paid by Contractor. Members are encouraged to use appropriately the “911” emergency response system, in areas where the system is established and operating, when they have, or believe they have, an emergency psychiatric or medical condition that requires an emergency response.
- 2.13.2 Contractor provides 24-hour telephone Crisis Intervention. Contractor will determine whether or not a clinical emergency exists and provide appropriate intervention, as well as assess the need for counseling or referrals for medical emergency care and treatment.
- 2.13.3 Where there is no clinical emergency, but the Member has an urgent need to see a Provider to address a serious problem or condition, Contractor will schedule the Member with a contracted Provider who will offer an appointment within an appropriate time frame.
- 2.13.4 Contractor will maintain a 24-hour EAP telephone line for calls from eligible Members. Members may call the EAP line for confidential assistance and referral to counseling services from Contractor’s network of Providers.
- 2.13.5 Reference the EOC/DF for the full list of benefits, limitations, and exclusions.
- 2.14 Contractor will conform to all applicable state and federal statutes and regulations concerning confidentiality and privacy.
- 2.15 Contractor will maintain confidential records on EAP Members subject to the provisions in Exhibit H (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Business Associate Requirements), unless otherwise required by law. 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.

## **CO-PAYMENTS, DEDUCTIBLES AND OTHER FEES**

- 2.16 There are no Co-Payments or deductibles required from a Member. The County, who has contracted with Contractor to provide EAP services under this Agreement, pays all Member fees for EAP services provided under the Agreement. Upon each case opening, Contractor shall inform the Member of the number of visits he/she may be entitled to receive under the Agreement.

### **SUPPLEMENTAL BENEFITS**

- 2.15 In addition to EAP services, Contractor also provides other supplemental benefits for Members, including other types of advice and counseling. Please refer to the EOC/DF for a full listing and description of supplemental benefits
- 2.16 Additional Disclosures. Please refer to the EOC/DF for additional disclosures that pertain to Contractor.
- 2.17 Premium. County will pay Contractor for services under this Agreement in accordance with Exhibit B.
- 2.18 Contractor will enter into no sub-contracts, employment contracts, or agency relationships which do not specifically require the subcontractor, employee, or agent to abide by the terms of this Exhibit C.
- 2.19 Consistent with Contractor's obligations in Section 12 of the Agreement, Contractor will not refuse to enter into any contract or will not cancel or decline to renew or reinstate any contract, and will not discriminate against any employee, Provider, County, or applicant because of race, religion, color, sex, age, marital status, handicap status, veteran status, sexual orientation, ancestry, or national origin and agrees that to the extent this Agreement is applicable, Contractor will comply with all applicable provisions and requirements of Executive Order 11246 as amended by Executive Order 11375 setting forth the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor as well as California Government Code 12940 (Non-Discrimination in Employment) and 12945 (Pregnancy Leave Non-Discrimination), and Section 504 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Non-Discrimination of Handicap).

### **SECTION III – AMENDMENT, OBLIGATIONS & GRIEVANCES**

- 3.1 Pursuant to Section 15 of the Agreement, any increase in cost or change in Benefits shall require a written agreement from County and must be proposed with at least 30 days' advanced written notice to County .
- 3.2 The "800" telephone number for use by Members for filing complaints and Grievances with Contractor is 1-800-834-3773.
- 3.3 Neither the County nor any Member shall be liable for any payments due from Contractor to Providers if Contractor fails to pay said Providers.
- 3.4 County has the responsibility to notify Contractor if EAP services are to be included in County's benefit plans subject to COBRA.
- 3.5 No waiver, modification, or amendment of this Exhibit C is valid unless in writing and duly executed by both parties.
- 3.6 Pursuant to Section 16 of the Agreement, this Exhibit C is to be interpreted under the laws of the State of California, and is also intended to be consistent with the requirements of the Knox-Keene Health Care Service Plan Act of 1975, as amended. Contractor is subject to the requirements of Chapter 2.2 of Division 2 of the Code and of Chapter 1 of Title 28 of the California Code of Regulations. The provisions of said Act will bind the Parties regardless of any contrary wording in the

Agreement. Any provision of the Act or Rules required to be in this Agreement shall bind Contractor whether or not provided herein.

- 3.7 County shall make the EOC/DF available to all employees during the term of this Agreement.
- 3.8 County shall complete and return Contractor's language assessment survey for County's Members within thirty (30) days of the effective date of the Agreement and every three (3) years thereafter during the term of this Agreement (if renewed or extended), in accordance with Health & Safety Code § 1367.04 and 28 C.C.R. § 1300.67.04.

## Attachment H

# Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Business Associate Requirements

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### DEFINITIONS

Terms used, but not otherwise defined, in this Schedule shall have the same meaning as those terms are defined in 45 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) sections 160.103, 164.304, and 164.501. All regulatory references in this Schedule are to Title 45 of the Code of Federal Regulations unless otherwise specified.

- a. **Business Associate.** "Business Associate" shall generally have the same meaning as the term "business associate" at 45 CFR 160.103, and in reference to the parties to this agreement shall mean Contractor.
- b. **Covered Entity.** "Covered entity" shall generally have the same meaning as the term "covered entity" at 45 CFR 160.103, and in reference to the party to this agreement shall mean County.
- c. **HIPAA Rules.** "HIPAA rules" shall mean the Privacy, Security, Breach Notification and Enforcement Rules at 45 CFR part 160 and part 164, as amended and supplemented by Subtitle D of the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act provisions of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.
- d. **Designated Record Set.** "Designated Record Set" shall have the same meaning as the term "designated record set" in Section 164.501.
- e. **Electronic Protected Health Information.** "Electronic Protected Health Information" (EPHI) means individually identifiable health information that is transmitted or maintained in electronic media; it is limited to the information created, received, maintained or transmitted by Business Associate from or on behalf of Covered Entity.
- f. **Individual.** "Individual" shall have the same meaning as the term "individual" in Section 164.501 and shall include a person who qualifies as a personal representative in accordance with Section 164.502(g).
- g. **Privacy Rule.** "Privacy Rule" shall mean the Standards for Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information at 45 CFR Part 160 and Part 164, Subparts A and E.
- h. **Protected Health Information.** "Protected Health Information" (PHI) shall have the same meaning as the term "protected health information" in Section 160.103 and is limited to the information created or received by Business Associate from or on behalf of County.
- i. **Required By Law.** "Required by law" shall have the same meaning as the term "required by law" in Section 164.103.
- j. **Secretary.** "Secretary" shall mean the Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services or his or her designee.
- k. **Breach.** The acquisition, access, use, or disclosure of PHI in violation of the Privacy Rule that compromises the security or privacy of the PHI and subject to the exclusions set forth in Section 164.402. Unless an exception applies, an impermissible use or disclosure of PHI *is presumed* to be a breach, unless it can be demonstrated there is a low

probability that the PHI has been compromised based upon, at minimum, a four-part risk assessment:

1. Nature and extent of PHI included, identifiers and likelihood of re-identification;
  2. Identity of the unauthorized person or to whom impermissible disclosure was made;
  3. Whether PHI was actually viewed or only the opportunity to do so existed;
  4. The extent to which the risk has been mitigated.
- l. **Security Rule.** "Security Rule" shall mean the Security Standards for the Protection of Electronic Protected Health Information at 45 CFR Part 160 and Part 164, Subparts A and C.
- m. **Unsecured PHI.** "Unsecured PHI" is protected health information that is not rendered unusable, unreadable, or indecipherable to unauthorized individuals through the use of a technology or methodology specified by the Secretary in relevant HHS guidance.
- n. **Security Incident.** "Security Incident" shall mean the attempted or successful unauthorized access, use, disclosure, modification, or destruction of information or interference with systems operations in an information system. "Security Incident" includes all incidents that constitute breaches of unsecured protected health information.

#### **OBLIGATIONS AND ACTIVITIES OF CONTRACTOR AS BUSINESS ASSOCIATE**

- a. Business Associate agrees to not use or further disclose Protected Health Information other than as permitted or required by the Agreement or as required by law.
- b. Business Associate agrees to use appropriate safeguards to comply with Subpart C of 45 CFR part 164 with respect to EPHI and PHI, and to prevent the use or disclosure of the Protected Health Information other than as provided for by this Agreement.
- c. Business Associate agrees to make uses and disclosures requests for Protected Health Information consistent with minimum necessary policy and procedures.
- d. Business Associate may not use or disclose protected health information in a manner that would violate subpart E of 45 CFR part 164.504 if used or disclosed by Covered Entity.
- e. Business Associate agrees to mitigate, to the extent practicable, any harmful effect that is known to Business Associate of a use or disclosure of Protected Health Information by Business Associate in violation of the requirements of this Agreement.
- f. Business Associate agrees to report to County any use or disclosure of Protected Health Information not authorized by this Agreement.
- g. Business Associate agrees to ensure that any agent, including a subcontractor, to whom it provides Protected Health Information received from, or created or received by Business Associate on behalf of County, agrees to adhere to the same restrictions and conditions that apply through this Agreement to Business Associate with respect to such information.
- h. If Business Associate has Protected Health Information in a Designated Record Set, Business Associate agrees to provide access, at the request of County, and in the time and manner designated by County, to Protected Health Information in a Designated Record Set, to County or, as directed by County, to an Individual in order to meet the requirements under Section 164.524.



- i. If Business Associate has Protected Health Information in a Designated Record Set, Business Associate agrees to make any amendment(s) to Protected Health Information in a Designated Record Set that the County directs or agrees to make pursuant to Section 164.526 at the request of County or an Individual, and in the time and manner designed by County.
- j. Business Associate agrees to make internal practices, books, and records relating to the use and disclosure of Protected Health Information received from, or created or received by Business Associate on behalf of County, available to the County at the request of County or the Secretary, in a time and manner designated by the County or the Secretary, for purposes of the Secretary determining County's compliance with the Privacy Rule.
- k. Business Associate agrees to document such disclosures of Protected Health Information and information related to such disclosures as would be required for County to respond to a request by an Individual for an accounting of disclosures of Protected Health Information in accordance with Section 164.528.
- l. Business Associate agrees to provide to County or an Individual in the time and manner designated by County, information collected in accordance with Section (k) of this Schedule, in order to permit County to respond to a request by an Individual for an accounting of disclosures of Protected Health Information in accordance with Section 164.528.
- m. Business Associate shall implement administrative, physical, and technical safeguards that reasonably and appropriately protect the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of EPHI that Business Associate creates, receives, maintains, or transmits on behalf of County.
- n. Business Associate shall conform to generally accepted system security principles and the requirements of the final HIPAA rule pertaining to the security of health information.
- o. Business Associate shall ensure that any agent to whom it provides EPHI, including a subcontractor, agrees to implement reasonable and appropriate safeguards to protect such EPHI.
- p. Business Associate shall report to County any Security Incident within three (3) business days of becoming aware of such incident. Business Associate shall also facilitate breach notification(s) to the appropriate governing body (i.e. HHS, OCR, etc.) as required by law. As appropriate and after consulting with County, Business Associate shall also notify affected individuals and the media of a qualifying breach.
- q. Business Associate understands that it is directly liable under the HIPAA rules and subject to civil and, in some cases, criminal penalties for making uses and disclosures of Protected Health Information that are not authorized by this Attachment, the underlying contract as or required by law.

#### **PERMITTED USES AND DISCLOSURES BY CONTRACTOR AS BUSINESS ASSOCIATE**

Except as otherwise limited in this Schedule, Business Associate may use or disclose Protected Health Information to perform functions, activities, or services for, or on behalf of, County as specified in the Agreement; provided that such use or disclosure would not violate the Privacy Rule if done by County.

## **OBLIGATIONS OF COUNTY**

- a. County shall provide Business Associate with the notice of privacy practices that County produces in accordance with Section 164.520, as well as any changes to such notice.
- b. County shall provide Business Associate with any changes in, or revocation of, permission by Individual to use or disclose Protected Health Information, if such changes affect Business Associate's permitted or required uses and disclosures.
- c. County shall notify Business Associate of any restriction to the use or disclosure of Protected Health Information that County has agreed to in accordance with Section 164.522.

## **PERMISSIBLE REQUESTS BY COUNTY**

County shall not request Business Associate to use or disclose Protected Health Information in any manner that would not be permissible under the Privacy Rule if so requested by County, unless the Business Associate will use or disclose Protected Health Information for, and if the Agreement provides for, data aggregation or management and administrative activities of Business Associate.

## **DUTIES UPON TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT**

- a. Upon termination of the Agreement, for any reason, Business Associate shall return or destroy all Protected Health Information received from County, or created, maintained, or received by Business Associate on behalf of County, that Business Associate still maintains in any form. This provision shall apply to Protected Health Information that is in the possession of subcontractors or agents of Business Associate. Business Associate shall retain no copies of the Protected Health Information.
- b. In the event that Business Associate determines that returning or destroying Protected Health Information is infeasible, Business Associate shall provide to County notification of the conditions that make return or destruction infeasible. Upon mutual agreement of the Parties that return or destruction of Protected Health Information is infeasible, Business Associate shall extend the protections of the Agreement to such Protected Health Information and limit further uses and disclosures of such Protected Health Information to those purposes that make the return or destruction infeasible, for so long as Business Associate maintains such Protection Health Information.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

- a. **Regulatory References.** A reference in this Schedule to a section in the HIPAA Privacy Rule means the section as in effect or as amended, and for which compliance is required.
- b. **Amendment.** The Parties agree to take such action as is necessary to amend this Schedule from time to time as is necessary for County to comply with the requirements of the Privacy Rule and the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, Public Law 104-191.

- c. **Survival.** The respective rights and obligations of Business Associate under this Schedule shall survive the termination of the Agreement.
- d. **Interpretation.** Any ambiguity in this Schedule shall be resolved in favor of a meaning that permits County to comply with the Privacy Rule.
- e. **Reservation of Right to Monitor Activities.** County reserves the right to monitor the security policies and procedures of Business Associate.

## 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 or b)

- a. Employs fewer than 15 persons.
- b. 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:** Robert Shaw

**Name of Contractor(s):** Claremont Behavioral Services, Inc.

**Street Address or P.O. Box:** 2 Park Plaza - Suite 1200

**City, State, Zip Code:** Irvine, CA 92614

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

**Signature:**

DocuSigned by:  
Robert Shaw  
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**Title of Authorized Official:**

CFO

**Date:**

8/30/2024

\*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."