

**SUB-RECIPIENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO  
AND EL CENTRO DE LIBERTAD**

This Agreement is entered into this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, by and between the County of San Mateo, hereinafter called "County," and the El Centro de Libertad hereinafter called "Contractor";

W I T N E S S E T H:

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 professional services.

Whereas, the award of this Agreement is made pursuant to:

1. Federal Catalog Number (CFDA): #93.959
2. Federal Data Universal Number (DUNS): 07-523-6401
3. Federal Award Period of Performance: 7/01/24-6/30/25
4. Federal Awarding Agency: DHCS
5. Federal Award Project Description: Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment (SAPG) Block Grant

Whereas, the County is hereby awarding the following Federal Funds:

1. Amount of SAPT Federal funds obligated by this action to sub-recipient: SIXTY-TWO THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED SIXTY-SIX DOLLARS (\$62,656).
2. This is not a Research and Development Award
3. This amount is subject to change with the grant application to be filed and any resulting program changes

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY AGREED BY THE PARTIES HERETO AS FOLLOWS:**

**1. Exhibits and Attachments**

The following exhibits and attachments are included hereto and incorporated by reference herein:

- Exhibit A—Description of Services
- Exhibit B—Payments and Rates

## **2. Definitions**

1. “CCR” means the California Code of Regulations.
2. “CFR” means the Code of Federal Regulations.
3. “DUNS” means the Data Universal Numbering System, a nine-digit number established and assigned by Dun and Bradstreet, Inc. to uniquely identify business entities.
4. “Cal. Gov. Code” means the California Government Code.
5. “OMB” means the Office of Management and Budget.
6. “PCC” means the California Public Contract Code.
7. “Reimbursable item” means “allowable cost” and “compensable item”.
8. “State” means the State of California.
9. “Contractor” means El Centro de Libertad since it is the legal entity that receives funds from County to carry out part of a federal award identified in this Agreement.
10. “USC” means the United States Code.
11. “W & I Code” means the California Welfare and Institutions Code.

## **3. Services to be Performed by Contractor**

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

## **4. Payments**

In consideration of the services provided by Contractor in accordance with all terms, conditions and specifications set forth herein 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 SIX HUNDRED FORTY-FOUR THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED FORTY-SEVEN (\$1,644,647).

County reserves the right to refuse payment to Contractor or disallow costs for any expenditure, as determined by County to be in conflict with the terms and conditions of this Agreement, outside the scope of work of this Agreement, when adequate supporting documentation is not presented or where prior approval was required but was either not requested or not granted.

The Contractor will submit invoices and monthly program reports to Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS) by the tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) of each month. Program performance data will be submitted in a timely, complete, accurate, and verifiable manner using the BHRS approved reporting procedures. Invoices must reflect the provision of services and the usage of funds each month throughout the entire contract period. Refer to Exhibit B for specific fiscal requirements. Upon notification from BHRS, the Contractor must correct inaccurate invoices and corresponding reports in order to receive reimbursement. Corrections must be made within five (5) working days. Invoices submitted more than two (2) months past the month of service may not be reimbursed. Invoice(s) for June will be due by June 1<sup>st</sup> to facilitate timely payment.

## **5. Term and Termination**

Subject to compliance with all terms and conditions, the term of this Agreement shall be from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

- A. This Agreement may be terminated by Contractor, the Chief of San Mateo County Health, or designee at any time without a requirement of good cause upon thirty (30) days written notice to the other party (the "Notice of Termination"). The Notice of Termination shall include the effective date of the notice, a description of the action being taken by the County, including the extent of services terminated, the reason for such action, and any conditions of the termination.
- B. In the event of termination, all finished or unfinished documents, data, studies, maps, photographs, reports, and materials (hereafter referred to as 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 materials. 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 portion of the full payment, which is determined by comparing the work/services completed to the work/services required by the Agreement.
- C. Termination for Cause. The grounds for termination of this Agreement for cause shall include, but are not limited to, the following:
  1. Threat against life, health or safety of the public (see exemption from notice requirement, above);

2. A violation of the law or failure to comply with any condition of this Agreement;
3. Inadequate performance or failure to make progress so as to obstruct or undermine implementation of this Agreement;
4. Failure to comply with reporting requirements;
5. Evidence that Contractor is in an unsatisfactory financial condition determined by an audit by County or evidence of a financial condition that obstructs or undermines performance of this Agreement and/or results in the loss of other funding sources;
6. Delinquency in payment of taxes or payment of costs for performance of this Agreement in the ordinary course of business;
7. Appointment of a trustee, receiver, or liquidator for all or substantial part of Contractor's property, or institution of bankruptcy reorganization or the arrangement of liquidation proceedings by or against the Contractor;
8. Service of any writ of attachment, levy or execution, or commencement of garnishment proceedings against Contractor's assets or income;
9. The commission of an act of bankruptcy;
10. Finding of debarment or suspension;
11. Contractor's organizational structure has materially changed; and
12. County determines that Contractor may be considered a "high risk" agency as described in 45 CFR § 92.12 for local government and 45 CFR § 74.14 for non-profit organizations. If such a determination is made, the Contractor maybe subject to special conditions or restrictions.

Upon breach or default of any of the provisions, obligations, or duties embodied in this Agreement by Contractor, County shall retain the right to exercise any administrative, contractual, equitable, or legal remedies available without limitation. A waiver by County of any occurrence of breach or default is not a waiver of subsequent occurrences and shall be limited to that particular occurrence.

- D. Contractor's Obligation After Notice of Termination. After receipt of a Notice of Termination, and except as directed by County in writing, Contractor shall proceed with the following obligations, as applicable, regardless of any delay in determining or adjusting any funds due under this clause.

Contractor shall:

1. Stop work as specified in the Notice of Termination;
  2. Place no further subcontracts for materials, or services, except to the extent necessary to complete any portion of the Agreement that has not been terminated;
  3. Terminate all subcontracts to the extent they related to the work terminated; and
  4. Settle all outstanding liabilities and termination settlement proposals arising from the termination of subcontracts (the approval or ratification of which will be final for purposes of this clause).
- E. Emergency Notice Exemption. Notwithstanding any other provision to the contrary in this Agreement, termination of this Agreement shall take effect immediately in the case of an emergency, such as threat to life, health, or safety of the public. In case of such emergency, a Notice of Termination is still required and shall include the date of the notice, a description of the action being taken by the County, including the extent of services terminated, the reason for such action, and any condition of the termination.
- F. If Contractor or any of its sub-grantees materially fails to comply with any term of this Agreement; federal, state or local laws, an assurance, state plan or application, notice of award, this Agreement, or any other applicable rule, the County may take any or all of the following actions it deems appropriate in the circumstances:
- i. Temporarily withhold payment for services pending correction of the deficiency by Contractor or its sub-grantee(s).
  - ii. Disallow all or part of the cost of the service, activity or action not in compliance.
  - iii. Suspend the Agreement in whole or part.
  - iv. Suspend eligibility for future agreements
  - v. Other remedies that may be legally available, or shown in the Agreement.

## 6. Availability of Funds

Notwithstanding the provisions for termination in paragraph 5 above, County may terminate this Agreement or any portion of the services referenced in the Attachments and Exhibits based upon 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. Such termination shall be effective immediately unless otherwise agreed upon by County and Contractor in writing.

**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 the County and that Contractor acquires none 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, or licenses and retains all right, title, and interest in and to any intellectual property it uses in relation to this Agreement, including the design, look, feel, features, source code, content, and 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 (“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.

## **9. Assignability and Subcontracting**

Contractor shall not assign this Agreement or any portion thereof 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.

- A. Contractor will assure that any authorized subcontracts with a third party for services complies with all terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement and pursuant to the requirements of applicable federal, state and local law, including but not limited to Title 2 of the CFR.

- B. Debarment and Suspension: Contractor will assure that as provided in CFR, Title 2 as applicable, that it must not award subcontracts with at any time to any party that is debarred or suspended or is otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation in federal assistance programs.
- C. Procurement of Sub-contractors: Contractor's procurement procedures must conform to applicable federal, state and local law including procedures outlined in Title 2 of the CFR. In the event of any conflict between federal, state, and local requirements, the most restrictive requirement must be applied.
- D. Monitoring: Contractor will be responsible for managing and monitoring routine operations of services performed under this Agreement including each project, program, sub grants or any other function supported by Contractor's sub-contractors/sub-grantees to ensure compliance with all applicable terms and conditions of this Agreement, including the requirements in Title 2 of the CFR. If Contractor at any time discovers that services under this Agreement have not been used in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement including federal, state and local law, Contractor will take action to recover such funding.
- E. Duties as Pass-through Entity: Contractor must perform functions required under federal, state and local law for a pass-through entity when awarding any part of this Agreement to other third-party entities.

#### **10. 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 the forfeiture of any right to compensation under this Agreement.

#### **11. Insurance**

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.

A. **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, (a) that 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) that it will comply with such provisions before commencing the performance of work under this Agreement.

B. **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:

- i. Comprehensive General Liability... \$1,000,000
- ii. Motor Vehicle Liability Insurance... \$1,000,000
- iii. 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.

**12. Compliance With Laws**

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

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

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

A. Standards for financial management systems: Contractor and its subcontractors/grantees will comply with the requirements of CFR, Title 2 including, but not limited to: fiscal and accounting procedures; accounting records; internal control over cash, real and personal property, and other assets; budgetary control to compare actual expenditures or outlays to budgeted amounts; source documentation; and cash management.

B. Period of availability of funds: Pursuant to CFR, Title 2 as applicable, Contractor may only charge to this Agreement costs resulting from obligations incurred during the funding period of the federal and state awards for the term specified in this Sub Recipient Agreement, unless carryover of this balance is specifically identified in payment section of this Agreement. All obligations incurred under this Agreement must be liquidated no later than ninety (90) days after the end of the funding period, pursuant to federal law.

C. Matching or cost sharing: Pursuant to CFR, Title 2 as applicable, matching or cost sharing requirement applicable to the federal program must be satisfied by disbursements for allowable costs or third-party in-kind contributions and must be clearly identified and used in accordance with all applicable federal, state and local

laws.

D. Program income: Program income must be used and accounted for as specified in CFR, Title 2.

E. Real Property: If Contractor is authorized to use funds pursuant to this Agreement for the acquisition of real property, title, use, and disposition of the real property will be governed by the provisions of CFR, Title 2.

F. Equipment: Title, use, management (including record keeping, internal control, and maintenance) and disposition of equipment acquired by Contractor or its sub-contractors/grantees with federal funding awarded under this Agreement will be governed by the provisions of CFR, Title 2, as applicable.

G. Supplies: Title and disposition of supplies acquired by Contractor or its sub-contractor with federal funding pursuant to this Agreement will be governed by the provisions of CFR, Title 2, as applicable.

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

Contractor shall comply with all applicable anti-discrimination federal, state and local law, including the laws referenced in the Contractor Certification Clauses (CCC 307) which are hereby incorporated by reference. In addition, Contractor shall comply with the following:

#### Equal Access to Federally Funded Benefits, Programs and Activities

Contractor shall ensure compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Acts of 1964 [42 USC § 2000d; 45 CFR Part 80], which prohibits recipients of federal financial assistance from discrimination against persons based on race, color, religion, or national origin.

#### Equal Access to State-Funded Benefits, Programs and Activities

Contractor shall, unless exempted, ensure compliance with the requirement of Cal. Gov. Code §§ 11135 to 11139.5; 22 CCR § 98000, *et seq.*, which prohibit recipients of state financial assistance from discriminating against persons based on race, national origin, ethnic group identification, religion, age, sex, sexual orientation, color, or disability. [22 CCR § 98323, Chapter 182, Statutes of 2006].

Contractor assures that it complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability, as well as all applicable regulations and guidelines issued pursuant of the ADA. [42 USC § 12101, *et seq.*]

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 handicapped individual 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 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.* Contractor shall comply fully with the nondiscrimination requirements of 41 CFR § 60-741.5(a), which is incorporated herein as if fully set forth.
- F. *History of Discrimination.* Contractor certifies that no finding of discrimination has been issued in the past 365 days against Contractor by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the California Department of Fair Employment and Housing, or any other investigative entity. If any finding(s) of discrimination have been issued against Contractor within the past 365 days by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the California Department of Fair Employment and Housing, or other investigative entity, Contractor shall provide County with a written explanation of the outcome(s) or remedy for the discrimination prior to execution of this Agreement. Failure to comply with this Section shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement and subjects the Agreement to immediate termination at the sole option of the County.

- G. *Reporting Violation of Non-discrimination provisions.* Contractor shall report to the County Manager the filing in any court or with any administrative agency of any complaint or allegation of discrimination on any of the bases prohibited by this Agreement. Such duty shall include reporting of the filing of any and all charges with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the Department of Fair Employment and Housing, or any other entity charged with the investigation or adjudication of allegations covered by this subsection within thirty (30) days of such filing, provided that within such thirty (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 Contractor to penalties, to be determined by the County Manager, including but not limited to the following:

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

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

In compliance with Cal. Gov. Code § 11019.9, Civil Code §1798, *et seq.*, Management Memo 06-12 and Budget Letter 06-34, Contractor will ensure that confidential information is protected from disclosure in accordance with applicable laws, regulations, and policies.

Contractor shall adhere to 48 CFR § 3.908, implementing section 828, entitled "Pilot Program for Enhancement of Contractor Whistleblower Protections," of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2013 (Pub. L. 112-239, enacted January 2, 2013).

#### **14. Compliance with Contractor Employee Jury Service Ordinance**

Contractor shall comply with Chapter 2.85 of the County's Ordinance Code, which

states that Contractor shall have and adhere to a written policy providing that its employees, to the extent they are full-time employees and live in San Mateo County, shall receive from the Contractor, on an annual basis, no fewer than five days of regular pay for jury service in San Mateo County, with jury pay being provided only for each day of actual jury service. The policy may provide that such employees deposit any fees received for such jury service with Contractor or that the Contractor may deduct from an employee's regular pay the fees received for jury service in San Mateo County. By signing this Agreement, Contractor certifies that it has and adheres to a policy consistent with Chapter 2.85. For purposes of this Section, if Contractor has no employees in San Mateo County, it is sufficient for Contractor to provide the following written statement to County: "For purposes of San Mateo County's jury service ordinance, Contractor certifies that it has no full-time employees who live in San Mateo County. To the extent that it hires any such employees during the term of its Agreement with San Mateo County, Contractor shall adopt a policy that complies with Chapter 2.85 of the County's Ordinance Code." The requirements of Chapter 2.85 do not apply if this Agreement's total value listed in Section 4 above, is less than one-hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000), but Contractor acknowledges that Chapter 2.85's requirements will apply if this Agreement is amended such that its total value meets or exceeds that threshold amount.

**15. Retention of Records, Right to Monitor and Audit**

- A. Contractor shall maintain all required records for ten (10) years after County makes final payment and all other pending matters are closed, and Contractor shall be subject to the examination and/or audit of County, a Federal grantor agency, and the State of California. Records must include sufficient detail to disclose: services provided to program participants; administrative cost of services provided to program participants; charges made and payments received for items identified in the provision of services to program participants and administrative cost of services provided to program participants; and cost of operating organizations, agencies, programs, activities and functions as prescribed in CFR, Title 2.
- B. Reporting and Record Keeping: Contractor shall comply with all program and fiscal reporting requirements set forth by appropriate 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 representatives, 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.

- D. Contractor shall provide for timely audits as required by CFR, Title 2, unless a waiver has been granted by a federal agency. Subject to the threshold requirements of CFR, Title 2, Contractor must ensure that it has an audit with a scope that covers funds received under this Agreement.

Contractor must send one (1) copy of the final audit report to County contact shown in Section 18 of this Agreement within two (2) weeks of Contractor's receipt of any such audit report. Contractor agrees to take prompt action to correct problems identified in any such audit including federal, state, County or local authority having audit authority.

Contractor agrees to promptly reimburse County for any funds County pays Contractor or any sub-contractor/grantee of Contractor for an adverse audit finding, adverse quality control finding, final disallowance of federal financial participation, or other sanction or penalty for which County is responsible for under this Agreement.

Contractor shall take prompt correction action, including paying amounts resulting from and adverse findings, sanction or penalty, if County or any federal agency, or other entity authorized by federal, state or local law to determine compliance with conditions, requirements, and restriction applicable to the federal program from which this Agreement is awarded determines compliance has not been achieved.

## **16. Merger Clause & Amendments**

This Agreement, including the Exhibits and Attachments attached to this Agreement and incorporated herein 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 and Venue**

The validity of this Agreement and of its terms or provisions, 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 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 including Contractor's change of legal name, main address, or name of Director shall be deemed to be properly given when both: (1) 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: Diana Hill/Health Services Manager  
Address: 310 Harbor Blvd., Building E, Belmont, CA 94002  
Telephone: (650) 802-7695  
Facsimile: (650) 802-6440  
Email: [dhill@smcgov.org](mailto:dhill@smcgov.org)

In the case of Contractor, to:

Name/Title: Mike Akana/Executive Director  
Address: 500 Allerton Avenue, Redwood City, CA 94063  
Telephone: (650) 599-9955  
Facsimile: (650) 599-9273  
Email: [makana@elcentrodelibertad.org](mailto:makana@elcentrodelibertad.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. Conflict of Interest

- A. Contractor shall prevent employees, consultants, or members of governing bodies from using their positions for purposes including, but not limited to, the selection of subcontractors, that are, or give the appearance of being, motivated by a desire for private gain for themselves or others, such as family, business, or other ties. In the event that County determines that a conflict of interest exists, funds may be disallowed by the County and such conflict may constitute grounds for termination of the Agreement.
- B. This provision shall not be construed to prohibit employment of persons with whom Contractor's officers, agents, or employees have family, business, or

other ties, so long as the employment of such persons does not result in a conflict of interest (real or apparent) or increased costs over those associated with the employment of any other equally qualified applicant, and such persons have successfully competed for employment with the other applicants on a merit basis.

**21. Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters**

- A. Contractor certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it and its subcontractors:
1. Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any federal department or agency [45 CFR § 92.35];
  2. Have not within a three (3) year period preceding this Agreement been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (federal, state, or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of federal or state antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
  3. Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (federal, state, or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (A)(2) of this section; and
  4. Have not within a three (3) year period preceding this Agreement had one or more public transactions (federal, state, or local) terminated for cause or default;
- B. Contractor shall report immediately to the County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (“BHRS”) in writing any incidents of alleged fraud and/or abuse by either Contractor or Contractor’s subcontractor. Contractor shall maintain any records, documents or other evidence of fraud and abuse until otherwise notified by has.
- C. Contractor shall maintain any records, documents, or other evidence of fraud and abuse until otherwise notified by County.
- D. Contractor agrees to timely execute any and all amendments to this Agreement or other required documentation relating to their subcontractors’ debarment/suspension status.

**22. Contractor’s Staff**

- A. Contractor shall maintain adequate staff to meet Contractor's obligations under this Agreement.
- B. This staff shall be available to the State and BHRS for training and meetings, as necessary. Contractor shall make every effort to have a representative in attendance of scheduled meetings.

**23. Lobbying Certification**

Contractor, by signing this Agreement, hereby certifies to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

- A. No federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of Contractor, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any federal contract, the making of any federal grant, the making of any federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment or modification of any federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
- B. If any funds other than federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any federal agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this federal contract, grant, loan or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.
- C. Contractor shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subcontracts at all tiers (including subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements which exceed \$100,000) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.
- D. This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. This certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by 31 USC § 1352. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.
- E. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such

failure.

#### **24. Commencement of Work**

Should Contractor begin work in advance of receiving notice that this Agreement is approved, that work may be considered as having been performed at risk or as a mere volunteer and may not be reimbursed or compensated. County has no legal obligation unless and until the contract is approved.

#### **25. Records**

- A. Contractor shall maintain complete records which shall include, but not be limited to, accounting records, contracts, agreements, reconciliation of the "Financial Closeout Report" to the audited financial statements, single audit report, and general ledgers, and a summary worksheet identifying the results of performing audit resolution in accordance with Section 28 of this document. This includes the following: letters of agreement, insurance documentation, Memorandums and/or Letters of Understanding, client records, and electronic files of its activities and expenditures hereunder in a form satisfactory to County. All records pertaining to this Agreement must be made available for inspection and audit by the County and State or its duly authorized agents, at any time during normal business hours.

All such records must be maintained and made available by Contractor: (a) until an audit has occurred and an audit resolution has been issued by the State or unless otherwise authorized in writing by County; (b) for a longer period, if any, as is required by the applicable statute or by any other clause of this Agreement or by B and C below or (c) for a longer period as County deems necessary.

- B. If this Agreement is completely or partially terminated, the records relating to the work terminated shall be preserved and made available for the same periods as specified in subsection A above. Contractor shall ensure that any resource directories and all client records remain the property of County upon termination of this Agreement, and are returned to County or transferred to another Contractor as instructed by County.
- C. In the event of any litigation, claim, negotiation, audit exception, or other action involving Contractor's records, all records relative to such action shall be maintained and made available until every action has been cleared to satisfaction of County and so stated in writing to Contractor.
- D. Adequate source documentation of each transaction shall be maintained relative to the allowability of expenditures reimbursed by County under this Agreement. If the allowability of expenditures cannot be determined because records or documentation of Contractor are nonexistent or

inadequate according to guidelines set forth in 2 CFR § 200.302, the expenditures will be questioned in the audit and may be disallowed by County during the audit resolution process.

- E. After the authorized period has expired, confidential records shall be shredded and disposed of in a manner that will maintain confidentiality.

## **26. Access**

Contractor shall provide access to the federal, state or County agency, Bureau of State Audits, the Controller General of the United States, or any of their duly authorized federal, state, or County representative to any books, documents, papers, records, and electronic files of Contractor which are directly pertinent to this specific Agreement for the purpose of audit, examination, excerpts, and transcriptions.

## **27. Monitoring and Evaluation**

- A. Authorized state and County representatives shall have the right to monitor and evaluate Contractor's administrative, fiscal and program performance pursuant to this Agreement. Said monitoring and evaluation may include, but is not limited to, administrative processes, policies, procedures and procurement, audits, inspections of project premises, inspection of food preparation sites, and interviews of project staff and participants.
- B. Contractor shall cooperate with the state and County in the monitoring and evaluation processes, which include making any Administrative program and fiscal staff available during any scheduled process.
- C. Contractor is responsible for maintaining supporting documentation including financial and statistical records, contracts, subcontracts, or grant agreements monitoring reports, and all other pertinent records until an audit has occurred and an audit resolution has been issued or unless otherwise authorized in writing by the County.

## **28. Audit**

- A. Contractor shall arrange for an audit to be performed pursuant to such amounts as specified by the Single Audit Act of 1984 (Public Law 98-502), the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 (Public Law 104-156), and 2 CFR §§ 200.501 to 200.521 [formerly OMB Circular A-133].

A copy shall be submitted to:

Behavioral Health and Recovery Services  
Attn: Ritu Modha  
Email: [rmodha@smcgov.org](mailto:rmodha@smcgov.org)

The copy shall be submitted within the earlier of thirty (30) days after receipt of the auditor's report or nine (9) months after the end of the audit period, whichever occurs first, or unless a longer period is agreed to in advance by the cognizant or oversight agency.

Contractor shall ensure that State-funded expenditures are displayed discretely along with the related federal expenditures in the single audit report's "Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards" (SEFA) under the appropriate Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number.

For State contracts that do not have CFDA numbers, Contractor shall ensure that the State-funded expenditures are discretely identified in the SEFA by the appropriate program name, identifying grant/contract number, and as passed through County.

- B. Contractor shall perform a reconciliation of the "Financial Closeout Report" to the audited financial statements, single audit, and general ledgers. The reconciliation shall be maintained and made available for County and State for review. The fiscal summary for this Agreement is included in Exhibit B.
- C. Contractor shall have the responsibility for resolving its contracts with subcontractors to determine whether funds provided under this Agreement are expended in accordance with applicable laws, regulations, and provisions of contracts or agreements.

Contract resolution shall include:

1. Ensuring that a subcontractor that has expended amounts requiring an audit during the Contractor's fiscal year has met the audit requirements of 2 CFR §§ 200.501 to 200.521 [formerly OMB Circular A-133] as summarized herein;
2. Issuing a management decision on audit findings within six months after receipt of the subcontractor's single-audit report and/or other type of audit and ensuring that the subcontractor takes appropriate and timely corrective action;
3. Reconciling expenditures reported to County to the amounts identified in the single audit or other type of audit, if the subcontractor was not subject to the single-audit requirements. For a subcontractor who was not required to obtain a single audit and who did not obtain another type of audit, the reconciliation of expenditures reported to County must be accomplished by the performance of alternative procedures (e.g., risk assessments [2 CFR § 200.331], documented review of financial statements, documented expense verification, including match, etc);

4. When alternative procedures are used, the subcontractor shall perform financial management system testing which provides, in part, for the following:
    - a. Accurate, current, and complete disclosure of the financial results of each federal award or program;
    - b. Records that identify adequately the source and application of funds for each federally funded activity;
    - c. Effective control over, and accountability for, all funds, property, and other assets to ensure these items are used solely for authorized purposes;
    - d. Comparison of expenditures with budget amounts for each federal award;
    - e. Written procedures to implement the requirements of 2 CFR 200.305; and
    - f. Written procedures for determining the allowance of costs in accordance with 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart E-Cost Principles. [2 CFR § 200.302]
  5. The subcontractor shall document system and expense testing to show an acceptable level of reliability, including a review of actual source documents; and
  6. Determining whether the results of the reconciliations performed require adjustment of the subcontractor's own records.
- D. County shall ensure that Contractor's single-audit reports meet 2 CFR Part 200-Subpart F-Audit Requirements [formerly OMB Circular A-133] requirements:
1. Performed timely - not less frequently than annually and a report submitted timely. The audit is required to be submitted to the County within 30 days after Contractor's receipt of the auditor's report or nine months after the end of the audit period, whichever occurs first [2 CFR § 200.512];
  2. Property procured – use procurement standards for auditor selection [2 CFR § 200.509];
  3. Performed in accordance with General Accepted Government Auditing

Standards [2 CFR § 200.514];

4. All inclusive – includes an opinion (or disclaimer of opinion) of the financial statements; a report on internal control related to the financial statements and major programs; an opinion (or disclaimer of opinion) on compliance with laws, regulations, and the provisions of contracts; and the schedule of findings and questioned costs [2 CFR § 200.515]; and
  5. Performed in accordance with provisions applicable to this program as identified in 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart F- Audit Requirements [formerly OMB Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement].
- E. Contractor shall be required to include in its contract with the independent auditor that the auditor will comply with all applicable audit requirements/standards; County shall have access to all audit reports and supporting work papers, and County has the option to perform additional work, as needed.
- F. A reasonably proportionate share of the costs of audits required by, and performed in accordance with, the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996, as implemented by requirements of this part, are allowable. However, the following audit costs are unallowable:
1. Any costs when audits required by the Single Audit Act and 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart F-Audit Requirements have not been conducted or have been conducted but not in accordance therewith; and
  2. Any costs of auditing a non-federal entity that is exempted from having an audit conducted under the Single Audit Act and 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart F-Audit Requirements because its expenditures under federal awards are less than \$750,000 during the non-federal entity's fiscal year.
    - a. The costs of a financial statement audit of a non-federal entity that does not currently have a federal award may be included in the indirect cost pool for a cost allocation plan or indirect cost proposal.
- G. Contractor shall cooperate with and participate in any further audits which may be required by County.

## **29. Dissolution of Entity**

Contractor shall notify County immediately of any intention to discontinue existence of the entity or to bring an action of dissolution.

## **30. Information Integrity and Security**

#### A. Information Assets

Contractor shall have in place operational policies, procedures, and practices to protect State information assets, (i.e. public, confidential, sensitive and/or personal information) as specified in the State Administrative Manual Section 5300 to 5365.3, Cal. Gov. Code § 11019.9, DGS Management Memo 06-12, and DOF Budget Letter 06-34.

Information assets include (but are not limited to):

- Information collected and/or accessed in the administration of the County programs and services; and
- Information stored in any media form, paper or electronic.

#### B. Encryption on Portable Computing Devices

Contractor is required to encrypt data collected under this Agreement that is confidential, sensitive, and/or personal including data stored on portable computing devices (including but not limited to, laptops, personal digital assistants, notebook computers, and backup media) and/or portable electronic storage media (including but not limited to, discs and thumb/flash drives, portable hard drives and backup media).

#### C. Disclosure

1. Contractor shall ensure that personal, sensitive and confidential information is protected from inappropriate or unauthorized access or disclosure in accordance with applicable laws, regulations and State and County policies. The requirement to protect information shall remain in force until superseded by laws, regulations or policies.
2. Contractor shall protect from unauthorized disclosure names and other identifying information, concerning persons receiving services pursuant to this Agreement, except for statistical information not identifying any participant.
3. "Identifying information" shall include, but not be limited to, name, identifying number, social security number, state driver's license or state identification number, financial account numbers, symbol or other identifying characteristic assigned to the individual, such as finger or voice print or a photograph.
4. Contractor shall not use such identifying information in paragraph 3 above for any purpose other than carrying out Contractor's obligations under this Agreement.

5. Contractor shall not, except as otherwise specifically authorized or required by this Agreement or court order, disclose any identifying information obtained under the terms of this Agreement to anyone other than County without prior written authorization from County. Contractor may be authorized, in writing, by a participant to disclose identifying information specific to the authorizing participant.

D. Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)

Contractor agrees to comply with the privacy and security requirement of the HIPAA to the extent applicable and to take all reasonable efforts to implement HIPAA requirements. Contractor will make reasonable efforts to ensure that subcontractors comply with the privacy and security requirements of HIPAA.

**31. Security Incident Reporting**

A security incident occurs when information assets are accessed, modified, destroyed, or disclosed without proper authorization, or are lost or stolen. Contractor must report all security incidents to BHRS immediately upon detection.

**32. Notification of Security Breach to Data Subjects**

- A. Notice must be given by Contractor to County and any data subject whose personal information could have been breached.
- B. Notice must be given in the most expedient time possible and without unreasonable delay except when notification would impede a criminal investigation or when necessary measures to restore system integrity are required.
- C. Notice may be provided in writing, electronically or by substitute notice in accordance with State law, regulation or policy.

**33. Software Maintenance**

Contractor shall apply security patches and upgrades and keep virus software up-to-date on all systems on which State and County data may be used.

**34. Electronic Backups**

Contractor shall ensure that all electronic information is protected by performing regular backup of automated files and databases, and ensure the availability of information assets for continued business. Contractor shall ensure that any portable electronic media used for backups is encrypted.

### **35. Right in Data**

#### **A. Rights in Data**

1. Contractor shall not publish or transfer any materials, as defined in the subsection 2 below, produced or resulting from activities supported by this Agreement without the express written consent of BHRS. That consent shall be given or the reasons for denial shall be given and any conditions under which it is given or denied within 30 days after the written request is received by BHRS. BHRS may request a copy of the material for review prior to approval of the request. This subsection is not intended to prohibit contractors from sharing identifying client information authorized by the participant or summary program information which is not client-specific.
2. As used in this Agreement, the term “subject data” means writing, sounds recordings, pictorial reproductions, drawings, designs or graphic representations, procedural manuals, forms, diagrams, workflow charts, equipment descriptions, data files and data processing or computer programs, and works of any similar nature (whether or not copyrighted or copyrightable) which are first produced or developed under this Agreement. The term does not include financial reports, cost analyses, and similar information incidental to contract administration. Contractor may be authorized, in writing, by a participant to disclose identifying information specific to the authorizing participant.
3. Subject only to the provisions of this section, the State may use, duplicate, or disclose in any manner, and have or permit others to do so subject to State and federal law all subject data delivered under this Agreement.

### **36. Transition Plan**

- A. Contractor shall submit a transition plan to BHRS within ten (10) days of delivery of a written Notice of Termination. The transition plan must be approved by County and shall at a minimum include the following:
  1. Description of how clients will be notified about the change in their service provider;
  2. A plan to communicate with other organizations that can assist in locating alternative services;
  3. A plan to inform community referral sources of the pending termination of the service and what alternatives, if any, exist for future referrals;

4. A plan to evaluate clients in order to assure appropriate placement;
  5. A plan to transfer any client records to a new contractor;
  6. A plan to dispose of confidential records in accordance with applicable laws and regulations;
  7. A plan for adequate staff to provide continued care through the term of the contract;
  8. A full inventory and plan to dispose of, transfer or return all equipment purchased with contract funds during the entire operation of the contract; and
  9. Additional information as necessary to effect a safe transition of clients to other community service providers.
- B. Contractor shall implement the transition plan as approved by BHRS. BHRS will monitor Contractor's progress in carrying out all elements of the transition plan.
- C. If Contractor fails to provide a transition plan, the Contractor will implement a transition plan submitted by County to Contractor following the Notice of Termination.

**37. Emergency Preparedness**

Contractor agrees to assist County in emergency planning and response by providing County client-specific information, as requested by County.

**38. 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.

**39. Program Changes**

Contractor agrees to inform County of any alteration in program or service delivery at least thirty (30) days prior to the implementation of the change, or as soon as reasonably feasible. Notification includes, but is not limited to, service closures due to special events, holidays, cleaning, construction, staff changes.

In witness whereof, the parties hereto, by their duly authorized representatives, have affixed their hands. Execution of this Agreement by the Contractor certifies that the Contractor is compliant with all terms and certifications referenced within the Agreement, Exhibits and Attachments.

COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
President, Board of Supervisors  
San Mateo County

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

ATTEST:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
San Mateo County

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Contractor's Signature

05/02/2024

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

EXHIBIT A – SERVICES  
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FY 2024-2025

Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS) provides a continuum of comprehensive services to meet the complex needs of our clients and is designed to promote healthy behavior and lifestyles (a primary driver of positive health outcomes). A full range of high-quality services is necessary to meet the various needs of the diverse population residing in San Mateo County (SMC). As financing, program structure and redesign changes occur, the services within this agreement may fluctuate, be further clarified, or discontinued.

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

I. DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES TO BE PERFORMED BY CONTRACTOR

In providing its services and operations, Contractor shall maintain compliance with requirements listed in the Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) Policy and Procedure Manual including additions and revisions, incorporated by reference herein and within Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS) Forms and Policies. As referenced in the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) Intergovernmental Agreement for substance use disorder (SUD) services, General Definitions and Definitions specific to Drug Medi-Cal System Requirements may be found on DHCS [BHIN 24-001](#). Reimbursement is contingent upon client eligibility, compliance with referral and authorization process and procedures, and documentation requirements as outlined below. In addition

A. Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System SUD Treatment Services

Contractor shall provide treatment services described herein as part of the SMC Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS). Contractor shall work with other ODS providers to ensure a seamless service delivery system to clients needing levels of care not provided by the Contractor. The description of all levels of care and Evidence-based Practices (EBPs) provided by SMC DMC-ODS are contained in the DHCS [BHIN 24-001](#).

All program staff providing services to San Mateo County residents shall be certified or registered as defined in Title 9, CCR, Division 4, Chapter 8. SUD programs and facilities shall be licensed or certified by the DHCS Licensing and Certification Division. Contractors not in compliance with these requirements shall be subject to corrective action, up to and including fees, withheld payments, or termination of this Agreement.

Services will include the following:

1. **Early Intervention Services (ASAM Level 0.5)**  
Early intervention services are covered DMC-ODS services for members under the age of 21. Any member under the age of 21 who is screened and determined to be at risk of developing an SUD may receive any service component covered under the outpatient level of care as early intervention services. An SUD diagnosis is not required for early intervention services.<sup>11</sup> A full assessment utilizing the ASAM criteria is not required for a DMC member under the age of 21 to receive early intervention services; an abbreviated ASAM screening tool may be used in lieu of a full ASAM for purposes of assessing for SBIRT or Early Intervention Services.

A full ASAM assessment shall be performed, and the member under the age of 21 shall receive a referral to the appropriate level of care indicated by the assessment if the member's conditions or symptoms constitute diagnostic criteria for SUD.

Early intervention services are provided under the outpatient treatment modality and must be available as needed based on individual clinical need, even if the member under age 21 is not participating in the full array of outpatient treatment services.

2. **Outpatient Services (OP) – ASAM 1.0**  
OP services shall be provided by a DHCS certified program that is also DMC certified and designated by DHCS or CARF as capable of delivering care consistent with ASAM Level 1.0 treatment criteria.

- a. Outpatient services up to nine (9) hours per week for adults, and less than six (6) hours a week for adolescents as determined to be medically necessary by a Medical Director or LPHA.

Outpatient treatment services for adolescents shall comply with Federal, State and Local regulations and with the Youth Treatment Guidelines set forth and as amended by the DHCS located at: [DHCS Adolescent Substance Use Disorder Best Practices Guides October 2020](#)

- c. Outpatient services shall have of a minimum of two (2) group counseling sessions per month, and at least one (1) hour of individual counseling sessions per month.
- d. Outpatient services shall include Assessment, Care Coordination, Counseling (individual and group), family

therapy, medication Services, MAT for Opioid Use Disorder (OUD), MAT for Alcohol Used Disorder (AUD) and other non-opioid SUDS, patient education, recovery services and SUD Crisis Intervention Services. Avatar service codes for each outpatient service are:

CalAIM Service Description	Service Code(s)
ODS OP Intake	AD101ODS_CA
ODS OP Individual Counseling	AD102ODS_CA
ODS OP Group Counseling	AD103ODS_CA
ODS OP Individual Patient Education	AD104ODS_CA
ODS OP Group Patient Education	AD105ODS_CA
ODS OP Crisis Intervention	AD107ODS_CA
ODS OP Treatment Planning	AD109ODS_CA
ODS OP Discharge Planning	AD109ODS_CA
ODS OP Family Counseling	AD110ODS_CA
ODS OP Case Management	AD113ODSCM-CA
	CA
ODS OP Recovery Services Individual Counseling	AD1501ODS_CA
ODS OP Recovery Services Group Counseling	AD1502ODS_CA
ODS OP Recovery Services Recovery Monitoring	AD1504ODSRM)CA
ODS OP Medication Assisted Treatment (Non-NTP)	AD1601ODS_CA
ODS OP MD Clinician Consultation	AD199367CA
ODS OP NON-MD Clinician Consultation	AD199368_CA

ODS OP Urinalysis Testing	AD175ODS_CA

- e. Services may be provided in-person, or by telephone or telehealth, in any appropriate setting in the community.

2. Intensive Outpatient (IOP) Services – ASAM 2.1

IOP services shall be provided by a DHCS certified program that is also DMC certified and designated by DHCS or CARF as capable of delivering care consistent with ASAM Level 2.1 treatment criteria.

- a. Intensive outpatient provides structured programming to clients as medically necessary for a minimum of nine (9) hours per week and a maximum of nineteen (19) hours per week for adult perinatal and non-perinatal clients. Adolescents are provided a minimum of six (6) hours and a maximum of nineteen (19) hours per week.

Intensive outpatient treatment services for adolescents shall comply with Federal, State and Local regulations and with the Youth Treatment Guidelines set forth and as amended by the DHCS located at:

[DHCS Adolescent Substance Use Disorder Best Practices Guides October 2020](#)

- b. Intensive outpatient services shall have a minimum of one (1) hour of individual counseling session per week.
- c. Intensive outpatient services shall include: Assessment, Care Coordination, Counseling (individual and group), Family Therapy, Medication Services, MAT for OUD, MAT for AUD and other non-opioid SUDS, Patient Education, Recovery Services, SUD Crisis Intervention Services. Avatar service codes for each intensive outpatient service are:

CaAIM Service Description	Service Code(s)
ODS_IOP Intake	AD201ODS_CA
ODS IOP Individual Counseling	AD202ODS_CA

ODS IOP Group Counseling	AD203ODS_CA
ODS IOP Individual Patient Education	AD204ODS_CA
ODS IOP Group Patient Education	AD205ODS_CA
ODS IOP Crisis Intervention	AD207ODS_CA
ODS IOP Treatment Planning	AD208ODS_CA
ODS IOP Discharge Planning	AD209ODS_CA
ODS IOP Family Counseling	AD210ODS_CA
ODS IOP Case Management	AD213ODSCM_CA
ODS IOP Recovery Services Individual Counseling	AD2501ODS_CA
ODS IOP Recovery Services Group Counseling	AD2502ODS_CA
ODS IOP Recovery Services Recovery Monitoring	AD2504ODSRM)CA
ODS IOP Medication Assisted Treatment (Non-NTP)	AD2601ODS_CA
IOP NON-MD Clinician Consultation	AD299368_CA
ODS IOP Urinalysis Testing	AD275ODS_CA

- d. Services may be provided in-person, by telephone or telehealth, in any appropriate setting in the community.

### 3. Care Coordination

Care Coordination consists of activities and medical care, and to support the member with linkages to services and supports designed to restore the member to their best possible functional level. Care coordination shall be provided to a member in conjunction with all levels of treatment. It may also be delivered and claimed as a standalone service. DMC-ODS plans, through executed memoranda of understanding, shall implement care coordination services with other SUD, physical, and/or mental health services in order to ensure a client-centered and whole-person approach to wellness.

- a. Care Coordination services shall be provided face-to-face, by telephone, or by telehealth and may be provided in any appropriate setting in the community. If services are provided in the community, Contractor shall maintain confidentiality requirements/guidelines.
- b. Care Coordination services shall include one or more of the following components:
  - (1) Coordinating with medical and mental health care providers to monitor and support comorbid health conditions.
  - (2) Discharge planning, including coordinating with SUD treatment providers to support transitions between levels of care and to recovery resources, referrals to mental health providers, and referrals to primary or specialty medical providers.
  - (3) Coordinating with ancillary services, including individualized connection, referral, and linkages to community-based services and supports including but not limited to educational, social, prevocational, vocational, housing, nutritional, criminal justice, transportation, childcare, child development, family/marriage education, cultural sources, and mutual aid support groups.
  - (4) For guidance on claiming for care coordination within a level of care or as a standalone service, please refer to the most current [DMC-ODS Billing Manual](#).
  - (5) Care Coordination shall be consistent with and shall not violate the confidentiality of SUD members as set forth in 42 CFR Part 2, and California Law

#### 4. Clinician Consultation

Clinician Consultation consists of DMC-ODS Contractor who are qualified to perform assessments, as described in California's Medicaid State Plan, consulting with providers, such as addiction medicine physicians, addiction psychiatrists, licensed clinicians, or clinical pharmacists, to support the provision of care.

Clinician Consultation is not a direct service provided to DMC-ODS members. Rather, Clinician Consultation is designed to support DMC-ODS licensed clinicians with complex cases and may address medication selection, dosing, side effect management, adherence, drug-drug interactions, or level of care considerations. It includes consultations between clinicians designed to assist DMC clinicians with seeking expert advice on treatment needs for specific DMC-ODS members.

## 5. Recovery Services

Recovery Services shall be provided to clients following completion of treatment, when medically necessary. Recovery services may be provided face-to-face or by telephone with the client, in any appropriate setting in the community. Recovery Services are designed to support recovery and prevent relapse with the objective of restoring the member to their best possible functional level. Recovery Services emphasize the member's central role in managing their health, use effective self-management support strategies, and organize internal and community resources to provide ongoing self-management support to members.

Recovery Services can be delivered and claimed as a standalone service, concurrently with the other levels of care described in this BHIN's "Covered DMC-ODS Services" section, or as a service delivered as part of these levels of care. Recovery Services may be provided in clinical or non-clinical settings (including the community).

Members may receive Recovery Services based on self-assessment or provider assessment of relapse risk. Members do not need to be diagnosed as being in remission to access Recovery Services.

Members may receive Recovery Services while receiving other DMC-ODS services, including MAT services and including NTP services. Members may receive Recovery Services immediately after incarceration with a prior diagnosis of SUD.

Recovery Services include the following service components:

### (1) Assessment

- (2) Care Coordination
- (3) Counseling (individual and group)
- (4) Family Therapy
- (5) Recovery Monitoring, which includes recovery coaching and monitoring designed for the maximum reduction of the member's SUD
- (6) Relapse Prevention, which includes interventions designed to teach members with SUD how to anticipate and cope with the potential for relapse for the maximum reduction of the member's SUD.

For additional guidance regarding Recovery Services, please refer to [BHIN 22-005](#).

## 6. Mobile Crisis Services

Mobile Crisis Services provide rapid response, individual assessment, and community-based stabilization to Medi-Cal members who are experiencing a behavioral health crisis. Mobile crisis services are designed to provide relief to members experiencing a behavioral health crisis, including through de-escalation and stabilization techniques; reduce the immediate risk of danger and subsequent harm; and avoid unnecessary emergency department care,

Consistent with existing guidance and given the unique nature of behavioral health crises, mobile crisis services are covered and reimbursable prior to determination of a mental health or SUD diagnosis, or a determination that the member meets access criteria for SMHS, DMC and/or DMC-ODS services.

For additional guidance regarding Mobile Services, please refer to BHIN 23-025.

## 7. Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Policy

Contractor shall either offer MAT services directly, or have an effective referral process in place to the most clinically appropriate MAT services, pursuant to the requirements set forth in [BHIN 23-054](#).

- a) Outpatient Treatment Services
- (b) Intensive Outpatient Treatment Services
- (c) Partial Hospitalization Services
- (d) Residential Treatment Services
- (e) Inpatient Services

(f) Withdrawal Management Services

An effective referral process shall include an established relationship with a MAT provider and transportation to appointments for MAT. Providing contact information for a MAT provider does not meet the requirement of an effective referral. An appropriate facilitated referral to any Medi-Cal provider rendering MAT to the member is compliant whether or not that provider seeks reimbursement through DMC-ODS.

The County shall monitor the referral process or provision of MAT services. Contractors are required to comply with DHCS' MAT access policy, which applies to all licensed and/or certified SUD programs and is described in BHIN 23-054.

8. Medi-Cal Peer Support Services

Medi-Cal Peer Support Services are defined as “culturally competent individual and group services that promote recovery, resiliency, engagement, socialization, self-sufficiency, self-advocacy, development of natural supports, and identification of strengths through structured activities such as group and individual coaching to set recovery goals and identify steps to reach the goals. Services aim to prevent relapse, empower Medi-Cal members through strength-based coaching, support linkages to community resources, and educate members and their families about their conditions and the process of recovery.”

Medi-Cal Peer Support Services may be provided with the member or significant support person(s) and may be provided in a clinical or nonclinical setting. Medi-Cal Peer Support Services can be delivered and claimed as a standalone service or provided in conjunction with other DMC-ODS services or levels of care described in BHIN 24-001, including residential services. For guidance on claiming Medi-Cal Peer Support Services, please refer to the most current [DMC-ODS Billing Manual](#).

9. Contingency Management/Recovery Incentive Program (Pending DHCS approval for Contractor to provide CM)

Contingency Management (CM) is an evidence-based treatment that provides motivational incentives to treat individuals living with stimulant use disorder and support their path to recovery. It recognizes and reinforces individual positive behavioral change, as evidenced by drug tests that are negative for stimulants. CM is the only treatment that has demonstrated robust outcomes for individuals living with stimulant use disorder, including reduction or cessation of drug use and longer retention in treatment.

Contractor shall implement the Contingency Management / Recovery Incentive Program [BHIN 23-040](#) Guidance for the Recovery Incentives Program: California's Contingency Management Benefit.

Eligible Medi-Cal members will participate in a structured 24-week outpatient CM service, followed by six or more months of additional treatment and recovery support services without incentives. The initial 12 weeks of CM consists of a series of incentives for meeting treatment goals, specifically abstinence from stimulants objectively verified by urine drug tests (UDTs) negative for stimulant drugs (e.g., cocaine, amphetamine, and methamphetamine). The incentives consist of cash-equivalents (e.g., gift cards), consistent with evidence-based clinical research for treating SUD. CM should be offered alongside other therapeutic interventions, such as cognitive behavioral therapy and motivational interviewing that meet the definition of rehabilitative services as defined by 1905(a) of the Social Security Act and CFR 440.130(d).

- a. CM services are only available to Medi-Cal beneficiaries who meet the following conditions:
  - i. Are enrolled in Medi-Cal and meet access criteria for a comprehensive, individualized course of SUD treatment
  - ii. Residing in a participating DMC-ODS county that elects and is approved by DHCS to participate in the Recovery Incentives Program.
  - iii. Receiving services in non-residential level of care operated by a DMC-ODS.
  
- b. CM services delivered under the Recovery Incentives Program are only covered when medically necessary and appropriate as determined by an initial substance use disorder assessment consistent with DMC-ODS Intergovernmental Agreement (IA)

- i. showing moderate or severe StimUD as defined by the clinical criteria in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual (DSM, current edition);
  - ii. clinical determination that outpatient treatment is appropriate per the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) criteria; and
  - iii. that the CM benefit is medically necessary and appropriate based on the fidelity of treatment to the evidence-based practice. The presence of additional substance use disorders and/or diagnoses does not disqualify an individual from receiving CM services.
- c. The Recovery Incentives Program shall consist of two phases:
- i. Phase 1: CM treatment;  
Phase 1 of CM treatment shall consist of a 24-week outpatient program, during which incentives shall be available for meeting the target behavior of stimulant-non-use. Weeks 1–12 of CM treatment shall serve as the escalation/reset/recovery period, and weeks 13–24 shall serve as the stabilizing period.
  - ii. Phase 2: CM continuing care  
Phase 2 begins when a beneficiary completes the initial 24-weeks of CM treatment. The participating beneficiary shall receive CM continuing care of six months or more, with treatment services to support ongoing recovery (e.g., counseling and peer support services). During the period of CM continuing care, participating beneficiaries may receive treatment and recovery-oriented support from DMC-ODS providers, as well as covered DMC-ODS services, including but not limited to Recovery Services.

Service Description	Service Code
OP Contingency Management	AD1H0050CA
OP Peri Contingency Management	
IOP Contingency Management	AD2H0050CA

d.) Actual CM program start-up costs may be claimed between July 1, 2024 until the day prior to the launch of the Contingency Management benefit by the Contractor.

**i. Start-Up Funding for Contractor**

Allowable start-up costs include:

- Staff recruitment and hiring costs.
- Personnel costs (e.g., the salary of the CM coordinator before beneficiary care begins, covering training and orientation time, or early patient engagement activities).
- Changes to provider information and billing systems.
- Technology costs: hardware or software.
- Other supplies needed to carry out CM services, such as urine drug test (UDT) cups.
- Outreach among Medi-Cal beneficiaries.

10. Telehealth

Contractor shall comply with DHCS [BHIN 23-018](#) Updated Telehealth Guidance for Substance Use Disorder Treatment Services in Medi-Cal.

Telehealth means contact with a member beneficiary via synchronous audio and video by an LPHA, Peer Support Specialist, or registered or certified counselor and may be done in the community or the home. Telephone means contact with a member beneficiary via synchronous, real-time audio-only telecommunications systems. Telehealth does not include asynchronous store and forward communications or remote patient monitoring.

Contractor may utilize telehealth when providing treatment services only when the following criteria are met:

- a. All covered DMC-ODS services delivered via telehealth shall be provided in compliance with the privacy and security requirements contained in the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) of 1996 found in Parts 160 and 164 of Title 45 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 2 of Title 42 of the Code of Federal Regulations, the Medicaid State Plan, and any other applicable state and federal statutes and regulations. Specific

guidance for providers regarding HIPAA and telehealth is available from the external resources listed on DHCS' Telehealth Resources page.

- b. Providers that offer telehealth services to Medi-Cal members must meet all applicable Medi-Cal licensure and program enrollment requirements. If the provider is not located in California, they must be licensed in California, enrolled as a Medi-Cal rendering provider, and affiliated with a Medi-Cal enrolled provider group in California or a border community, as outlined in DHCS' Telehealth Policy Paper and the Medi-Cal Provider Manual.
- c. All providers furnishing applicable covered services via synchronous audio-only interaction must also offer those same services via synchronous video interaction to preserve beneficiary choice. To preserve a beneficiary's right to access covered services in person, a provider furnishing services through telehealth must do one of the following:
  - i. Offer those same services via in-person, face-to-face contact; or
  - ii. Arrange for a referral to, and a facilitation of, in-person care that does not require a beneficiary to independently contact a different provider to arrange for that care.
  - iii. Non-medical transportation benefits are available for in-person visits.
  - iv. Any potential limitations or risks related to receiving covered services through telehealth as compared to an in-person visit, if applicable.
- d. Prior to initial delivery of covered services via telehealth, providers are required to obtain verbal or written consent for the use of telehealth as an acceptable mode of delivering services, and must explain the following to beneficiaries:
  - i. The beneficiary has a right to access covered services in person.
  - ii. Use of telehealth is voluntary and consent for the use of telehealth can be withdrawn at any time

without affecting the beneficiary's ability to access MediCal covered services in the future.

- iii. Providers must document the member's verbal or written consent to receive covered services via telehealth prior to the initial delivery of the services. The members's consent must be documented in their medical record and made available to BHRS or DHCS upon request.
- iv. A provider may utilize a general consent agreement to meet this documentation requirement if that general consent agreement:
  - v. specifically mentions the use of telehealth delivery of covered services;
  - vi. includes the information described above;
  - vii. is completed prior to initial delivery of services; and is included in the member's record.
- e. DMC-ODS providers shall comply with all applicable federal and state laws, regulations, bulletins/information notices, and guidance when establishing a new patient relationship via telehealth.
- f. The initial clinical assessment and establishment of a new patient relationship, including any determination of diagnosis, medical necessity, and/or level of care may be delivered through synchronous video interaction. The professional establishing a new client relationship shall evaluate each member's assessment and intake information using the American Society of Addiction Medicine Criteria. If completed by a counselor through a face-to-face review or telehealth with the counselor to establish a member meets the medical necessity criteria.

DMC-ODS providers may establish a relationship with new patients via synchronous audio-only interaction in the following instances:

- g. When the visit is related to sensitive services as defined in subsection (n) of Section 56.06 of the Civil Code. This includes all covered DMC-ODS services.
- h. When the patient requests that the provider utilizes synchronous audio-only interactions or attests they do not have access to video.
- i. Licensed providers and non-licensed staff may provide services via telephone and telehealth as long as the service is within their scope of practice.
- j. Services must be identified if provided in-person, by telephone, or by telehealth.
- k. . If services were provided in the community, identify the location and how the provider ensured confidentiality.

11. Additional DMC-ODS Services Required

The following services are also included in the DMC-ODS continuum of care, although they are not reimbursable by DMC. Contractor may provide the following services; however, Contractor shall refer clients to these services based upon client need, medical necessity, and client eligibility. Avatar service codes for additional DMC-ODS required services are:

Service Description	Service Code
Unclaimable Services	AD80

12. DMC-ODS Contractor Requirements

a. Licensure/Agency

Contractor shall be licensed, registered, and DMC certified in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Contractor shall comply with the following regulations and guidelines. In

the event of a conflict between regulatory requirements, the more stringent provisions shall prevail.

- i. Title 21, CFR Part 1300, et seq.,
- ii. Title 42, CFR, Part 8;
- iii. Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System BHIN 24-001
- iv. Title 22, CCR, Sections 51341.1, 51490.1, and 51516.1;
- v. DHCS Alcohol and/or Other Drug Program Certification Standards;
- vi. Title 9, CCR, Division 4, Chapter 4, Subchapter 1, Sections 10000, et seq.; and
- vii. Title 22, CCR, Division 3, Chapter 3, sections 51000 et. seq.

b. Staffing Requirements

Contractor shall employ licensed or certified/registered counselors in accordance with Title 9, CCR, Division 4, Chapter 8 and DHCS BHIN 24-001 to provide covered services.

- i. Professional staff must be licensed, registered, certified or recognized under California scope of practice statutes. Professional staff shall provide services within their individual scope of practice and receive supervision required under their scope of practice laws. A Licensed Practitioner of the Healing Arts (LPHA) includes the following:
  - 1) Physician
  - 2) Nurse Practitioners
  - 3) Physician Assistants
  - 4) Registered Nurses

- 5) Registered Pharmacists
  - 6) Licensed Clinical Psychologists
  - 7) Licensed Clinical Social Worker
  - 8) Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor
  - 9) Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists
  - 10) License Eligible Practitioners working under the supervision of Licensed Clinicians
- ii. Non-Professional staff shall receive appropriate onsite orientation and training prior to performing assigned duties. Non-professional staff shall be supervised by professional and/or administrative staff.
  - iii. Professional and Non-Professional staff shall have appropriate experience and all necessary training at the time of hiring.
  - iv. Registered and certified SUD counselors providing treatment services shall adhere to all certification requirements in the CCR Title 9, Division 4, Chapter 8 and HSC Section 11833 (b)(1).
  - v. Prior to the delivery of services under this Agreement, Contractor shall employ a Medical Director enrolled with DHCS under applicable state regulations, screened as a limited categorical risk within one (1) year prior to serving as Medical Director in accordance with 42CFR455.50(a), and has signed a Medicaid provider agreement with DHCS as required by 42 CFR 431.107.
  - vi. All staff of Contractor shall undergo fingerprint background checks prior to hiring or service delivery, whichever comes first in accordance with CFR 455.34.
  - vii. Prior to the delivery of services, Contractor shall ensure all treatment staff shall be trained in ASAM criteria.

c. Other Requirements

Contractor is required to inform BHRS QM and BHRS Program Analyst within forty-eight (48) hours after an occurrence, of the following:

- i. Leadership or staffing changes.
- ii. Organizational and/or corporate structure changes (example: conversion to non-profit status).
- iii. Changes in the type of services being provided at that location; day treatment or medication support services when medications are administered or dispensed from the provider site.
- iv. Significant changes in the physical plant of the provider site (some physical plant changes could require a new fire or zoning clearance).
- v. Change of ownership or location.
- vi. Complaints regarding the provider

13. Client Eligibility

- a. Clients are eligible to receive DMC-ODS services if they: (a) are receiving San Mateo County Medi-Cal benefits or are eligible to receive San Mateo County Medi-Cal benefits; (b) are not currently institutionalized; (c) have a substance use disorder per the most current published edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual (DSM-5) and meet ASAM medical necessity criteria; and (d) are a San Mateo County resident.
- b. Clients may also be eligible to receive treatment and recovery services under San Mateo County's DMC-ODS network of care using non-Medi-Cal funding if they: (a) do not have health care coverage; (b) are not currently institutionalized; (c) have a substance use disorder per the most current published edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual (DSM-5) and meet ASAM medical necessity criteria; and (d) are a San Mateo County resident.

c. Contractor Responsibilities

- i. Contractor shall verify the client's residency status to ensure they are a San Mateo County resident. Clients experiencing homelessness shall be transient or homeless in San Mateo County. A statement of verification shall be kept in the client's file.
- ii. Contractor shall verify the client's Medi-Cal eligibility status on a monthly basis. Verification of Medi-Cal eligibility shall be kept in the client's file.

d. Medical Necessity

- i. Medical necessity shall be determined by the Medical Director or LPHA. After establishing a DSM-5 diagnosis, the diagnosing professional shall apply ASAM criteria to determine the appropriate level of care for placement.
- ii. Medical necessity for adults age twenty-one (21) and over is determined by the following:
  - 1) The individual has at least one (1) substance-related diagnosis from the DSM-5, excluding tobacco-related disorders.
  - 2) The individual meets the ASAM Criteria definition of medical necessity to receive services.
- iii. Medical necessity for youth and adults under the age of twenty-one (21) is determined by the following:
  - 1) The individual is assessed to be at risk for developing a substance use disorder, and
  - 2) The individual meets the ASAM Criteria definition of medical necessity for adolescent services.
- iv. Medical necessity shall be re-evaluated and re-determined at each Treatment Plan update, each Level of Care change, and at least once every six (6) months for the duration of treatment services.

- 1) Narcotic Treatment Programs/Opioid Treatment Programs shall re-evaluate and re-determine medical necessity at least annually for the duration of treatment services.

14 Timely Access to Service

- a. Contractor shall deliver the client's first appointment for outpatient, intensive outpatient or residential services within ten (10) calendar days of the initial request, presuming the client meets medical necessity criteria.
  - i. Interim services shall be provided to injection drug using and perinatal services-eligible clients when services are not immediately available, including outpatient or intensive outpatient services.
- b. Contractor shall deliver the client's first appointment for urgent services within seventy-two (72) hours of the initial request, presuming the client meets medical necessity criteria.
  - i. Interim services shall be provided to injection drug using and perinatal services-eligible clients when services are not immediately available, including outpatient or intensive outpatient services.
- c. Contractor shall deliver the client's first appointment for NTP or MAT services within twenty-four (24) hours of the initial request, presuming the client meets medical necessity criteria.
- d. Contractor shall ensure that a client experiencing a medical or psychiatric emergency will be transported to the nearest hospital for treatment.
- e. Contractor shall advise clients in the program of the County's twenty-four (24) hour on-call Access Call Center. Contractor shall advise clients how to receive treatment or other covered services after hours, weekends and holidays.
- f. Contractor's hours of operation shall be no less than the hours of operation to non-Medi-Cal clients.

15. Coordination of Care

Contractor shall provide coordination of client care. Initial care coordination may be provided by the BHRS Residential Treatment Authorization Team (RTX), Service Connect, Pathways, Primary Care Interface (PCI), Whole Person Care (WPC) or Integrated Medication Assisted Treatment Team (IMAT). Once a client is enrolled in and connected to the SUD treatment program, care coordination may be transferred to the Contractor. The Contractor shall continue to coordinate care with any assigned BHRS Case Manager or Counselor/Clinician. Care coordination responsibilities will comply with those identified in the BHRS DMC-ODS Implementation Plan.

- a. The Residential Contractor shall contact the RTX case manager and prior to discharge coordinate a consultation with the referred client, except when the client poses an imminent threat to the safety of them self or someone else.
- b. Contractor shall ensure coordination and continuity of care within the standards in accordance with 42 CFR 438.208.
- c. Contractor shall ensure that in the course of coordinating care, the client's privacy is protected in accordance with all Federal and State privacy laws, including but not limited to 45 CFR 160 and 164, to the extent that such provisions are applicable.
- d. Contractor shall ensure that female and transgender male clients have direct access to a women's health specialist, to provide routine and preventive health care services necessary, within the network for covered care. This is in addition to the clients designated source of primary care if that source is not a women's health specialist, pursuant to 42 CFR 438.206(b)(2).
- e. Contractor shall provide treatment services to clients receiving Medication Assisted Treatment. Contractor shall communicate regularly with the prescribing physician(s) of clients prescribed medications unless the client refuses to consent to sign a 42 CFR part 2 compliant Release of Information for this purpose.

## 16. Sharing Information with Clients

Contractor shall not prohibit or restrict any licensed, registered or certified professional staff, acting within their scope of practice, from advising or advocating on behalf of a client, for whom the Contractor is providing SUD treatment from any of the following:

- a. The client's health status, medical care or treatment options including any alternative treatment that may be self-administered.
- b. Any information the client needs in order to decide among all relevant treatment options,
- c. The risks, benefits and consequences of treatment or non-treatment,
- d. The clients' right to participate in decisions regarding his/her healthcare including the right to refuse treatment and to express preference regarding future treatment decisions.

#### 17 Laboratory Requirements

Contractor shall use testing services of laboratories that are certified and in good standing to perform testing on human specimens under the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments of 1988 (CLIA) unless exempt from CLIA or are SAMHSA certified.

#### 18. Urinalysis Testing

Urinalysis (UA) Testing is a therapeutic intervention when deemed medically appropriate and is used to determine appropriate levels of client care. A positive UA test result may indicate a client's current level of care is not adequate and/or that the client treatment plan should be adjusted. Contractor shall establish procedures which protect against falsification and/or contamination of any urine sample, and must document urinalysis results in the client's file.

#### 19. Coastside Co-Occurring Substance Use Services

The Contractor will work collaboratively with the lead administrative agency of the Cariño Project in Half Moon Bay, to incorporate co-occurring substance use case management and early intervention into the menu of services offered to the Coastside region of San

Mateo County (from Half Moon Bay to Pescadero in the south coast region).

The Cariño Project serves as a space where low-income multiracial, multicultural, and multigenerational immigrant and agricultural workers and their families; as well as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Questioning (LGBTQ+) youth, can gather and create community; decrease stigma; bring awareness about behavioral health challenges and provide wellness activities and linkages to other services.

20. Services:

1. Contractor will provide co-occurring substance use case management and treatment to a minimum of 30-35 unique clients per year with mild-moderate mental health and cooccurring conditions.
2. Contractor will provide individual and/or group evidence-based practices and psychoeducation that includes, but not limited to, the following strategies:
  - i. Prevention education
  - ii. Motivational Interviewing
  - iii. Harm Reduction practices
  - iv. Medication Assisted Treatment Education
  - v. Trauma-informed and culturally responsive interventions

21. Contractor will provide outreach and community engagement services to include, but not limited to:

- a. Participation in the Coastside Collaborative and the Coastside Collaborative Steering Committee to support collaboration, communication, and partnership amongst Coastside region behavioral health service providers.
- b. Involvement in at least once per month Cariño Project events and activities, as determined by the Coastside Collaborative Steering Committee, to provide substance use prevention information, linkages and to build relationships and trust in the community.
- c. Collaboration with the lead administrative agency of the Cariño Project for farmworker-specific engagement including but not limited to outreach activities at farmworker housing units, local ranches, street/field medicine, etc.

22. Contractor will facilitate linkages/referrals to Behavioral Health and Recovery Services including but not limited to, Integrated Medication Assisted Treatment (IMAT), outpatient and residential substance use

treatment services, mental health services, primary care clinics and other services.

a. Warm hand-offs to services will be provides as appropriate.

23. Contractor will consult with BHRS to develop Contractor policies and procedures regarding culturally appropriate care, co-occurring assessments, referrals, and warm hand-offs, as needed.

24. Staffing

a. Contractor will hire at minimum one (1) full-time substance use disorder counselor.

b. Staff will have co-occurring capacity, training and experience providing mental health and substance use services.

c. Staff will be primarily Spanish speaking and reflective of the culture and ethnicity of the community served.

25. Reporting

a. Contractor will participate and support facilitation of any reporting and evaluation activities as determined by BHRS; for example, surveys, focus groups and/or key interviews.

b. Contractor will use data collection forms and tools, developed through consultation with an independent evaluation contractor (procured by BHRS), to collect information about clients engaged in services.

c. Data collected will be analyzed by BHRS through the independent contractor.

26. Contractor will track and submit both individual and aggregate level data on co-occurring substance use services provided.

a. Individual-level data will be submitted annually; BHRS will provide a reporting tool/spreadsheet. Data collected will include at minimum the following:

i. Type of service provided (screenings, field-based treatment, support groups, etc.)

ii. Client demographics (age, gender, race/ethnicity, etc.); see Attachment W - Sample Demographic Form.

iii. Linkages/referrals made to BHRS and other behavioral health services

iv. Aggregate data will be submitted monthly to the BHRS contract monitor along with invoices and include at minimum the following:

a) Number of clients screened for substance use treatment

- b) Number of clients receiving services by type of service
- c) Number of farmworkers receiving services by type of service
- d) Number of linkages made by types of linkages (mental health, social service, medical care, etc.)

27. Contractor will submit both the de-identified individual-level data and a year-end MHSA report, due by the fifteenth (15th) of August describing outcomes, successes, challenges and include client stories.

28. Contractor will submit reporting template for farmworker clients for the County of San Mateo Healthcare for the Homeless/Farmworker Health Program.

29. Non-Reimbursable Services

a. Deferred Entry of Judgment

In accordance with the AOD Policy and Procedure Manual, Contractor shall provide the Deferred Entry of Judgment (DEJ) to clients who have been referred by the Probation Department.

30. Priority Populations

Through the Substance Use Block Grant (SUBG), BHRS is required to serve priority population clients. Contractor shall establish partnerships for the provision of referral to interim or treatment services when capacity is not available and a client cannot be admitted to treatment within 48 hours of request, as described in the AOD Policy and Procedure Manual. Contractor shall give priority admission to the following populations, provided they are residents of San Mateo County and do not have health care coverage:

- a. Pregnant females who use drugs by injection;
- b. Pregnant females who use substances;
- c. Other persons who use drugs by injection; and
- d. As Funding is Available – all other clients with a SUD, regardless of gender or route of use, without insurance or for whom coverage is terminated for short periods of time.

B. Health Order Compliance

1. 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

In providing its services and operations, Contractor shall maintain compliance with requirements of the AOD Policy and Procedure Manual, including additions and revisions, which are incorporated by reference herein.

- A. Disaster and Emergency Response Plans (Contractor must have a physical presence in the County, provide services directly to clients, contract critical for the health/wellbeing of County clients)

Contractor will develop and maintain a Disaster and Emergency Response Plan ("Emergency Plan") that includes all of the elements set forth in this Section, as well as any additional elements reasonably requested by the County. The Emergency Plan will also include site-Specific emergency response plan(s) for each of the sites at which Contractor provides services pursuant to this Agreement ("Site Plans"). The Emergency Plan and

associated Site Plans will address Contractor preparations to effectively respond in the immediate aftermath of a national, state or local disaster or emergency (“Emergency Response”) and plans for the ongoing continuation of Services under the Agreement during and after a disaster or emergency (“Continuity of Operations”).

Contractor shall submit the Emergency Plan to the County within ninety (90) days after the beginning of the Term of the Agreement and no later than September 30th. The Emergency Plan will follow the template provided in Attachment T: Sample Template for Disaster and Emergency Response Plan as a guide when developing the plan, adding any categories or items as needed for the Contractor’s unique situation. The submitted Emergency Plan will be subject to the reasonable approval of the County. Contractor shall respond reasonably promptly to any comments or requests for revisions that the County provides to Contractor regarding the Emergency Plan. Contractor will update the Emergency Plan and associated Site Plans as circumstances warrant and shall provide County with copies of such updated plans. Contractor shall train employees on the Emergency Plan and the Emergency Plan will include a description of how employees will be trained.

The Emergency Plan will indicate, in as much detail as reasonably possible, the categories of additional staff, supplies, and services that Contractor projects would be necessary for effective Emergency Response and Continuity of Operations and the costs that the Contractor projects it would incur for such additional staff, supplies and services. Contractor shall recognize and adhere to the disaster medical health emergency operations structure, including cooperating with, and following direction provided by, the County’s Medical Health Operational Area Coordinator (MHOAC). In the event that the Contractor is required to implement the Emergency Plan during the term of the Agreement, the parties will confer in good faith regarding the additional staff, supplies and services needed to ensure Emergency Response and/or Continuity of Operations owing to the particular nature of the emergency, as well as whether the circumstances warrant additional compensation by the County for additional staff, supplies and services needed for such Emergency Response and/or Continuity of Operations.

Contractor shall reasonably cooperate with the County in complying with processes and requirements that may be imposed by State and Federal agencies (including, but not limited to the California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services and the Federal Emergency Management Agency) in connection with reimbursement for emergency/disaster related expenditures.

In a declared national, state or local disaster or emergency, Contractor and its employees will be expected to perform services as set forth in the Agreement, including in the area of Emergency Response and Continuity of Operations, as set forth in the Emergency Plan and each Site Plan. Contractor shall ensure that all of its employees are notified, in writing, that they will be expected to perform services consistent with the Emergency Plan and each Site Plan.

## B. System-Wide Improvements

The County has identified issues which require a collaborative and comprehensive approach in order to enhance the system-wide effectiveness and efficiency. Contractor shall implement the following:

### 1. External Quality Reviews

DHCS has contracted with an External Quality Review (EQR) organization to conduct a review of the overall quality of services, service accessibility, and availability provided under the ODS. The EQR also requires annual Performance Improvement Projects (PIP) that improve both clinical and administrative performance of the ODS.

- a. Contractor shall participate in EQR focus groups, surveys, and other performance measurement and data collection activities.
- b. Contractor shall participate in all PIPs implemented by BHRS as part of the EQR process.

### 2. DMC Claim Documentation Quality

Contractor's denied claims shall not exceed five percent (5%) of the total DMC claims submitted per month. Should the denied claims exceed five percent (5%) in any given month, Contractor shall submit a corrective action plan to improve documentation and reduce denials. Corrective action may include, but is not limited to: additional training, additional monitoring controls of data submission, non-compliance penalty fees, or withheld payments.

C. Qualified Service Organization

1. As a qualified service organization, BHRS agrees to provide the following services to Contractor:
  - a. Centralized screening, assessment, and treatment referrals;
  - b. Billing supports and services;
  - c. Data gathering and submission in compliance with Federal, State, and local requirements;
  - d. Policies and procedures related to the service provision, documentation, and billing;
  - e. Quality Management and utilization review, including problem resolution;
  - f. Education, training and technical assistance as needed.
2. As a qualified service organization, BHRS and Contractor agree to the following:
  - a. Acknowledge that in receiving, storing, processing, or otherwise dealing with any information from the Program about the clients in the Program, it is fully bound by the provisions of the Federal regulations governing Confidentiality of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Client 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. Acknowledge that Contractor and any subcontractor or legal representative are or will be fully bound by the provisions of 42 C.F.R. Part 2 upon receipt of the patient identifying data received pursuant to a patient consenting to disclosure of their records under 42 C.F.R. Part 2, § 2.31 for payment and/or health care operation activities, and, as such that each disclosure shall be accompanied by the notice required under § 2.32.

D. No Unlawful Use or Unlawful Use Messages Regarding Drugs

Contractor agrees that no aspect of its substance use treatment program services shall include any messaging in the responsible use, if the use is unlawful, of drugs or alcohol. This is including but not limited to: program standards, curricula, materials, and teachings. These materials and programs may include information on the health hazards of use of illegal drugs and alcohol, concepts promoting the well-being of the whole person, risk reduction, the addictive personality, development of positive self-esteem, productive decision-making skills, and other preventive concepts consistent with the “no unlawful use” of drugs and alcohol message. This does not apply to any program receiving state SUBG/NRC funding that provides education and prevention outreach to intravenous drug users with AIDS or AIDS-related conditions, or persons at risk of HIV-infection through intravenous drug use. (Health and Safety Code Sections 11999-11999.3).

E. Limitation on Use of Funds for Promotion of Legalization of Controlled Substances

None of the federal funds made available through this Contract may be used for any activity that promotes the legalization of any drug or other substance included in Schedule I of Section 202 of the Controlled Substances Act (21 USC 812).

F. Restriction on Distribution of Sterile Needles

Contractor shall not use any SUBG Block Grant funds made available through this agreement to carry out any program that includes the distribution of sterile needles or syringes for the hypodermic injection of any illegal drug.

G. AVATAR Electronic Health Record

1. Contractor shall enter referral data into Avatar for calls inquiring about services that includes but is not limited to: date and time of call, caller/referral data, service type inquiry, screening data and referrals made.
2. Contractor shall enter client data into Avatar for services provided that includes: date of service, service type, service units and service duration, screening and assessment data, diagnosis, treatment plans, progress notes, discharge plan and discharge summary.
3. Contractor shall maintain compliance with all documentation, reporting, billing and all other data requirements as required in the BHRS Documentation Manual, San Mateo County-DHCS

Intergovernmental Agreement, Title 22, DMC-ODS STCs, the DHCS AOD Program Certification Standards, CalOMS Tx Data Collection Guide, DMC Billing Manual, Youth Treatment Guidelines, Perinatal Practice Guidelines and the AOD Policy and Procedure Manual, including additions and revisions.

4. Contractor shall submit electronically treatment capacity and waiting list data to DHCS via DATAR no later than the 7<sup>th</sup> of the month following the report activity Contractor shall also comply with all BHRS tracking methods for client waitlist times and capacity. This information shall be used to determine unmet treatment needs and wait times to enter treatment.
5. Contractor shall participate in Avatar trainings and in monthly Avatar User Group (AUG) meetings to ensure data quality and integrity and provide input into system improvements to enhance the system.

#### H. Quality Management and Compliance

##### 1. Clinical Standards of Care and Evidenced-Based Practices

All services provided under this agreement shall be safe, effective, patient centered, timely, culturally competent, efficient and equitable, as defined by the Institute of Medicine.

- a. In providing its services and operations, Contractor shall maintain full compliance with the San Mateo County BHRS Standards of Care, Best Practice Guidelines for Working with Limited English Proficiency and LGBTQ Clients, Federal Cultural and Linguistic Access Standards (CLAS) requirements. Contractor shall comply with at least two (2) of the five (5) DMC-ODS Evidenced-Based Practices. Annually, Contractor shall provide a written report on the status of compliance with the following:

- i. Standards of Care

- ii. Best Practice Guidelines for Working with Limited English Proficiency and LGBTQ Clients
- iii. At least two (2) of the DMC-ODS Evidenced-Based Practices. The DMC-ODS Evidenced-Based Practices include: Motivational Interviewing, Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy, Relapse Prevention, Trauma-Informed Treatment, and Psycho-Education.
- iv. Federal CLAS requirements: Contractor shall demonstrate how they have interpreted and complied with all 15 of the federal CLAS standards.

2. Complex Clients and Co-occurring Disorders

- a. Contractors providing SUD Treatment and/or Recovery Services shall implement co-occurring capable policies, procedures, assessments, treatment planning, program content, and discharge planning practices that integrate co-occurring services to meet the client's complex needs. Contractor shall coordinate and collaborate with behavioral and physical health services, and: initiate and coordinate with mental health services when appropriate, provide medication monitoring, coordinate with primary health services, and addiction and psychological assessment and consultation. Contractor shall incorporate mental health symptom management groups and motivational enhancement therapies specifically designed for individuals with co-occurring substance use and mental health disorders.
- b. Contractor shall not exclude from treatment, persons who require high risk, specialized services or special health needs. Contractor shall work with the health care providers of clients with special health care needs. Contractor shall collaborate with BHRS and other service providers to meet the identified needs of such clients. Contractor shall not arbitrarily deny or reduce the amount, duration, or scope of services solely because of the client's diagnosis, type of illness, or condition of the client.
  - i. Contractor shall seek ongoing training and support for staff to stay current with best practices for serving individuals with co-occurring disorders.

- ii. A Contractor that provides SUBG Block Grant Perinatal services to pregnant, postpartum and women with children aged 17 and under shall be properly certified to provide these services and comply with the requirements contained in Title 22, Section 51341.1, Services for Pregnant and Postpartum Women, and with the Perinatal Practice Guidelines.
- iii. Medi-Cal members who are pregnant or up to 365 days postpartum are eligible to receive DMC-ODS Perinatal services. Postpartum, as defined for DMC purposes, means the 365-day period beginning on the last day of pregnancy, regardless of whether other conditions of eligibility are met. Eligibility for perinatal services shall end on the last day of the calendar month in which the 365th day occurs.
- iv. A Contractor that provides adolescent treatment services shall comply with the Youth Treatment Services Guidelines. Assessments and services for adolescents shall follow the ASAM Adolescent Treatment Criteria.

3. Quality Management Program and Quality Improvement Plan

Contractor must have a Quality Management Program and submit a Quality Improvement Plan to Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS) Quality Management (QM) annually by June 30. The Quality Improvement Plan should address 1) how the Contractor will comply with all elements of this Agreement, 2) the Contractor will maintain an audit disallowance rate of less than five percent (5%), and 3) first appointment will be within ten (10) days of initial request for service for outpatient and non-urgent residential treatment; seventy-two (72) hours for urgent residential treatment; and twenty-four (24) hours for NTP/OTP programs.

BHRS QM will provide feedback if the plan submitted is missing critical components related to San Mateo County requirements. Additional feedback may be available if requested prior to the submission date.

- a. Contractor shall have an established Quality Improvement (QI) plan and committee.

- b. The QI committee shall include staff from all levels of the Agency and will guide the development and implementation of the annual QI plan. The QI committee shall review quarterly utilization and service quality, performance data, compliance with BHRS SOC, co-occurring and complex client capability, and client feedback.
- c. Contractor shall establish and/or maintain mechanisms whereby processes and practices at the organizational level; which create inefficiencies and/or present barriers to client engagement, enrollment and retention in treatment, will be identified and addressed. An analysis of policies and practices which create barriers for complex clients shall be included.

4. Grievance Process

Contractor shall notify members of their right to the following:

- a. a state fair hearing, how to obtain a hearing and representation rules at the hearing;
- b. file grievances and appeals, and the requirements and timeframes for filing;
  - i. members may file a grievance, either orally or in writing, either with DHCS, the County, or the Contractor
  - ii. members may request assistance with filing grievances and appeals
- i. If the member is grieving or appealing the termination, denial, or a change in type or frequency of services, the member may request services be continued during the appeal or state fair hearing filing although the member may be liable for the cost of any continued benefits if the action is upheld.
- c. give written consent to allow a provider, acting on behalf of the member, to file an appeal.

5. Referring Individuals to Psychiatrist

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

6. Medication Storage and Monitoring

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

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

7. Timely Access to Services

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

- a. Contractor shall offer a first appointment with a client within ten (10) calendar days of the initial request for an services, if non-urgent. Urgent requests shall be offered a first appointment within seventy-two (72) hours of the initial request. Requests for OTP services shall be offered an initial appointment within twenty-four (24) hours of the initial request.
  - i. Urgent requests are defined by DHCS as when the beneficiary's condition is such that they faces an imminent and serious threat to their health, including, but not limited to, the potential loss of life, limb, or other major bodily function, or the normal timeframe for the decision making process would be detrimental to the beneficiary's life or health or could jeopardize their ability to regain maximum function, decisions to approve, modify, or deny requests by providers prior to, or concurrent with, the provision of health care services to enrollees, shall be made in a timely fashion appropriate for the nature of the enrollee's condition, not to exceed 72 hours.
  - ii. Contractor shall offer interim services to all clients who do not receive a first appointment offer within 48 hours. Interim services may include referrals to a lower level of care, TB or HIV education, physical or mental health providers, or community resources appropriate to meet the client's immediate needs. Interim services offered shall be documented in Avatar via a SUD Progress Note with face-to-face form, or in the contractor's electronic health record.
- b. The County shall monitor Contractor regularly to determine compliance with timely access requirements. (42 C.F.R. § 438.206(c)(1)(v).
- c. The County shall work with the Contractor to improve timely access and/or take corrective action if there is a failure to comply with timely access requirements. (42 C.F.R. § 438.206(c)(1)(vi).

## 8. Record Retention

Paragraph 14 of the agreement notwithstanding, Contractor shall maintain medical records required by the California Code of Regulations. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Contractor shall maintain members medical and/or clinical records for a period of ten (10) years; except the records of persons under age eighteen (18) at the time of treatment shall be maintained: a) until ten (10) years beyond the person's eighteenth (18) birthday or (b) for a period of ten (10) years beyond the discharge date, whichever is later. This rule does not supersede professional standards. Contractor may maintain records for a longer period of time if required by other regulations or licenses. The Contractor shall keep and maintain records for each service rendered, to whom it was rendered, and the date of service, pursuant to W&I Code section 14124.1 and 42 CFR 438.3(h) and 438.3(u).

## 9. Documentation of Services

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

System of Care (SOC) Short-Doyle MediCal Mental Health Providers shall document in accordance with the BHRS Documentation Manual located online at: <https://www.smchealth.org/sites/main/files/file-attachments/bhrsdocmanual.pdf>

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

DMC-ODS Substance Use provider services shall be in compliance with DHCS [BHIN 23-068](#)

10. COOPERATION WITH AUDITS

- a. Contractor shall cooperate with County in any review and/or audit initiated by County, DHCS, or any other applicable regulatory body. This cooperation may include such activities as onsite program, fiscal, or chart reviews and/or audits.
- b. In addition, Contractor shall comply with all requests for any documentation or files including, but not limited to, client and personnel files.
- c. Contractor shall notify the County of any scheduled or unscheduled external evaluation or site visits when it becomes aware of such visit. County shall reserve the right to attend any or all parts of external review processes.
- d. Contractor shall allow inspection, evaluation and audit of its records, documents and facilities for ten years from the term end date of this Agreement or in the event Contractor has been notified that an audit or investigation of this Agreement has been commenced, until such time as the matter under audit or investigation has been resolved, including the exhaustion of all legal remedies, whichever is later pursuant to 42 C.F.R. §§ 438.3(h) and 438.2301(3)(i-iii).

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

Contractor shall accommodate and cooperate with unannounced chart audits, chart reviews, site visits, and grievance/complaint investigations by BHRS staff with or without advance notice. BHRS has the right to audit, evaluate, inspect any books, records, charts, contracts, computer or other electronic systems of the Contractor, that pertain to any aspect

of services and activities performed, or determination of amounts payable under this Agreement at any time. Contractor shall make available, for purposes of an audit, evaluation, or inspection, its premises, physical facilities, equipment, books, records, charts, contracts, computer or other electronic systems related to DMC, SAPT, or any Services funded by this contract.

If deficiencies are found during an audit or utilization review of Contractor's services, Contractor shall develop a Corrective Action Plan (CAP) to include the following:

- a. Address each demand for recovery of payment and/or programmatic deficiency;
- b. Provide a specific description of how the deficiency will be corrected;
- c. Specify the date of implementation of the corrective action; and
- d. Identify who will be responsible for ongoing compliance.

BHRS will review and approve or require additional changes to the CAP. Contractor failure to submit a CAP within the required timeframe and failure to complete, fully implement, or sustain a CAP over time may result in withheld or denied payments, penalty fees, or termination of this agreement.

## 11. Client Rights and Satisfaction Surveys

- a. Administering Satisfaction Surveys
  - i. Contractor agrees to administer/utilize any and all survey instruments as directed by BHRS, including outcomes and satisfaction measurement instruments.
  - ii. Contractor shall actively participate in Treatment Perception Survey collection processes in all SUD program areas. Treatment Perception Surveys collect client satisfaction data. Contractor may solicit additional feedback from service recipients and family members. All feedback surveys shall be incorporated into Contractor quality improvement processes and plans.

iii. In addition to the Treatment Perception Surveys, Contractor shall develop and administer client and family satisfaction surveys on an annual basis for quality improvement and quality assurance purposes.

b. Client/Patient's Rights

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

c. Advance Directives

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

12. Member Brochure and Provider Lists

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

13. Notice of Adverse Benefit Determination

a. Contractor shall issue Medi-Cal members a written Notice of Adverse Benefit Determination (NOABD) each time the member's service is denied, delayed, terminated, or there is a change in the amount, scope, or duration of the treatment service from what was requested by the member. Contractor shall use the appropriate BHRS-provided templates when issuing a NOABD. The NOABD shall meet the requirements of 42 CFR 438.404.

b. BHRS will conduct random reviews of the Contractor to ensure compliance with NOABD requirements.

14. Certification and Licensing

a. SUD Treatment Services

i. Contractors providing SUD treatment services to San Mateo County residents shall be certified and/or licensed by DHCS Licensing and Certification Division.

Contractor shall maintain all applicable certifications through San Mateo County and/or DHCS to provide any of the following reimbursable services: Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment and Recovery Services Block Grant Services, and Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System reimbursed services.

- ii. Contractor shall submit a copy of any licensing complaint, deficiency findings, or corrective action report issued by a licensing agency to BHRS QM and the AOD Administrator or their designee, within two (2) business days of Contractor's receipt of any such licensing report.
- iii. Should Contractor cease to offer a DMC-ODS service, Contractor will work with BHRS to ensure participating clients are successfully transferred to another DMC-ODS provider.
- iv. Contractor shall provide written notification to the AOD Administrator of any changes in DMC-ODS offered services at least ninety (90) days prior to implementing the changes in services.

b. DMC-ODS SUD Treatment Services

- i. If at any time, Contractor's license, registration, certification, or approval to operate a substance use disorder program or provide a DMC-ODS covered service is revoked, suspended, modified, or not renewed outside of DHCS, the Contractor shall notify DHCS Fiscal Management & Accountability Branch by e-mail at [DHCSMPF@dhcs.ca.gov](mailto:DHCSMPF@dhcs.ca.gov) and the BHRS Program Analyst within two (2) business days of knowledge of such change.
- ii. Contractor's certification to participate in the DMC program shall automatically terminate in the event the Contractor or its owners, officers or directors are convicted of Medi-Cal fraud, abuse or malfeasance. For purposes of this section, a conviction shall include a plea of guilty or nolo contendere.
- iii. If Contractor is under investigation by DHCS or any other state, local or federal law enforcement agency for

fraud or abuse, DHCS may temporarily suspend the Contractor from the DMC program, pursuant to W&I Code, Section 14043.36(a). Information about Contractor's administrative sanction status is confidential until such time as the action is either completed or resolved. The DHCS may also issue a Payment Suspension to Contractor pursuant to W&I Code, Section 14107.11 and Code of Federal Regulations, Title 42, section 455.23. DHCS will authorize BHRS to withhold payments from the DMC Contractor during the time a Payment Suspension is in effect.

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

- a. Contractor must implement administrative, physical, and technical safeguards that reasonably and appropriately protect the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of Protected Health Information (PHI), including electronic PHI that it creates, receives, maintains, uses or transmits, in compliance with 45 C.F.R and to prevent use or disclosure of PHI other than as provided for by this Agreement. Contractor shall implement reasonable and appropriate policies and procedures to comply with the standards. Contractor is required to report any security incident or breach of confidential PHI to BHRS Quality Management within twenty-four (24) hours.
- b. Contractor will develop and maintain a written Privacy and Security Program that includes administrative, technical and physical safeguards appropriate to the size and complexity of the Contractor's operations and the nature and scope of its activities.
  - i. On an annual basis, Contractor shall require all staff accessing client PHI or PI to sign a confidentiality statement that includes, as a minimum, General Use, Security and Privacy Safeguards, Unacceptable Use, and Enforcement Policies.
- c. Contractor shall install and actively use comprehensive antivirus software on all workstations, laptops and other systems that process and/or store PHI or PI. The antivirus

software solution must have automatic updates scheduled at least daily.

- d. All workstations, laptops and other systems that process and/or store PHI or PI shall have critical security patches applied, with system reboot if necessary. Contractor shall document the patch management process which determines installation timeframe based on risk assessment and vendor recommendations. At a maximum, all applicable patches must be installed within thirty (30) days of vendor release. Applications and systems that cannot be patched within this timeframe due to significant operational reasons must have compensatory controls implemented to minimize risk until the patches can be installed. Applications and systems that cannot be patched must have compensatory controls implemented to minimize risk, where possible.
- e. Contractor agrees to comply with the provisions of 42 C.F.R. Part 2 as described below if records contain or contract possesses any PHI covered under 42 C.F.R Part 2:
  - i. Acknowledge that in receiving, storing, processing, or otherwise using any information from BHRS about the clients in the program, it is fully bound by the provisions of the federal regulations governing Confidentiality of Behavioral Health and Recovery Services Patient Records, 42 C.F.R. Part 2;
  - ii. Undertake to resist in judicial proceedings any effort to obtain access to information pertaining to clients otherwise than as expressly provided for in the federal confidentiality regulations, 42 C.F.R. Part 2; and
  - iii. Agree to use appropriate safeguards to prevent the unauthorized use or disclosure of the protected information.
- f. Confidentiality Training

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

16. 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. Confidentiality & HIPAA for BHRS Mental Health and AOD: All New Staff HIPAA
- b. Compliance Training for BHRS New Staff
- c. Fraud, Waste, & Abuse Training for BHRS: All New Staff
- d. Critical Incident Management for BHRS
- e. Cultural Humility
- f. Interpreter training (if using interpreter services)
- g. ASAM Criteria training: All New Staff (SUD contractors only)
- h. At least 5 hours annually of addiction medicine training for all LPHA employees (SUD contractors only)
- i. At least 6 hours annually of the Evidenced-Based Practices utilized at the agency (SUD contractors only)
- j. Human Trafficking and compliance with the Human Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (SUD contractors only)
- k. DMC-ODS Documentation Requirements (SUD contractors only)

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.

17. Critical Incident Reporting

Contractor is required to submit Critical Incident reports to BHRS Quality Management on the same day of the incident or within 24hrs 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.

18. Ineligible Employees

Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS) requires that contractors comply with Federal requirements as outlined in 42 CFR (438.608) Managed Care Regulations. Contractors must identify the eligibility of employees, interns, or volunteers prior to hiring and on a monthly basis thereafter. Results of the eligibility screenings are to be maintained in the employee files. This process is meant to ensure that any person delivering services to clients of BHRS are not currently excluded, suspended, debarred or have been convicted of a criminal offense as described below. The Contractor must notify BHRS Quality Management (by completing the BHRS Critical Incident Reporting Form, Policy#93-11) should a current employee, intern, or volunteer be identified as ineligible. Contractors are required to screen for ineligible employees, interns, and volunteers by following procedures included in BHRS Policy # 04-01, which can be found online at: <https://www.smchealth.org/bhrs-policies/credentialing-and-re-credentialing-providers-19-08>. BHRS Quality Management must be notified within twenty-four (24) hours of any violations. Contractor must notify BHRS Quality Management if an employee's license is not current or is not in good standing and must submit a plan to correct to address the matter.

a. Credentialing Check – Initial

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

b. Credentialing Check – Monthly

Contractor will complete Attachment A – Agency/Group Credentialing Information each month and submit the completed form to BHRS Quality Management via email at: [HS\\_BHRS\\_QM@smcgov.org](mailto:HS_BHRS_QM@smcgov.org) or via a secure electronic format.

19. 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.

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

20. Fingerprint Compliance

Contractor certifies that its employees, trainees, and/or its subcontractors, assignees, volunteers, and any other persons who provide services under this agreement, who have direct contact with any client will be fingerprinted in order to determine whether they have a criminal history which would compromise the safety of individuals with whom the Contractor's employees, trainees and/or its subcontractors, assignees, or volunteers have contact. Contractor shall have a screening process in place to ensure that employees who have positive fingerprints shall:

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

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

21. Staff Termination

Contractor shall inform BHRS, within two (2) business days, when staff have been terminated. BHRS Quality Management requires prompt notification to be able to terminate computer access and to safeguard access to electronic medical records by completing the BHRS Credentialing form or AOD Credentialing form.

22. Minimum Staffing Requirements

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

23. Cultural Competency

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

1. Contractor will submit an annual cultural competence plan that details on-going and future efforts to address the diverse needs of clients, families and the workforce. This plan will be submitted to the BHRS Analyst/Program Manager and the Office of Diversity & Equity (ODE) by September 30th of the fiscal year.

The annual cultural competence plan will include, but is not limited to the following:

- a. Implementation of policies and practices that are related to promoting diversity and cultural competence, such as ongoing organizational assessments on disparities and needs, client's rights to receive language assistance.
- b. Contractor forum for discussing relevant and appropriate

cultural competence-related issues (such as a cultural competence committee, grievance, or conflict resolution committee).

- c. Ongoing collection of client cultural demographic information, including race, ethnicity, primary language, gender and sexual orientation in health records to improve service provision and help in planning and implementing CLAS standards.
  - e. Staffing objectives that reflect the cultural and linguistic diversity of the clients. (Contractor will recruit, hire and retain clinical staff members who can provide services in a culturally and linguistically appropriate manner.).
  - f. Contractor will ensure that all program staff receive at least 8 hours of external training per year (i.e. sponsored by BHRS or other agencies) on how to provide culturally and linguistically appropriate services including the CLAS and use of interpreters.
2. Contractor will actively participate in at least one cultural competence effort within BHRS and/or to send a representative to attend a Health Equity Initiative (HEI), including but not limited to the Diversity & Equity Council (DEC), for the term of the Agreement. Participation in an HEI/DEC allows for the dissemination of CLAS as well as ongoing collaborations with diverse stakeholders. Contractor shall submit to BHRS Office of Diversity and Equity (ODE) by March 31st, a list of staff who have participated in these efforts. For more information about the HEI/DEC, and other cultural competence efforts within BHRS, contact ODE or visit <https://www.smchealth.org/health-equity-initiatives>.
  3. Contractor will establish the appropriate infrastructure to provide services in County identified threshold languages. Currently the threshold languages are: Spanish, Tagalog and Chinese (Mandarin and Cantonese). If Contractor is unable to provide services in those languages, Contractor is expected to contact their BHRS Analyst/Program Manager for consultation. If additional language resources are needed, please contact ODE.
  4. Contractor will translate relevant and appropriate behavioral health- related materials (such as forms, signage, etc.) in County identified threshold languages in a culturally and

linguistically appropriate manner. BHRS strongly encourages its contractors to use BHRS- sponsored forms in an effort to create uniformity within the system of care. Contractor shall submit to ODE by March 31st, copies of Contractor's health-related materials in English and as translated.

5. Should Contractor be unable to comply with the cultural competence requirements, Contractor will meet with the BHRS Analyst/Program Manager and ODE ([ode@smcgov.org](mailto:ode@smcgov.org)) to plan for appropriate technical assistance.

J. Availability and Accessibility of Service

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

K. Control Requirements

Contractor shall be familiar and implement the laws, regulations, codes and guidelines listed in Attachment L. Contractor shall assure that its Subcontractors are also familiar with such requirements.

Contractor shall establish written policies and procedures consistent with the requirements identified in Attachment L. Contractor shall be held accountable for audit exceptions taken by the State for any failure to comply with these requirements.

DMC Contractor will fulfill the requirements of 42 CFR Part 438 et seq (managed care) that are appropriate to the service or activity covered under this contract.

Attachment L is subject to modifications by federal, state and local regulations that are applicable to the Intergovernmental Agreement.

L. Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000

Contractor shall comply with Section 106(g) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 as amended (22 U.S.C. 7104(g)) as amended by

section 1702: <http://uscode.house.gov/view.xhtml?req=granuleid:USC-prelim-title22-section7104d&num=0&edition=prelim>.

M. Hatch Act

Contractor agrees to comply with the provisions of the Hatch Act (USC, Title 5, Part III, Subpart F., Chapter 73, Subchapter III), which limit the political activities of employees whose principal employment activities are funded in whole or in part with federal funds.

N. Capacity Management

Capacity management systems track and manage the flow of clients with SUDs entering treatment. These systems serve to ensure timely placement into the appropriate level of care.

When Contractor cannot admit a pregnant or parenting woman or an intravenous substance user because of insufficient capacity, the Contractor shall:

1. Provide or arrange for interim services within forty-eight (48) hours of the service request, including a referral for prenatal care.
2. Refer the individual to DHCS through its capacity management program.
3. When Contractor reaches or exceeds ninety percent (90%) of its treatment capacity, the provider must report this information to the Drug and Alcohol treatment Access Report (DATAR) on a monthly basis.
4. Contractor shall also notify the County and DHCS seven (7) days upon reaching or exceeding 90 percent of its treatment capacity by emailing the designated County staff and DHCS at [DHCSPerinatal@dhcs.ca.gov](mailto:DHCSPerinatal@dhcs.ca.gov). The subject line in the email must read "Capacity Management."

O. Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment and Recovery Services Block Grant (SUBG) Specifications

1. Debarment and Suspension

Contractor shall not subcontract with or employ any party listed on the government wide exclusions in the System for Award Management (SAM), in accordance with the OMB guidelines at 2 CFR 180 that implement Executive Orders 12549 (3 CFR part 1986 Comp. p. 189) and 12689 (3 CFR part 1989., p. 235), "Debarment and Suspension." SAM exclusions contain the names of parties debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded by agencies, as well as parties declared ineligible under statutory or regulatory authority other than Executive Order 12549.

Contractor shall advise all subcontractors of their obligation to comply with applicable federal debarment and suspension regulations, in addition to the requirements set forth in 42 CFR Part 1001.

If the Contractor subcontracts or employs an excluded party, DHCS has the right to withhold payments, disallow costs, or issue a CAP, as appropriate, pursuant to HSC Code 11817.8(h).

2. Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) of 1996

All work performed under this Contract is subject to HIPAA, County shall perform the work in compliance with all applicable provisions of HIPAA. As identified in Exhibit E, DHCS and County shall cooperate to assure mutual agreement as to those transactions between them, to which this provision applies. Refer to Exhibit E for additional information.

a. Trading Partner Requirements

- i. No Changes. Contractor hereby agrees that for the personal health information (Information), it will not change any definition, data condition or use of a data element or segment as proscribed in the Federal Health and Human Services (HHS) Transaction Standard Regulation (45 CFR 162.915 (a)).
- ii. No Additions. Contractor hereby agrees that for the Information, it will not add any data elements or segments to the maximum data set as proscribed in the HHS Transaction Standard Regulation (45 CFR 162.915 (b)).

- iii. No Unauthorized Uses. Contractor hereby agrees that for the Information, it will not use any code or data elements that either are marked “not used” in the HHS Transaction’s Implementation specification or are not in the HHS Transaction Standard’s implementation specifications (45 CFR 162.915 (c)).
  - iv. No Changes to Meaning or Intent. Contractor hereby agrees that for the Information, it will not change the meaning or intent of any of the HHS Transaction Standard’s implementation specification (45 CFR 162.915 (d)).
3. Concurrence for Test Modifications to HHS Transaction Standards

Contractor agrees and understands that there exists the possibility that DHCS or others may request an extension from the uses of a standard in the HHS Transaction Standards. If this occurs, County agrees that it will participate in such test modifications.

4. Adequate Testing

Contractor is responsible to adequately test all business rules appropriate to their types and specialties. If the Contractor is acting as a clearinghouse for enrolled providers, Contractor has obligations to adequately test all business rules appropriate to each and every provider type and specialty for which they provide clearinghouse services.

5. Deficiencies

Contractor agrees to correct transactions, errors, or deficiencies identified by DHCS, and transactions errors or deficiencies identified by an enrolled provider if the Contractor is acting as a clearinghouse for that provider. When Contractor is a clearinghouse, Contractor agrees to properly communicate deficiencies and other pertinent information regarding electronic transactions to enrolled providers for which they provide clearinghouse services.

6. Code Set Retention

Both parties understand and agree to keep open code sets being processed or used in this Contract for at least the current billing period or any appeal period, whichever is longer.

7. Data Transmission Log

Both parties shall establish and maintain a Data Transmission Log which shall record any and all Data Transmissions taking place between the Parties during the term of this Contract. Each party will take necessary and reasonable steps to ensure that such Data Transmission Logs constitute a current, accurate, complete, and unaltered record of any and all Data Transmissions between the parties, and shall be retained by each Party for no less than twenty-four (24) months following the date of the Data Transmission. The Data Transmission Log may be maintained on computer media or other suitable means provided that, if it is necessary to do so, the information contained in the Data Transmission Log may be retrieved in a timely manner and presented in readable form.

8. Nondiscrimination and Institutional Safeguards for Religious Providers

Contractor shall establish such processes and procedures as necessary to comply with the provisions of USC, Title 42, Section 300x-65 and CFR, Title 42, Part 54.

9. Counselor Certification

Any counselor or registrant providing intake, assessment of need for services, treatment or recovery planning, individual or group counseling to participants, patients, or residents in a DHCS licensed or certified program is required to be registered or certified as defined in CCR, Title 9, Division 4, Chapter 8.

10. Cultural and Linguistic Proficiency

To ensure equal access to quality care by diverse populations, each service provider receiving funds from this Contract shall adopt the Federal Office of Minority Health Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Service (CLAS) national standards as outlined online at: <https://minorityhealth.hhs.gov/omh/browse.aspx?lvl=2&lvlid=53https://thinkculturalhealth.hhs.gov/clas/standards>

11. Intravenous Drug Use (IVDU) Treatment

Contractor shall ensure that individuals in need of IVDU treatment shall be encouraged to undergo AOD treatment (42 USC 300x-23 (45 CFR 96.126(e)).

12. Tuberculosis Treatment

Contractor shall ensure the following related to Tuberculosis (TB):

- a. Routinely make available TB services to individuals receiving treatment.
- b. Reduce barriers to patients' accepting TB treatment.
- c. Develop strategies to improve follow-up monitoring, particularly after patients leave treatment, by disseminating information through educational bulletins and technical assistance.

13. Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000

Contractor and its subcontractors that provide services covered by this Contract shall comply with the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (USC, Title 22, Chapter 78, Section 7104) as amended by section 1702 of Pub. L. 112-239.

14. Tribal Communities and Organizations

Contractor shall regularly review population information available through Census, compare to information obtained in the California Outcome Measurement System for Treatment (CalOMS-Tx) to

determine whether the population is being reached, and survey Tribal representatives for insight in potential barriers to the substance use service needs of the American Indian/Alaskan Native (AI/AN) population within the County geographic area. Contractor shall also engage in regular and meaningful consultation and collaboration with elected officials of the tribe, Rancheria, or their designee for the purpose of identifying issues/barriers to service delivery and improvement of the quality, effectiveness, and accessibility of services available to AI/AN communities within the County.

15. Marijuana Restriction

Grant funds may not be used, directly or indirectly, to purchase, prescribe, or provide marijuana or treatment using marijuana. Treatment in this context includes the treatment of opioid use disorder. Grant funds also cannot be provided to any individual who or organization that provides or permits marijuana use for the purposes of treating substance use or mental disorders. See, e.g., 45 CFR. § 75.300(a) (requiring HHS to “ensure that Federal funding is expended . . . in full accordance with U.S. statutory . . . requirements.”); 21 USC § 812(c) (10) and 841 (prohibiting the possession, manufacture, sale, purchase or distribution of marijuana). This prohibition does not apply to those providing such treatment in the context of clinical research permitted by the DEA and under an FDA-approved investigational new drug application where the article being evaluated is marijuana or a constituent thereof that is otherwise a banned controlled substance under Federal law.

16. Participation of County Behavioral Health Director’s Association of California

The County AOD Program Administrator shall participate and represent the County in meetings of the County Behavioral Health Director’s Association of California for the purposes of representing the counties in their relationship with DHCS with respect to policies, standards, and administration for AOD abuse services.

The County AOD Program Administrator shall attend any special meetings called by the Director of DHCS. Participation and representation shall also be provided by the County Behavioral Health Director's Association of California.

17. Adolescent Best Practices Guidelines

Contractor must utilize DHCS guidelines in developing and implementing youth treatment programs funded under this Enclosure. The Adolescent Best Practices Guidelines can be found at:

[DHCS Adolescent Substance Use Disorder Best Practices Guides October 2020](#)

18. Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment (31 USC 1352)

Contractor certifies that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant or any other award covered by 31 USC 1352. Contractor shall also disclose to DHCS any lobbying with non-Federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any Federal award.

19. Nondiscrimination in Employment and Services

Contractor certifies that under the laws of the United States and the State of California, Contractor will not unlawfully discriminate against any person.

20. Federal Law Requirements:

- a. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 2000d, as amended, prohibiting discrimination based on race, color, or national origin in federally-funded programs.

- b. Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 USC 3601 et seq.) prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin in the sale or rental of housing.
- c. Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (45 CFR Part 90), as amended 42 USC Sections 6101 – 6107), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age.
- d. Age Discrimination in Employment Act (29 CFR Part 1625).
- e. Title I of the Americans with Disabilities Act (29 CFR Part 1630) prohibiting discrimination against the disabled in employment.
- f. Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (28 CFR Part 35) prohibiting discrimination against the disabled by public entities.
- g. Title III of the Americans with Disabilities Act (28 CFR Part 36) regarding access.
- h. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 USC Section 794), prohibiting discrimination on the basis of individuals with disabilities.
- i. Executive Order 11246 (42 USC 2000(e) et seq. and 41 CFR Part 60) regarding nondiscrimination in employment under federal contracts and construction contracts greater than \$10,000 funded by federal financial assistance.
- j. Executive Order 13166 (67 FR 41455) to improve access to federal services for those with limited English proficiency.
- k. The Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972, as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of drug abuse.
- l. Confidentiality of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Patient Records (42 CFR Part 2, Subparts A – E).

21. State Law Requirements:

- a. Fair Employment and Housing Act (Government Code Section 12900 et seq.) and the applicable regulations promulgated thereunder (2 CCR 7285.0 et seq.).

- b. Title 2, Division 3, Article 9.5 of the Government Code, commencing with Section 11135.
- c. Title 9, Division 4, Chapter 8 of the CCR, commencing with Section 13000.
- d. No federal funds shall be used by the Contractor or its subcontractors for sectarian worship, instruction, or proselytization. No federal funds shall be used by the Contractor or its subcontractors to provide direct, immediate, or substantial support to any religious activity.

22. Additional Contract Restrictions

- a. Noncompliance with the requirements of nondiscrimination in services shall constitute grounds for DHCS to withhold payments under this Contract or terminate all, or any type, of funding provided hereunder.
- b. This Contract is subject to any additional restrictions, limitations, or conditions enacted by the federal or state governments that affect the provisions, terms, or funding of this Contract in any manner.

23. Information Access for Individuals with Limited English Proficiency

- a. Contractor shall comply with all applicable provisions of the Dymally-Alatorre Bilingual Services Act (Government Code sections 7290-7299.8) regarding access to materials that explain services available to the public as well as providing language interpretation services.
- b. Contractor shall comply with the applicable provisions of Section 1557 of the Affordable Care Act (45 CFR Part 92), including, but not limited to, 45 CFR 92.201, when providing access to: (a) materials explaining services available to the public, (b) language assistance, (c) language interpreter and translation services, or (d) video remote language interpreting services.

24. Additional Contract Restrictions

This contract is subject to any additional restrictions, limitations, or conditions enacted by the Congress, or any statute enacted by the Congress, which may affect the provisions, terms, or funding of this contract in any matter.

### III. PERFORMANCE STANDARDS/GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

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

#### PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

- A. Timely Access to Care: Contractor shall track and document timely access data, including the date of initial contact, the date of first offered appointment, and the date of first actual appointment, in Avatar using the IPS episode.
1. For non-urgent requests, the first appointment shall occur no later than ten (10) days after the initial request for services.
  2. For urgent requests, the first appointment shall occur no later than seventy-two (72) hours after the referral was received, if the Contractor has capacity to admit the client. If the Contractor does not have capacity to admit the client, the Contractor shall either refer the client to interim services or to another clinically and culturally appropriate provider with capacity.
  3. For NTP/OTP and Residential Withdrawal Management, the first appointment shall occur within twenty-four (24) hours of the initial request for services.
- B. Transitions Between Levels of Care: Both the admitting and discharging Contractors shall be responsible for facilitating the client's transition between levels of care, including assisting the client in scheduling their first appointment and ensuring a minimal delay between discharge and admission at the next level of care, providing or arranging for transportation as appropriate, and documenting the transition in the client's chart.
1. Transitions between levels of care shall occur within seven (7) calendar days from the time of the SUD Reassessment indicating the need for a different level of care.
  2. At least fifty percent (50%) of clients discharged from Residential Treatment are subsequently admitted to another level of care (IOP, OP or Recovery Services) within seven (7) calendar days from the date of discharge.

3. At least seventy-five percent (75%) of clients discharged from Residential Withdrawal Management care are subsequently admitted to another level of care within seven (7) calendar days from the date of discharge.
  4. At least thirty percent (30%) of clients discharged from Intensive Outpatient or Outpatient Treatment are subsequently admitted to another level of care (including Recovery Services) within seven (7) calendar days from the date of discharge.
- C. Care Coordination: Contractors shall ensure 42 CFR compliant releases are in place for all clients in order to coordinate care. The Contractor shall screen for and link clients with mental health and primary care, as indicated.
1. One hundred percent (100%) of clients retained in treatment for at least thirty (30) days are screened for mental health and primary health care needs.
  2. At least seventy percent (70%) of clients who screen positive for mental health disorders and were retained in treatment for at least thirty (30) days have documentation of referrals to and coordination with mental health providers.
  3. At least eighty percent (80%) of clients who screen positive for primary health care needs and were retained in care for at least thirty (30) days have documentation of referrals to and/or coordination with primary care providers.
- D. Medication Assisted Treatment: Contractors shall have procedures for referrals to and integration of medication assisted treatment for substance use disorders. Contractor staff shall regularly communicate with physicians of clients prescribed these medications unless the client refuses to sign a Release of Information.
1. One hundred percent (100%) of clients with a primary opioid or alcohol use disorder will be offered a referral for a MAT assessment and/or MAT services.
- E. Culturally Competent Services: Contractors shall be responsible for providing culturally competent and linguistically appropriate services. Translation and interpretation services shall be available to all clients, as needed and at no cost to the client.

1. One hundred percent (100%) of clients who speak a threshold language are provided services in their preferred language via a licensed, credentialed, or registered staff person, or a subcontracted interpreter service.
2. One hundred percent (100%) of clients who read a threshold language are provided written treatment materials in their preferred language, or a subcontracted translation service.

## GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

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

GOAL: Program participants will achieve a successful treatment discharge.

OBJECTIVE: No less than seventy-seven (77%) of participants will have a successful treatment discharge. Successful treatment discharge occurs when a program participant completes his/her treatment/recovery plan or is transferred for continued treatment.

GOAL: Increase emotional awareness, improve insight into substance use, learn about consequences of substance use and decrease impulsive behavior in high risk transitional age youth (TAY) that have completed the program.

OBJECTIVE: Increase emotional regulation in eighty (80%) of TAY participants that have completed the program.

\*\*\* 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

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

A. Maximum Obligation

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

In any event, the maximum amount county shall be obligated to pay for all services rendered under this contract shall not exceed ONE MILLION SIX HUNDRED FORTY-FOUR THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED FORTY-SEVEN DOLLARS (\$1,644,647).

B. Drug MediCal Organized Delivery Services SUD Treatment Services

The maximum amount County shall be obligated to pay for DMC-ODS services shall not exceed ONE MILLION FOUR HUNDRED SIXTY EIGHT SIX FIFTY SIX DOLLARS - \$1,468,656 for the term of the agreement.

Subject to the maximum amount stated above and the terms and conditions of this Agreement, Contractor shall be reimbursed the Fee for Services rates per the schedule in Exhibit C and of providing services described in Section I of Exhibit A. Unless otherwise authorized by the Chief of San Mateo County Health or designee, the monthly payment by County to Contractor for the services described in Paragraph I.B. of this Exhibit B shall be one-twelfth (1/12) for those services or ONE HUNDRED TWENTY TWO THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED EIGHTY EIGHT DOLLARS (\$122,388).

a. Outpatient Units of Services Advanced Payment Invoice Allerton RWC and Coastside Outpatient Services

For the term July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, Contractor shall be paid a maximum of SIX HUNDRED SIXTY-NINE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED THIRTY-THREE DOLLARS (\$669,933)

b. Allerton Navigation Center Outpatient Services

For the term July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, Contractor shall be paid a maximum of FIVE HUNDRED TWENTY THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED EIGHTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$521,885).

c. Coastside Co-occurring Substance Use Services (Carino Project)

For the term July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, Contractor shall be paid a maximum of ONE HUNDRED TWENTY SIX THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED THIRTY SEVEN DOLLARS (\$126,837).

2. Contingency Management (CM) Services / Recovery Incentives Program Start-up

Start-up Costs

The total amount of start-up funding available to Contractor is maximum total of \$25,000 for the start-up period. Contractor shall submit invoices for actual start-up costs incurred after DHCS has verified that all trainings and readiness assessment requirements have been completed and Contractor has been given approval to beginning CM implementation. Start-up period shall end the day before the launch of the CM program by the Contractor.

Star-up may include the following:

- Staff recruitment and hiring costs
- Personnel costs (e.g., the salary of the CM coordinator before patient care begins)
- Changes to provider information and billing systems
- Technology costs: hardware or software
- Other supplies needed to carry out CM services, such as UDT cups

Contractor shall submit invoices for actual start-up costs incurred after DHCS has verified that all trainings and readiness assessment requirements have been completed and Contractor has been given approval to begin CM implementation. Start-up period ends the day before the launch of the CM program by the Contractor.

For the term July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, the maximum amount County shall pay Contractor for Contingency Management start-up cost as described in Exhibit A9, shall not exceed TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND (\$25,000) on a cost reimbursement.

### C. INVOICING

1. Contractor shall submit monthly invoices payment in the amount of ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND TWENTY-TWO THREE HUNDRED EIGHTY-EIGHT DOLLARS (\$122,388). Invoice amount shall be submitted by Contractor for an advanced payment. Contractor will submit invoices on forms in a manner prescribed by the County.
2. Invoices shall be provided to County within 15 days after the close of the month in which services were rendered. Following receipt and provisional approval of a monthly invoice, County shall make payment within 30 days.
3. Monthly payments for claimed services shall be based on the units of time assigned to each CPT or HCPCS code entered in the County's billing and transactional database multiplied by the service rates in Exhibit C
4. County's payments to Contractor for performance of claimed services are provisional and subject to adjustment until the completion of all settlement activities. County's adjustments to provisional payments for claimed services shall be based on the terms, conditions, and limitations of this Agreement or the reasons for recoupment set forth in, Section 6.
5. Reconciliations to actual claimed services and 1/12<sup>th</sup> payments will be conducted quarterly.

## D. REASONS FOR RECOUPMENT

- a. County will conduct periodic audits of Contractor files to ensure appropriate clinical documentation, high quality service provision and compliance with applicable federal, state and county regulations.
- b. Such audits may result in requirements for Contractor to reimburse County for services previously paid in the following circumstances:
  - i. Identification of Fraud, Waste or Abuse as defined in federal regulation
  - ii. Fraud and abuse are defined in C.F.R. Title 42, § 455.2 and W&I Code, section 14107.11, subdivision (d).
  - iii. Definitions for “fraud,” “waste,” and “abuse” can also be found in the Medicare Managed Care Manual available at [www.cms.gov/Regulation-and-Guidance/Guidance/Manuals/Downloads/mc86c21.pdf](http://www.cms.gov/Regulation-and-Guidance/Guidance/Manuals/Downloads/mc86c21.pdf)
  - iv. Overpayment of Contractor by County due to errors in claiming or documentation.
  - v. Other reasons specified in the SMHS Reasons for Recoupment document released annually by DHCS and posted on the DHCS BHIN website.
- c. Contractor shall reimburse County for all overpayments identified by Contractor, County, and/or state or federal oversight agencies as an audit exception within the timeframes required by law or Country or state or federal agency. The Contractor shall notify the County within 60 days in writing of any identified overpayments and the reason. Notification shall be emailed to the AOD reporting mailbox at [HS\\_BHRS\\_AOD\\_Reporting@smcgov.org](mailto:HS_BHRS_AOD_Reporting@smcgov.org) and cc BHRS Analyst. The Contractor shall return the overpayment to the County within 60 calendar days after the date on which the overpayment was identified or BHRS may offset the amount disallowed from any payment due to the Contractor under the Contract Agreement.

## 2. ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS

- a. County has the right to monitor the performance of this Agreement to ensure the accuracy of claims for reimbursement and compliance with all applicable laws and regulations.
- b. Contractor must comply with the False Claims Act employee training and policy requirements set forth in 42 U.S.C. 1396a(a)(68) and as

the Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services may specify.

- c. Contractor agrees that no part of any federal funds provided under this Agreement shall be used to pay the salary of an individual per fiscal year at a rate in excess of Level 1 of the Executive Schedule at <https://www.opm.gov/> (U.S. Office of Personnel Management), as from time to time amended.
- d. Federal Financial Participation is not available for any amount furnished to an Excluded individual or entity, or at the direction of a physician during the period of exclusion when the person providing the service knew or had reason to know of the exclusion, or to an individual or entity when the County failed to suspend payments during an investigation of a credible allegation of fraud [42 U.S.C. section 1396b(i)(2)].

### 3. CONTRACTOR PROHIBITED FROM REDIRECTION OF CONTRACTED FUNDS

- a. Contractor may not redirect or transfer funds from one funded program to another funded program under which Contractor provides services pursuant to this Agreement except through a duly executed amendment to this Agreement.
- b. Contractor may not charge services delivered to an eligible client under one funded program to another funded program unless the client is also eligible for services under the second funded program.

### 4. Billing for DMC Services

- a. Contractor shall bill BHRS for services provided to Medi-Cal clients, covered under the DMC-ODS.
- b. Contractor must follow the process established under DHCS ADP Bulletin 11-01, for clients that have other healthcare coverage (OHC) in addition to Medi-Cal including future DHCS process updates for DMC claims for clients with OHC: [http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/MH/MHSUD/Documents/ADP\\_Bulletins/ADP\\_11-01.pdf](http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/MH/MHSUD/Documents/ADP_Bulletins/ADP_11-01.pdf).
- c. Services covered through another healthcare provider shall not be reimbursed through the County. Contractor shall bill the other healthcare coverage for which the client is a member. If Contractor is not a member of the provider network for that healthcare coverage, Contractor shall then refer client to the healthcare provider network.

## 5. DMC-ODS Administrative Requirements

- a. Contractor may not use allocated DMC State General Funds to pay for any non-DMC services. In accordance with W&IC Sections 14132.44 and 14132.47, funds allocated to the Contractor for DMC services, including funding for alcohol and other drug services for pregnant and postpartum women pursuant to Title 22, Section 51341.1(c), may not be used as match for targeted case management services or for MediCal Administrative Activities (MAA).
- b. DMC rates are contingent upon legislative action of the annual State Budget and/or the approval of the DMC-ODS plan. All claims must be documented in accordance with DHCS DMC Provider Billing Manual, DMC rules, guidelines, timelines, and must be provided by staff who are lawfully authorized to provide, prescribe and/or order these services within the scope of their practice and/or licensure.
- c. Contractor shall prepare and retain for DHCS review as needed the following forms: a) multiple billing override certification (MC 6700), document 2K; b) Good Cause Certification (6065A) document 2L(a); and Good Cause Certification (6065B) Document 2LB. In the absence of good cause documented on the GCC 6065 a or b form, claims that are not submitted within thirty (30) days of the end of the month of service will be denied.
- d. The existence of good cause shall be determined by DHCS in accordance with Title 22, CCR, Sections 51008 and 51008.5.
- e. DMC services are jointly funded by Federal Financial Participation (FFP) and matching State and local dollars. FFP is the Federal share of reimbursement for eligible services delivered to MediCal clients as defined by CCR Title 9, Section 1840.1000. Contractor will meet the FFP eligibility criteria.

### E. Non-Reimbursable Services -

In accordance with the AOD Policy and Procedure Manual, DUI/DEJ services are a non-reimbursable service. DUI/DEJ administrative fees must be approved by the Department of Health Care Services.

1 Deferred Entry of Judgment

Contractor shall remit monthly to the BHRS Program Analyst a five percent (5%) administrative fee of the gross revenues received, less refunds to participants, amount of any participant checks returned for insufficient funds, fees charged to Contractor for returned.

2. County Administrative Fee

Contractor will pay County an administrative fee to compensate County for costs incurred in discharging its statutory responsibility to monitor and oversee alcohol and drug programs. Rates for administrative fees assessed by County are approved by the DHCS. Contractor shall remit monthly to BHRS Analyst the following:

- a. administrative fees described hereinabove must be submitted monthly. All units of service reports are due monthly. Copies of all quarterly reports to the State, and State audit preparation packages, will be sent to the County at the same time they are sent to the State. In the event that submission is not postmarked by the twentieth (20th) day of the following month, a five percent (5%) penalty of the full, monthly administrative fee may be assessed by County. This five percent (5%) penalty may be added for each thirty (30) day period, or portion thereof, that the payments are outstanding. If the twentieth (20th) day of the month falls on a weekend or County holiday, the submission of fees must be postmarked by the next workday. All units of service reports are due monthly.
- b. Contractor's gross revenue shall include ancillary, make-up, late, reduced, and incomplete fees, duplicative completion certificate fees, and fees for dishonored checks.
- c. The administrative fees cover the cost of program oversight including contract maintenance and monitoring and other programmatic benefits provided by County. This fee may be revised during the contract period by the mutual agreement of Contractor and the Director of BHRS or designee.

F. All Services

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

1. Modifications to the allocations in Paragraph A of this Exhibit B may be approved by the Chief of San Mateo County Health or designee, subject to the maximum amount set forth in Paragraph 3 of this Agreement.
2. The Chief of San Mateo County Health or designee is authorized to execute contract amendments which modify the County's maximum fiscal obligation by no more than \$25,000 (in aggregate), and/or modify the contract term and/or services so long as the modified term or services is/are within the current or revised fiscal provisions.
3. In the event that funds provided under this Agreement are expended prior to the end of the contract period, Contractor shall provide ongoing services under the terms of this Agreement through the end of the contract period without further payment from County.
4. In the event this Agreement is terminated prior to June 30, 2025, Contractor shall be paid on a prorated basis for only that portion of the contract term during which Contractor provided services pursuant to this Agreement. Such billing shall be subject to the approval of the Chief of San Mateo County Health or designee.
5. Disallowances that are attributable to an error or omission on the part of County shall be the responsibility of County. This shall include but not be limited to quality assurance (QA) audit disallowances as a result of QA Plan error or format problems with County-designed service documents.
6. The contracting parties shall be subject to the examination and audit of the Department of Auditor General for a period of three years after final payment under contract (Government Code, Section 8546.7).
7. County anticipates revenues from various sources to be used to fund services provided by Contractor through this Agreement. Should actual revenues be less than the amounts anticipated for any period of this Agreement, the maximum payment obligation and/or payment obligations for specific services may be reduced at the discretion of the Chief of San Mateo County Health or designee.
8. Adjustments may be made to the total of the Agreement and amounts may be withheld from payments otherwise due to the Contractor for nonperformance to the extent that nonperformance involves fraud, abuse, or failure to achieve the objectives of the provisions of Exhibit A.

9. In the event Contractor claims or receives payment from County for a service, reimbursement for which is later disallowed by County or the State of California or the United States Government, then Contractor shall promptly refund the disallowed amount to County upon request, or, at its option, County may offset the amount disallowed from any payment due or become due to Contractor under this Agreement or any other agreement.
10. Contractor shall provide all pertinent documentation required for Medi-Cal, Medicare, and any other federal and state regulation applicable to reimbursement including assessment and service plans, and progress notes. The County may withhold payment for any and all services for which the required documentation is not provided, or if the documentation provided does not meet professional standards as determined by the San Mateo County BHRS Quality Improvement Manager.

Contractor shall maintain for review and audit and supply to County and/or DHCS upon request, adequate documentation of all expenses claimed pursuant to this Intergovernmental Agreement to permit a determination of expense allowability.

If the allowability or appropriateness of an expense cannot be determined by County or DHCS because invoice detail, fiscal records, or backup documentation is nonexistent or inadequate according to generally accepted accounting principles and generally accepted governmental audit standards, all questionable costs may be disallowed by County or DHCS. Upon receipt of adequate documentation supporting a disallowed or questionable expense, reimbursement may be made for the amount substantiated and deemed allowable. Invoices, received from a Contractor and accepted and/or submitted for payment by County, shall not be deemed evidence of allowable Intergovernmental Agreement costs.

It is understood and agreed that failure by the County or Contractor to comply with applicable federal and state requirements in rendering covered services shall be sufficient cause for the State to deny payments to and/or recover payments from the County and/or terminate the Contractor from DMC program participation. If the State or the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) disallows or denies payments for any claim, County shall repay to the State the federal Medicaid funds and/or State General Funds it received for all claims so disallowed or denied. The overpayment shall be recovered by any of the methods allowed in Title 22, CCR, Sections 51047(a) and (b).

Before such denial, recoupment, or disallowances are made, State shall provide the Contractor with written notice of its proposed action. Such

notice shall include the reason for the proposed action and shall allow the Contractor sixty (60) days to submit additional information before the proposed action is taken, as required in Title 22, CCR, Section 51047(a).

Reimbursement for covered services, other than NTP services, shall be limited to the lower of:

- a. Contractor's usual and customary charges to the general public for the same or similar services;
- b. Contractor's actual allowable costs.

#### 11. Substance Use Block Grant (SUBG) Funding

Contractor shall comply with the SUBG Block Grant financial management standards contained in Title 45, CFR, Part 74, Sections 74.21(b)(1) through (4) and (b)(7), and Part 96, Section 96.30.

Pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 300x-31, Contractor shall not use SUBG Block Grant funds provided by the Intergovernmental Agreement on the following activities:

- a. Provide inpatient services;
- b. Make cash payment to intended recipients of health services;
- c. Purchase or improve land, purchase, construct or permanently improve (other than minor remodeling) any building or other facility or purchase major medical equipment;
- d. Satisfy any requirement for the expenditure of non-federal funds as a condition for the receipt of federal funds;
- d. Provide financial assistance to any entity other than a public or nonprofit private entity;
- e. Pay the salary of an individual through a grant or other extramural mechanism at a rate in excess of level I of the Executive Salary Schedule for the award year: see [http://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/salcap\\_summary.htm](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/salcap_summary.htm);
- f. Purchase treatment services in penal or correctional institutions of this State of California; and
- g. Supplant state funding of programs to prevent and treat substance abuse and related activities.

#### 12. County May Withhold Payment

Contractor shall provide all pertinent documentation required for Medi-Cal, Medicare, and any other federal and state regulation applicable to reimbursement including assessment and service plans, and progress notes. The County may withhold payment for

any and all services for which the required documentation is not provided, or if the documentation provided does not meet professional standards as determined by the BHRS Quality Improvement Manager. Contractor shall meet quarterly with County contract monitor, as designated by the BHRS Deputy Director, Adult and Older Adults, to review documentation and billing reports, and to take appropriate corrective action, as needed, to resolve any identified discrepancies.

13. Inadequate Performance

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

14. Election of Third Party Billing Process

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

a. Option One

- i. Contractor shall bill all eligible third-party payors financially responsible for a member's health care services that Contractor provides through this Agreement. Within ten (10) days of the end of each month, Contractor shall provide to County copies of the Explanation of Benefits or other remittance advice for every third-party payment and/or denial of such third-party payments for services provided by Contractor during such month. The amount of any such third-party payment shall be deducted from the total actual costs for all services rendered by Contractor. County accepts no financial responsibility for services provided to

members where there is a responsible third-party payor, and to the extent that County inadvertently makes payments to Contractor for such services rendered, County shall be entitled to recoup such reimbursement, through reconciliation.

- ii. Contractor shall provide a copy of each completed Payor Financial Form (Attachment D) and subsequent annual updates for all clients who receive services through this Agreement. For clients who begin to receive services during the term of this Agreement, completed Payor Financial Forms shall be provided to the County with client registration forms. For clients who were receiving services prior to the start date of this Agreement and who continue to receive services through this Agreement, completed Payor Financial Forms are due within ten (10) days of the end of the first month of the Agreement.

a. Option Two

- i. Contractor shall provide information to County so that County may bill applicable other third-parties before billing Medi-Cal for services provided by Contractor through this Agreement. The amount of any such third-party payment shall be deducted from the total actual costs for all services rendered by Contractor. County accepts no financial responsibility for services provided to members where there is a responsible third-party payor, and to the extent that County inadvertently makes payments to Contractor for such services rendered, County shall be entitled to recoup such reimbursement through the reconciliation.
- ii. Contractor shall provide a copy of the completed Payor Financial Form (Attachment D) and subsequent annual updates for all clients who receive services through this agreement. For clients who begin to receive services during the term of this Agreement, completed Payor Financial Forms shall be provided to the County with client registration forms. For clients who were receiving services prior to the start date of this Agreement and who continue to receive services through this Agreement, completed Payor Financial

Forms are due within ten (10) days of the end of the first month of the Agreement.

15. Member Billing

Contractor shall not submit a claim to, demand or otherwise collect reimbursement from, the member or persons acting on behalf of the member for any specialty mental health or related administrative services provided under this contract except to collect other health insurance coverage, share of cost and co-payments. The Contractor shall not hold members liable for debts in the event that the County becomes insolvent, for costs of covered services for which the State does not pay the County, for costs of covered services for which the State or the County does not pay the Contractor, for costs of covered services provided under this or other contracts, referral or other arrangement rather than from the County, or for payment of subsequent screening and treatment needed to diagnose the specific condition of or stabilize a member with an emergency psychiatric condition.

16. Claims Certification and Program Integrity

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

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

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

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

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

Agency \_\_\_\_\_ ”

c. The certification shall attest to the following for each member with services included in the claim:

i. An assessment of the member was conducted in compliance with the requirements established in this agreement.

ii. The member was eligible to receive services described in Exhibit A of this Agreement at the time the services were provided to the member.

iii. The services included in the claim were actually provided to the member.

iv. Medical necessity was established for the member as defined under California Code of Regulations, Title 9, Division 1, Chapter 11, for the service or services provided, for the timeframe in which the services were provided.

v. A client plan was developed and maintained for the member that met all client plan requirements established in this agreement.

vi. For each member with specialty mental health services included in the claim, all requirements for Contractor payment authorization for specialty mental health services were met, and any reviews for such service or services were conducted prior to the initial authorization and any re-authorization periods as established in this agreement.

vii. Services are offered and provided without discrimination based on race, religion, color, national or ethnic origin, sex, age, or physical or mental disability.

d. Except as provided in Paragraph V.A. of Exhibit A relative to medical records, Contractor agrees to keep for a minimum

period of three years from the date of service a printed representation of all records which are necessary to disclose fully the extent of services furnished to the client. Contractor agrees to furnish these records and any information regarding payments claimed for providing the services, on request, within the State of California, to the California Department of Health Services; the Medi-Cal Fraud Unit; California Department of Mental Health; California Department of Justice; Office of the State Controller; U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board or their duly authorized representatives, and/or the County.

#### 17. Audit Requirements

All expenditures of County realignment funds, state and federal funds furnished to the Contractor are subject to audit by the State. Such audits shall consider and build upon external independent audits performed pursuant to audit requirements of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) 2 CFR 200 and/or any independent Contractor audits or reviews.

In addition to requirements below, Contractor shall be in compliance with federal Single Audit requirements as a designated sub-recipient of federal funding. Contractor agrees to amend this agreement during the contract term to add federal Uniform Guidance compliance requirements.

Objectives of audits may include, but not limited to, the following:

- a. To determine whether units of service claimed/reported are properly documented by service records and accurately accumulated for claiming/reporting.
- b. To validate data reported by the Contractor for prospective Intergovernmental Agreement negotiations.
- c. To provide technical assistance in addressing current year activities and providing recommendation on internal controls, accounting procedures, financial records, and compliance with laws and regulations.
- d. To determine the cost of services, net of related patient and participant fees, third- party payments, and other related revenues and funds.

- e. To determine that expenditures are made in accordance with applicable state and federal laws and regulations and State Agreement with the State requirements, and/or;
- f. To determine the facts in relation to analysis of data, complaints, or allegations, which may be indicative of fraud, abuse, willful misrepresentation.

Unannounced visits may be made at the discretion of the State and/or County.

The refusal of the Contractor to permit access to and inspection of electronic or print books and records, physical facilities, and/or refusal to permit interviews with employees, as described in this part constitutes an express and immediate material breach of this Agreement and will be sufficient basis to terminate the Agreement for cause or default.

County shall monitor the activities of Contractor to ensure that:

- a. Contractor is complying with program requirements and achieving performance goals; and
- b. Contractor is complying with fiscal requirements, such as having appropriate fiscal controls in place, and using awards for authorized purposes.

Contractor shall be responsible for any disallowance taken by the Federal Government, the State, or the California State Auditor, as a result of any audit exception that is related to the Contractor's responsibilities herein.

Pursuant to OMB Circular A-133, State may impose sanctions against the Contractor for not submitting single or program-specific audit reports, or failure to comply with all other audit requirements. Should such sanctions be due to noncompliance by the Contractor, such sanctions will be passed on to the Contractor by the County. The sanctions may include:

- a. Withholding a percentage of federal awards until the audit is completed satisfactorily.
- b. Withhold or disallowing overhead costs.

- c. Suspending federal awards until the audit is conducted; or
- d. Terminating the federal award.

18. Drug Medi-Cal Financial Audit Requirements

In addition to the audit requirements, the State may also conduct financial audits of DMC programs, exclusive of NTP services, to accomplish any of, but not limited to, the following audit objectives:

- a. To review reported costs for validity, appropriate allocation methodology, and compliance with Medicaid laws and regulations;
- b. To ensure that only the cost of allowable DMC activities are included in reported costs;
- c. To determine the provider's usual and customary charge to the general public in accordance with CMS (The Medicare Provider Reimbursement Manual) (CMS- Pub.15), which can be obtained from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Baltimore, Maryland, or [www.cms.hhs.gov](http://www.cms.hhs.gov) for comparison to the DMC cost per unit;
- d. To review documentation of units of service and determine the final number of approved units of service;
- e. To determine the amount of clients' third-party revenue and MediCal share of cost to offset allowable DMC reimbursement; and
- f. To compute final settlement based on the lower of actual allowable cost, the usual and customary charge, or the maximum allowance, in accordance with Title 22, Section 51516.1.

19. Contractor shall be responsible for any disallowances taken by the Federal Government, the State, or the Bureau of State Audits as a result of any audit exception that is related to its responsibilities. Contractor shall not use funds administered by the State to repay one federal funding source with funds provided by another federal funding source, or to repay federal funds with state funds, or to repay state funds with federal funds.

Contractor agrees to promptly develop and implement any corrective

action plans in a manner acceptable to the State in order to comply with recommendations contained in any audit report. Such corrective action plans shall include time-specific objectives to allow for measurement of progress and are subject to verification by the State within six (6) months from the date of the plan.

20. DMC Record Keeping

Contractor shall maintain sufficient books, records, documents, and other evidence necessary for the State to audit Intergovernmental Agreement performance and Intergovernmental Agreement compliance. Contractor shall make these records available to the State, upon request, to evaluate the quality and quantity of services, accessibility and appropriateness of services, and to ensure fiscal accountability. Regardless of the location or ownership of such records, they shall be sufficient to determine if costs incurred by Contractor are reasonable, allowable and allocated appropriately. All records must be capable of verification by qualified auditors.

- a. Contractor shall include in any Agreement with an audit firm a clause to permit access by the State to the working papers of the external independent auditor and require that copies of the working papers shall be made for the State at its request.
- b. Contractor shall keep adequate and sufficient financial records and statistical data to support the year-end documents filed with the State. All records must be capable of verification by qualified auditors.
- c. Accounting records and supporting documents shall be retained for a ten (10) year period from the date the year-end cost settlement report was approved by the State for interim settlement. When an audit by the Federal Government, the State, or the California State Auditor has been started before the expiration of the ten (10) year period, the records shall be retained until completion of the audit and final resolution of all issues that arise in the audit.
- d. Financial records shall be kept so that they clearly reflect the source of funding for each type of service for which reimbursement is claimed. These documents include, but are not limited to, all ledgers, books, vouchers, time sheets, payrolls, appointment schedules, client data cards, and schedules for allocating costs. All records must be capable of verification by qualified auditors.

- e. Should Contractor discontinue its contractual agreement with the County, or cease to conduct business in its entirety, Contractor shall provide fiscal and program records for the Agreement period to the County. Records shall be provided in compliance with the State Administrative Manual (SAM), located at <http://sam.dgs.ca.gov/TOC/1600.aspx>.

The Contractor shall retain all records required by Welfare and Institutions Code section 14124.1, 42 CFR 433.32, and California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Section 51341.1 et seq. for reimbursement of services and financial audit purposes.

- f. In the expenditure of funds hereunder, and as required by 45 CFR Part 96, Contractor shall comply with the requirements of SAM and the laws and procedures applicable to the obligation and expenditure of federal and state funds.
- f. Contractor shall retain records of utilization review activities required for a minimum of ten (10) years.

In addition, Contractor shall, upon request, make available to the County and/or the State their fiscal and other records to assure that Contractor has adequate recordkeeping capability and to assure that reimbursement for covered DMC services is made in accordance with Title 22, CCR, Section 51516.1. These records include, but are not limited to, matters pertaining to:

- Provider ownership, organization, and operation;
- Fiscal, medical, and other recordkeeping systems;
- Federal income tax status;
- Asset acquisition, lease, sale, or other action;
- Franchise or management arrangements;
- Patient service charge schedules;
- Costs of operation;
- Cost allocation methodology;
- Amounts of income received by source and purpose;
- and
- Flow of funds and working capital.

## 21. Dispute Resolution Process

- a. When a financial audit is conducted by the Federal Government, the State, or the California State Auditor directly with Contractor, and if the Contractor disagrees with audit disallowances related to its programs, claims or services, County shall, at the Contractor's request, request an appeal to the State. Contractor must file such an appeal of State audit findings with the County. The appeal must be in writing and sent to the County AOD Administrator within thirty (30) days of receipt of the audit findings.
- b. When a financial audit is conducted by the County with Contractor, and if the Contractor disagrees with audit disallowances related to its programs, claims or services, the Contractor may file a written appeal by email or facsimile with the Director of Behavioral Health and Recovery Services. The appeal must be sent within thirty (30) days of receipt of the audit findings from the County.

The County will respond to an appeal within ten (10) business days of receiving it, and the County may, at its election, set up a meeting with the Contractor to discuss the concerns raised by the appeal. The decision of the County will be final. The appeal letter must be sent as follows:

Director, Behavioral Health and Recovery Services  
c/o Janet Gard  
[jgard@smcgov.org](mailto:jgard@smcgov.org)

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



## ATTACHMENT L – DHCS LEGAL AND REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS

Contractor and staff are required to know and implement all federal, state and local legal and regulatory requirements that pertain to the provision of DHCS services.

<u>42 CFR</u>	<b>PUBLIC HEALTH</b>	
<u>Part 431</u> (Single state agency)	A single state agency will be assigned to manage this contract. For California it is DHCS.	
431.107 (record keeping)	Provider Agreement required. Provide the fraud control unit any information regarding payments claimed by the provider for furnishing services.	
438	MANAGED CARE	
<b>Not applicable to the DMC-ODS waiver</b>	438.104	Marketing activities
	438.114	Emergency post stabilization services
	438.116	Solvency standards
	438.206(b)(2)	Women’s Health Services
	438.208(c)(1)	Individuals with special health care needs
	438.6(i)	Advanced directives
	438.210 (Managed care definitions) Covered services	Managed Care (Managed Care Organization, Prepaid Inpatient Health Plan, & Prepaid Ambulatory Health Plans) must specify the amount, duration, and scope of each service to assure that that the services are set reasonably to achieve the purpose for which services are furnished. May not arbitrarily reduce or deny services solely because of diagnosis, type of illness, or condition of a beneficiary. *1
455 (Program Integrity: Medicaid)	Disclosure of Information by Providers and Fiscal Agents.	
455.101	Definitions of Agent, hospital, MediCare Intermediary, carrier, Health Insuring Organization, Managed Care Entity (MCE),MCO, PIHP, FPHP, PCCM and HIO’s; ownership, controlling interest, indirect ownership, subcontractor, supplier, termination, & fraud.	
455.104	Disclosure by Medicaid providers and fiscal agents: of information on ownership and control, the means of providing identifications (SSN, DOB, address, etc.); relationships; when disclosures are due: application, renewal, upon investigation, etc....	
455.23	Suspension of payments in case of fraud. Payments can be suspended upon the initiation of a fraud investigation.	
455.34		
455.450(c) (program integrity)	Provide screening levels for Medicaid Providers and conduct screening at the level of assessed risk. Limited, moderate, or high.	
<u>Part 8</u> (Medicated)	Accreditation, responsibilities, evaluation, and withdrawal of accreditation. Certification and treatment standards.	

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assisted treatment for opioid use disorder)	Procedures for review of suspension or proposed revocation of OTP certification, and of adverse action regarding withdrawal of approval of an accreditation body. Authorization to increase patient limit to 275.
Part 2	Confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records.
<b><u>CFR</u></b> <b><u>Title 21</u></b>	Food and drug administration, Department of Health and Human services
1300 et seq	Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice. Quotas, records and reports of registrants, schedule I and II controlled substances, prescriptions, administrative functions, practices, and procedures.
<b><u>W&amp;I</u></b>	<b>WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE</b>
<b><u>Chapter 7</u></b>	<b>BASIC HEALTH CARE</b>
14000 et seq	General provisions. The purpose of this chapter is to afford to qualifying individuals health care and related remedial or preventive services, including related social services which are necessary for those receiving health care under this chapter.
14021.51-.53 14043.1	The department shall establish a NRT dosing fee for methadone and LAAM. Only covered services are eligible for reimbursement. Financial evaluation form instructions.
14043.27	Termination of provisional provider status and preferred provisional provider status.
14043.36	The department shall not enroll any applicant that has been convicted of any felony or misdemeanor involving fraud or abuse in any government program.
14043.6	The department shall automatically suspend any entity upon the loss, revocation, suspension of their license or certificate.
14043.61	A provider shall be subject to suspension if claims are submitted by entities listed on the suspended and ineligible provider list or any list published by the Federal Office of Inspector General.
14100.2	California Privacy Law.
14107.11	Upon receipt of a credible allegation of fraud for which an investigation is pending the provider shall be temporarily placed under payment suspension unless there is a good cause exception.
14124.20-.25	The department may enter into a DMC Treatment

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Program contract with each county for the provision of AOD services within the county service area or the department can enter into contracts with individual providers. Defines reimbursable services including NTP and Perinatal Services. Goes into FFP and county funding, cost reports, criminal investigations, fair hearings, DMC's toll free number.

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(a) Once the negotiated rate with service providers has been approved by the county, all participating governmental funding sources, except the Medi-Cal program (Chapter 7 (commencing with Section 14000) of Part 3 of Division 9 of the Welfare and Institutions Code), shall be bound to that rate as the cost of providing all or part of the total county alcohol and other drug program as described in the county contract for each fiscal year to the extent that the governmental funding sources participate in funding the county alcohol and other drug program. Where the State Department of Health Services adopts regulations for determining reimbursement of alcohol and other drug program services formerly allowable under the Short-Doyle program and reimbursed under the Medi-Cal Act, those regulations shall be controlling only as to the rates for reimbursement of alcohol and other drug program services allowable under the Medi-Cal program and rendered to Medi-Cal beneficiaries. Providers under this section shall report to the department and the county any information required by the department in accordance with the procedures established by the director of the department.

(b) The Legislature recognizes that alcohol and other drug abuse services differ from mental health services provided through the State Department of Health Care Services and therefore should not necessarily be bound by rate determination methodology used for reimbursement of those services formerly provided under the Short-Doyle program and reimbursed under the Medi-Cal Act.

### CCR

### California Code of Regulations

Title 22

Social Security

Division 3,

Health Care Services



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to beneficiaries under FFS Medicaid, as set forth in §440.230 of this chapter, and for enrollees under the age of 21, as set forth in subpart B of part 440 of this chapter.

(3) Provide that the MCO, PIHP, or PAHP—

(i) Must ensure that the services are sufficient in amount, duration, or scope to reasonably achieve the purpose for which the services are furnished.

(ii) May not arbitrarily deny or reduce the amount, duration, or scope of a required service solely because of diagnosis, type of illness, or condition of the beneficiary.

(4) Permit an MCO, PIHP, or PAHP to place appropriate limits on a service—

(i) On the basis of criteria applied under the State plan, such as medical necessity; or

(ii) For the purpose of utilization control, provided that—

(A) The services furnished can reasonably achieve their purpose, as required in paragraph (a)(3)(i) of this section;

(B) The services supporting individuals with ongoing or chronic conditions or who require long-term services and supports are authorized in a manner that reflects the enrollee's ongoing need for such services and supports; and

(C) Family planning services are provided in a manner that protects and enables the enrollee's freedom to choose the method of family planning to be used consistent with §441.20 of this chapter.

(5) Specify what constitutes “medically necessary services” in a manner that—

(i) Is no more restrictive than that used in the State Medicaid program, including quantitative and non-quantitative treatment limits, as indicated in State statutes and regulations, the State Plan, and other State policy and procedures; and

(ii) Addresses the extent to which the MCO, PIHP, or PAHP is responsible for covering services that address:

(A) The prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of an enrollee's disease, condition, and/or disorder that results in health impairments and/or disability.

(B) The ability for an enrollee to achieve age-appropriate growth and development.

(C) The ability for an enrollee to attain, maintain, or regain functional capacity.

(D) The opportunity for an enrollee receiving long-term services and supports to have access to the benefits of community living, to achieve person-centered goals, and live and work in the setting of their choice.

(b) *Authorization of services.* For the processing of requests for initial and continuing authorizations of services, each contract must require—

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(1) That the MCO, PIHP, or PAHP and its subcontractors have in place, and follow, written policies and procedures.

(2) That the MCO, PIHP, or PAHP—

(i) Have in effect mechanisms to ensure consistent application of review criteria for authorization decisions.

(ii) Consult with the requesting provider for medical services when appropriate.

(iii) Authorize LTSS based on an enrollee's current needs assessment and consistent with the person-centered service plan.

(3) That any decision to deny a service authorization request or to authorize a service in an amount, duration, or scope that is less than requested, be made by an individual who has appropriate expertise in addressing the enrollee's medical, behavioral health, or long-term services and supports needs.

(c) *Notice of adverse benefit determination.* Each contract must provide for the MCO, PIHP, or PAHP to notify the requesting provider, and give the enrollee written notice of any decision by the MCO, PIHP, or PAHP to deny a service authorization request, or to authorize a service in an amount, duration, or scope that is less than requested. For MCOs, PIHPs, and PAHPs, the enrollee's notice must meet the requirements of §438.404.

(d) *Timeframe for decisions.* Each MCO, PIHP, or PAHP contract must provide for the following decisions and notices:

(1) *Standard authorization decisions.* For standard authorization decisions, provide notice as expeditiously as the enrollee's condition requires and within State-established timeframes that may not exceed 14 calendar days following receipt of the request for service, with a possible extension of up to 14 additional calendar days, if—

(i) The enrollee, or the provider, requests extension; or

(ii) The MCO, PIHP, or PAHP justifies (to the State agency upon request) a need for additional information and how the extension is in the enrollee's interest.

(2) *Expedited authorization decisions.* (i) For cases in which a provider indicates, or the MCO, PIHP, or PAHP determines, that following the standard timeframe could seriously jeopardize the enrollee's life or health or ability to attain, maintain, or regain maximum function, the MCO, PIHP, or PAHP must make an expedited authorization decision and provide notice as expeditiously as the enrollee's health condition requires and no later than 72 hours after receipt of the request for service.

(ii) The MCO, PIHP, or PAHP may extend the 72 hour time period by up to 14 calendar days if the enrollee requests an extension, or if the MCO, PIHP, or PAHP justifies (to the State agency upon request) a need for additional information and how the extension is in the enrollee's interest.

(3) *Covered outpatient drug decisions.* For all covered outpatient drug authorization decisions, provide notice as described in section 1927(d)(5)(A) of the Act.

## ATTACHMENT L – DHCS LEGAL AND REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS

Contractor and staff are required to know and implement all federal, state and local legal and regulatory requirements that pertain to the provision of DHCS services.

(e) *Compensation for utilization management activities.* Each contract between a State and MCO, PIHP, or PAHP must provide that, consistent with §438.3(i), and §422.208 of this chapter, compensation to individuals or entities that conduct utilization management activities is not structured so as to provide incentives for the individual or entity to deny, limit, or discontinue medically necessary services to any enrollee.

(f) *Applicability date.* This section applies to the rating period for contracts with MCOs, PIHPs, and PAHPs beginning on or after July 1, 2017. Until that applicability date, states are required to continue to comply with §438.210 contained in the 42 CFR parts 430 to 481, edition revised as of October 1, 2015.