# SIGNATURE DOCUMENT FOR TEXAS HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION CONTRACT NO. HHS000136500001 UNDER THE

#### TITLE V FEE FOR SERVICE CHILD HEALTH AND DENTAL GRANT PROGRAM

#### I. PURPOSE

The Health and Human Services Commission ("System Agency"), a pass-through entity, and Contractor Name **HARRIS COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH** ("Grantee") (each a "Party" and collectively the "Parties") enter into the following grant contract to provide funding for Child Health and Dental Fee for Services (the "Contract").

# II. LEGAL AUTHORITY

This Contract is authorized by and in compliance with the provisions of the federal Maternal and Child Health Program. TEX. HEALTH & SAFETY CODE CHAPT. 1001 AND TEX GOV'T CODE CHAPS. 2155 AND 2254.

#### III. DURATION

The Contract is effective on September 1, 2019 and terminates on August 31, 2021, unless renewed, extended, or terminated pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Contract. The System Agency, at its own discretion, may extend this Contract subject to terms and conditions mutually agreeable to both Parties.

# IV. BUDGET

The total amount of this Contract will not exceed \$1,231,200.00

FY2020 funding not to exceed \$615,600.00.

FY2021 funding not to exceed \$615,600.00.

All expenditures under the Contract will be in accordance with Title V Policy Manual.

#### V. NOTICE TO PROCEED

No work may begin, and no expenses may be incurred prior to issuance of a written Notice to Proceed by the System Agency

# VI. Reporting Requirements

Contractor is responsible for timely submission of:

- a. Purchase Voucher due on the last day of the month following the month of service delivery.
- b. Annual Financial Reconciliation Report (FRR) due on October 15<sup>th</sup> following the close of the fiscal year.
- c. Annual Federal Funding Accountability Transparency Act (FFATA) due by the 31<sup>st</sup> of October.

#### VI. CONTRACT REPRESENTATIVES

The following will act as the Representative authorized to administer activities under this Contract on behalf of their respective Party.

#### System Agency

Health and Human Services Commission Brown-Heatly Building 4900 N. Lamar Blvd. Austin, TX 78751-2316 Attention: Josie Wheatfall

#### Contractor

Harris County Public Health 2223 West Loop South Houston, Texas 77027 Attention: Les Becker

#### VII. LEGAL NOTICES

Any legal notice required under this Contract shall be deemed delivered when deposited by the System Agency either in the United States mail, postage paid, certified, return receipt requested; or with a common carrier, overnight, signature required, to the appropriate address below:

#### **System Agency**

Office of Chief Counsel Health and Human Services Commission Austin, Texas 78751 Attention: Karen Ray

#### Grantee

Harris County Public Health 2223 West Loop South Houston, Texas 77027 Attention: Les Becker

Notice given by Grantee will be deemed effective when received by the System Agency. Either Party may change its address for notice by written notice to the other Party.

#### VIII. ADDITIONAL GRANT INFORMATION

Federal Award Identification Number (FAIN): BO4MC30644

Federal Award Date: 11/26/2018

Name of Federal Awarding Agency: Health Resources and Services Administration, U.S.

Department of Health and Human Services

CFDA Name and Number: Maternal and Child Health Services - 93.994

Awarding Official Contact Information: Michael Warren - Associate Administrator HSRA Headquarters 5600 Fishers Lane Rockville, MD 20857 (301) 443-2170

#### IX. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

For non-governmental entities, if a contract dispute arises that cannot be resolved to the satisfaction of the Parties, either Party may notify the other Party in writing of the dispute. If the Parties are unable to satisfactorily resolve the dispute within fourteen (14) days of the written notification, the Parties must use the dispute resolution process provided for in Chapter 2260 of the Texas Government Code to attempt to resolve the dispute. This provision will not apply to any matter with respect to which either Party may decide within its respective sole discretion.

SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS

# SIGNATURE PAGE FOR SYSTEM AGENCY CONTRACT NO. HHS000136500001

HARRIS COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH
Docusigned by: Lina Hidalgo
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Title: <u>County Judge</u> Date of execution: <u>September 27, 20</u> 19

THE FOLLOWING ATTACHMENTS TO SYSTEM AGENCY CONTRACT NO. HHS000136500001 ARE HEREBY INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE:

ATTACHMENT A – STATEMENT OF WORK

ATTACHMENT B - BUDGET

ATTACHMENT C - UNIFORM TERMS AND CONDITIONS, GRANT - VERSION 2.16

ATTACHMENT D – DATA USE AGREEMENT

ATTACHMENT E – SECURITY AND PRIVACY INQUIRY (SPI)

ATTACHMENT F - LOBBYING CERTIFICATION

ATTACHMENT G - NON-CONSTRUCTION ASSURANCES

ATTACHMENT H - FEDERAL FUNDING ACCOUNTABILITY TRANSPARENCY ACT

ATTACHMENT I – SYSTEM AGENCY SOLICITATION NO. HHS0001365

ATTACHMENT J – HHSC SPECIAL CONDITIONS

ATTACHMENT K- CLARIFICATION FORM R-1 CEILING REQUEST AND PERFORMANCE MEASURES

ATTACHMENT L – CONTRACTOR RESPONSE TO RFA

**ATTACHMENTS FOLLOW** 

Attachment A

Statement of Work

# Statement of Work

#### 1. GRANTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

To participate as a provider under this contract, the Grantee must:

- 1.1 Ensure compliance with this contract including these grantee contractual responsibilities.
- 1.2 Provide or assure the provision of child health and/or child dental services that include screening and eligibility determination, direct clinical and/or dental services, laboratory services, Title V Children and Pregnant Women (Title V CPW) case management and appropriate referrals, as necessary. Grantee shall have an established referral relationship with a qualified provider for each approved service which it does not provide
- 1.3 Agrees to submit data and billing within thirty (30) days of services, according to the business requirements in the current Title V Maternal and Child Health Fee for-Service Program Policy Manual which can be accessed at <a href="https://hhs.texas.gov/doing-business-hhs/provider-portals/health-services-providers/title-v-maternal-child-health-fee-service-program">https://hhs.texas.gov/doing-business-hhs/provider-portals/health-services-providers/title-v-maternal-child-health-fee-service-program</a>
- 1.4 Provide Title V Child Health Services and/or Dental in accordance with the terms of this Contract, and with the System Agency Request for Application (RFA) No. HHS00001365, attached hereto and made a part hereof as **Attachment I**
- 1.5 Provide services only to eligible individuals. To be eligible for Title V Child Health Services and/or Dental, an individual must be:
  - 1. An infant not more than eleven (11) months of age;
  - 2. A child or adolescent one (1) through twenty-one (21) years of age;
  - 3. A Texas resident;
  - 4. In financial need based on a gross family income at or below 185% of the most recent Federal Poverty Level; and
  - 5. Ineligible for other programs/benefits providing the same services.

Children and adolescents, who would otherwise meet Title V eligibility requirements, shall also be regarded as potentially Title V eligible. Individual client eligibility will be determined on an annual basis, and at other times as necessary, based upon change in income.

Grantee will screen all individuals considered for Title V eligibility and determine eligibility using a System Agency or Title V program-approved screening process as updated in the spring of each year when federal poverty levels and eligibility determination forms are revised.

- 1.6 Notify the System Agency/Office of Primary and Specialty Health (OPSH) in writing of any clinic site information changes, e.g., changes in contact person, hours of operation, address, Texas Provider Identification (TPI) number, National Provider Identification (NPI) number, the closure, relocation, and/or opening of clinic site(s).
- 1.7 Comply with the following guidelines regarding co-pays, as applicable. Grantee may assess a co-pay from clients who receive services under this Contract. A co-pay shall not be assessed from such clients if their family income is at or below 100% of the most recently defined federal poverty level. A co-pay assessment shall not exceed 25% of the authorized and approved reimbursement amount for allowed services. A client shall not be denied services due to inability to pay.
- 1.8 Make reasonable efforts to investigate and apply for all other sources of third party funding available to, or identified by, the client before submitting claims for allowable costs.
- 1.9 Allow System Agency to conduct on-site quality assurance reviews as deemed necessary by System Agency. Unsatisfactory review findings may result in implementation of contract actions up to and including termination of the Contract.
- 1.10 Comply with all applicable federal and state laws, rules, regulations, standards and guidelines, as amended, including but not limited to Title V of the Social Security Act, 42 USC § 701, et seq.

#### 2. PERFORMANCE MEASURES

- 2.1 The following performance measures will be used to assess, in part, Grantee's effectiveness in providing the services described in this Contract, without waiving the enforceability of any of the other terms of this Contract:
  - 1. Grantee shall provide child dental services to at least 1,350 unduplicated clients at an average cost per client of \$456.00.
  - 2. Grantee shall screen 100% of individuals considered for Title V eligibility with System Agency-approved screening process and refer to other programs and funding sources as appropriate.
- 2.2 Performance of Grantee, including compliance with System Agency Program procedures, policies and guidance, contractual conditions, attainment of performance measures, maintenance of adequate staff, and submission of required data and narrative reports, if applicable, will be regularly assessed.

2.3 Failure to comply with stated requirements and contractual conditions may result in the immediate loss of contract funds at the discretion of System Agency.

# 3. SERVICE DELIVERY AREA (S)

Grantee shall perform the activities in the service area designated in this contract. The approved service area for this Title V grant is region (s) 6/5S, including the counties listed below:

Harris

#### 4. BILLING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 Grantee shall bill System Agency monthly for allowable services provided to Title V eligible clients. Bills for all allowable services shall be submitted as aggregate activity reports with a System Agency Monthly Reimbursement Request and shall not refer to or identify individual clients. Grantee shall bill within thirty (30) days after the end of the month in which services were provided or within sixty (60) days in cases of potentially Medicaid eligible individuals who are denied eligibility by the Health and Human Services Commission. All bills shall be submitted within forty-five (45) days of the end of the Contract term.
- 4.2 Grantee shall request payment using the Purchase Voucher Form 4116 which coincides with the appropriate Monthly Reimbursement Request (MRR), for Title V Fee for Service Program (Form #EF21-12005). With each Purchase Voucher Form 4116 and MRR, Grantee shall submit the following acceptable supporting documentation for reimbursement of the required services/deliverables:
  - 1. Title V Maternal-Child Services Report (Child Health & Dental) (Form EF21-12005); and
  - 2. Monthly Aggregate Activity Report (Form EF21-12005). Each report shall detail the total unduplicated number of clients seen for the first time within a service category type during the contract period by age, and race/ethnicity. Billing requests will not be processed for payment by System Agency unless accompanied by a complete corresponding aggregate report.
- 4.3 Grantee shall submit Purchase Vouchers, MRRs, and supporting documentation to the email address(es) listed on the purchase voucher and MRR. Purchase Vouchers and MRRs shall be submitted each month for actual expenditures of the program, even if there are zero monthly expenditures or the contract limit has been reached.

- 4.4 Grantee shall request payment from System Agency as directed by the Title V Maternal and Child Health Fee for Service Program Policy Manual whether via voucher or a web-based system.
- 4.5 Grantee shall submit a "Financial Reconciliation Report" (Form GC-10) no later than sixty (60) days after the end of the attachment term. This report must be signed and marked "Final" and shall be scanned and emailed to email address(es) listed on the Form GC-10.
- 4.6 System Agency shall distribute funds in a way that will maximize the delivery of authorized services to eligible clients. System Agency will monitor Grantee's billing activity. If utilization is below that projected in Grantee's budget, shown in the Signature Document, Grantee's ceiling may be subject to a decrease for the remainder of the Contract period. Grantee may be subject to contract ceiling amount decreases if Grantee's billing activity is less than projected.
- 4.7 System Agency may pay for additional services as specified in this Contract if provided by Grantee during the term of this Contract (but not otherwise paid during the term of this Program Attachment) if it is in the best interest of the State and the System Agency Program to do so, and if funds are available. If Grantee exceeds the ceiling amount of this Contract, Grantee shall continue to bill System Agency for the services provided. System Agency may pay for these additional services if funds become available at a later date.
- 4.8 Grantee shall accept reimbursement or payment from System Agency and any applicable fees from clients for clinical health services as payment in full for services or goods provided to clients. Grantee shall not seek additional reimbursement or payment for services or goods from clients other than applicable fees for clinical health services.
- 4.9 At the request of HHSC, contractor may be required to provide additional supportive documentation with invoices.

#### 5. AVAILABLE FUNDING

- 5.1 HHSC reserves the right to re-allocate grant funds to prevent underutilization in the event HHSC determines, in its sole discretion, that a Grantee cannot reasonably utilize all funds awarded.
- 5.2 HHSC reserves the right, where allowed by legal authority, to redirect fund in the event of financial shortfalls. HHSC Program will monitor Contractor's expenditures on a quarterly basis. If projected expenditures are below the total contract amount, Contractor's budget may be subject to a decrease for the remainder of the Contract term.

# 6. REIMBURSEMENT FOR TITLE V MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH SERVICES

6.1 Grantees are reimbursed for allowable child health and/or child dental services on a feefor- service basis using established reimbursement rates available online at <a href="https://hhs.texas.gov/doing-business-hhs/provider-portals/health-services-providers/title-v-maternal-child-health-fee-service-program/forms-resources">https://hhs.texas.gov/doing-business-hhs/provider-portals/health-services-providers/title-v-maternal-child-health-fee-service-program/forms-resources</a>

Grantees must bill HHSC on a monthly basis for services delivered using invoice templates provided annually or when changes to templates are necessary by HHSC.

- 6.2 Reimbursement requests are due to HHSC within thirty (30) days after the end of the month in which services were provided. Rates are subject to change at HHSC's sole discretion.
  - 6.2.1 Specific requirements related to the provision of Title V services are found in the Title V Maternal and Child Health Fee for Service Program Policy Manual https://hhs.texas.gov/doing-business-hhs/provider-portals/health-services-providers/title-v-maternal-child-health-fee-service-program
  - 6.2.2 Title V rate worksheets including reimbursement codes, service and procedure descriptors and reimbursement rates can be found at <a href="https://hhs.texas.gov/doing-business-hhs/provider-portals/health-services-providers/title-v-maternal-child-health-fee-service-program/forms-resources">https://hhs.texas.gov/doing-business-hhs/provider-portals/health-services-providers/title-v-maternal-child-health-fee-service-program/forms-resources</a>

Attachment B

Budget

# Budget

# 1. BUDGET

1.1 The total amount of this Contract will not exceed \$1,231,200.00. All expenditures under the Contract will be in accordance with the following cost categories:

		FY 2020	FY 2021	Grand Totals
Child Dental	Number of Clients	1,350	1,350	2,700
	Total \$ Amount for all services provided	\$615,600	\$615,600	1,231,200

# Attachment C

Uniform Terms and Conditions, Grant – Version 2.16

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#### ARTICLE I. DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETIVE PROVISIONS

#### 1.1 **DEFINITIONS**

As used in this Contract, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the following terms and conditions have the meanings assigned below:

- "<u>Amendment</u>" means a written agreement, signed by the Parties, which documents changes to the Contract other than those permitted by Work Orders or Technical Guidance Letters.
- "<u>Attachment</u>" means documents, terms, conditions, or information added to this Contract following the Signature Document or included by reference, and made a part of this Contract.
- "Contract" means the Signature Document, these Uniform Terms and Conditions, along with any Attachments, and any Amendments, or Technical Guidance Letters that may be issued by the System Agency, to be incorporated by reference for all purposes.
- "<u>Deliverable</u>" means the work product(s), including all reports and project documentation, required to be submitted by Grantee to the System Agency.
- "Effective Date" means the date agreed to by the Parties as the date on which the Contract takes effect.
- "Federal Fiscal Year" means the period beginning October 1 and ending September 30 each year, which is the annual accounting period for the United States government.
- "GAAP" means Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.
- "GASB" means the Governmental Accounting Standards Board.
- "<u>Grantee</u>" means the Party receiving funds under this Contract. May also be referred to as "Contractor" in certain attachments.
- "<u>Health and Human Services Commission</u>" or "<u>HHSC</u>" means the administrative agency established under Chapter 531, Texas Government Code, or its designee.
- "<u>HUB</u>" means Historically Underutilized Business, as defined by Chapter 2161 of the Texas Government Code.
- "Intellectual Property Rights" means the worldwide proprietary rights or interests, including patent, copyright, trade secret, and trademark rights, as such right may be evidenced by or embodied in:
  - i. any idea, design, concept, personality right, method, process, technique, apparatus, invention, discovery, or improvement;
  - ii. any work of authorship, including any compilation, computer code, website or web page design, literary work, pictorial work, or graphic work;
  - iii. any trademark, service mark, trade dress, trade name, branding, or other indicia of source or origin;
  - iv. domain name registrations; and
  - v. any other proprietary or similar rights. The Intellectual Property Rights of a Party include all worldwide proprietary rights or interests that the Party may have acquired by assignment, by exclusive license, or by license with the right to grant sublicenses.

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- "Mentor Protégé" means the Comptroller of Public Accounts' leadership program found at: http://www.window.state.tx.us/procurement/prog/hub/mentorprotege/.
- "Parties" means the System Agency and Grantee, collectively.
- "Party" means either the System Agency or Grantee, individually.
- "Program" means the statutorily authorized activities of the System Agency under which this Contract has been awarded.
- "Project" means specific activities of the Grantee that are supported by funds provided under this Contract.
- "Public Information Act" or "PIA" means Chapter 552 of the Texas Government Code.
- "Signature Document" means the document executed by both Parties that specifically sets forth all of the documents that constitute the Contract.
- "Solicitation" or "Request for Applications (RFA)" means the document (including all amendments and attachments) issued by the System Agency under which applications for Program funds were requested, which is incorporated by reference for all purposes in its entirety.
- "Solicitation Response" or "Application" means Grantee's full and complete response (including any attachments and addenda) to the Solicitation, which is incorporated by reference for all purposes in its entirety.
- "State Fiscal Year" means the period beginning September 1 and ending August 31 each year, which is the annual accounting period for the State of Texas.
- "State of Texas *Textravel*" means Texas Administrative Code, Title 34, Part 1, Chapter 5, Subchapter C, Section 5.22, relative to travel reimbursements under this Contract, if any.
- "Statement of Work" means the description of activities performed in completing the Project, as specified in the Contract and as may be amended.
- "System Agency" means HHSC or any of the agencies of the State of Texas that are overseen by HHSC under authority granted under State law and the officers, employees, authorized representatives and designees of those agencies. These agencies include: HHSC and the Department of State Health Services.
- "<u>Technical Guidance Letter</u>" or "<u>TGL</u>" means an instruction, clarification, or interpretation of the requirements of the Contract, issued by the System Agency to the Grantee.
- "Work Product" means any and all works, including work papers, notes, materials, approaches, designs, specifications, systems, innovations, improvements, inventions, software, programs, source code, documentation, training materials, audio or audiovisual recordings, methodologies, concepts, studies, reports, whether finished or unfinished, and whether or not included in the deliverables, that are developed, produced, generated or provided by Grantee in connection with Grantee's performance of its duties under the Contract or through use of any funding provided under this Contract.
- "Uniform Grant Management Standards" or "UGMS" means uniform grant and contract administration procedures, developed under the authority of Chapter 783 of the Texas

Government Code, to promote the efficient use of public funds in local government and in programs requiring cooperation among local, state, and federal agencies.

# 1.2 Interpretive Provisions

- A. The meanings of defined terms include the singular and plural forms.
- B. The words "hereof," "herein," "hereunder," and similar words refer to this Contract as a whole and not to any particular provision, section, Attachment, or schedule of this Contract unless otherwise specified.
- C. The term "including" is not limiting and means "including without limitation" and, unless otherwise expressly provided in this Contract, (i) references to contracts (including this Contract) and other contractual instruments shall be deemed to include all subsequent Amendments and other modifications, but only to the extent that such Amendments and other modifications are not prohibited by the terms of this Contract, and (ii) references to any statute or regulation are to be construed as including all statutory and regulatory provisions consolidating, amending, replacing, supplementing, or interpreting the statute or regulation.
- D. Any references to "sections," "appendices," or "attachments" are references to sections, appendices, or attachments of the Contract.
- E. Any references to agreements, contracts, statutes, or administrative rules or regulations in the Contract are references to these documents as amended, modified, or supplemented from time to time during the term of the Contract.
- F. The captions and headings of this Contract are for convenience of reference only and do not affect the interpretation of this Contract.
- G. All Attachments, including those incorporated by reference, and any Amendments are considered part of the terms of this Contract.
- H. This Contract may use several different limitations, regulations, or policies to regulate the same or similar matters. All such limitations, regulations, and policies are cumulative and each will be performed in accordance with its terms.
- I. Unless otherwise expressly provided, reference to any action of the System Agency or by the System Agency by way of consent, approval, or waiver will be deemed modified by the phrase "in its sole discretion."
- J. Time is of the essence in this Contract.

# ARTICLE II. PAYMENT METHODS AND RESTRICTIONS

#### 2.1 PAYMENT METHODS

- A. Except as otherwise provided by this Contract, the payment method will be one or more of the following:
  - i. Cost Reimbursement. This payment method is based on an approved budget and submission of a request for reimbursement of expenses Grantee has incurred at the time of the request;
  - ii. Unit rate/fee-for-service. This payment method is based on a fixed price or a specified rate(s) or fee(s) for delivery of a specified unit(s) of service and acceptable submission of all required documentation, forms and/or reports; or
  - iii. Advance payment. This payment method is based on disbursal of the minimum necessary funds to carry out the Program or Project where the Grantee has

HHSC Grantee Uniform Terms and Conditions Page 6 of 20 implemented appropriate safeguards. This payment method will only be utilized in accordance with governing law, state and federal regulations, and at the sole discretion of the System Agency.

B. Grantee shall bill the System Agency in accordance with the Contract. Unless otherwise specified in the Contract, Grantee shall submit requests for reimbursement or payment monthly by the last business day of the month following the month in which expenses were incurred or services provided. Grantee shall maintain all documentation that substantiates invoices and make the documentation available to the System Agency upon request.

# 2.2 FINAL BILLING SUBMISSION

Unless otherwise provided by the System Agency, Grantee shall submit a reimbursement or payment request as a final close-out invoice not later than forty-five (45) calendar days following the end of the term of the Contract. Reimbursement or payment requests received after the deadline may not be paid.

# 2.3 FINANCIAL STATUS REPORTS (FSRS)

Except as otherwise provided, for contracts with categorical budgets, Grantee shall submit quarterly FSRs to System Agency by the last business day of the month following the end of each quarter for System Agency review and financial assessment. Grantee shall submit the final FSR no later than forty-five (45) calendar days following the end of the applicable term.

#### 2.4 USE OF FUNDS

Grantee shall expend funds under this Contract only for approved services and for reasonable and allowable expenses directly related to those services.

#### 2.5 USE FOR MATCH PROHIBITED

Grantee shall not use funds provided under this Contract for matching purposes in securing other funding without the written approval of the System Agency.

#### 2.6 PROGRAM INCOME

Income directly generated from funds provided under this Contract or earned only as a result of such funds is Program Income. Unless otherwise required under the Program, Grantee shall use Program Income, as provided in UGMS Section III, Subpart C, .25(g)(2), to further the Program, and Grantee shall spend the Program Income on the Project. Grantee shall identify and report Program Income in accordance with the Contract, applicable law, and any programmatic guidance. Grantee shall expend Program Income during the Contract term, when earned, and may not carry Program Income forward to any succeeding term. Grantee shall refund Program Income to the System Agency if the Program Income is not expended in the term in which it is earned. The System Agency may base future funding levels, in part, upon Grantee's proficiency in identifying, billing, collecting, and reporting Program Income, and in using Program Income for the purposes and under the conditions specified in this Contract.

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#### 2.7 Nonsupplanting

Grant funds may be used to supplement existing, new or corresponding programming and related activities. Grant funds may not be used to supplant (replace) existing funds in place to support current programs and related activities.

#### 2.8 ALLOWABLE COSTS

Allowable Costs are restricted to costs that comply with the Texas Uniform Grant Management Standards (UGMS) and applicable state and federal rules and law. The Parties agree that all the requirements of the UGMS apply to this Contract, including the criteria for Allowable Costs. Additional federal requirements apply if this Contract is funded, in whole or in part, with federal funds.

#### 2.9 INDIRECT COST RATES

The System Agency may acknowledge an indirect cost rate for Grantees that is utilized for all applicable contracts. Grantee will provide the necessary financial documents to determine the indirect cost rate in accordance with the Uniform Grant Guidance (UGG) and Uniform Grant Management Standards (UGMS).

#### ARTICLE III. STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDING

#### 3.1 Funding

This Contract is subject to termination or cancellation, without penalty to System Agency, either in whole or in part, subject to the availability of state funds. System Agency is a state agency whose authority and appropriations are subject to actions of the Texas Legislature. If System Agency becomes subject to a legislative change, revocation of statutory authority, or lack of appropriated funds that would render either System Agency's or Grantee's delivery or performance under the Contract impossible or unnecessary, the Contract will be terminated or cancelled and be deemed null and void. In the event of a termination or cancellation under this Section, System Agency will not be liable to Grantee for any damages, that are caused or associated with such termination, or cancellation, and System Agency will not be required to give prior notice.

#### 3.2 NO DEBT AGAINST THE STATE

This Contract will not be construed as creating any debt by or on behalf of the State of Texas.

#### 3.3 DEBT AND DELINQUENCIES

Grantee agrees that any payments due under the Contract shall be directly applied towards eliminating any debt or delinquency it has to the State of Texas including, but not limited to, delinquent taxes, delinquent student loan payments, and delinquent child support.

#### 3.4 RECAPTURE OF FUNDS

A. At its sole discretion, the System Agency may i) withhold all or part of any payments to Grantee to offset overpayments, unallowable or ineligible costs made to the Grantee, or if any required financial status report(s) is not submitted by the due date(s), or ii) require Grantee to promptly refund or credit - within thirty (30) calendar days of written notice -

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- any funds erroneously paid by System Agency which are not expressly authorized under the Contract.
- B. "Overpayments" as used in this Section include payments (i) made by the System Agency that exceed the maximum allowable rates; (ii) that are not allowed under applicable laws, rules, or regulations; or (iii) that are otherwise inconsistent with this Contract, including any unapproved expenditures. Grantee understands and agrees that it will be liable to the System Agency for any costs disallowed pursuant to financial and compliance audit(s) of funds received under this Contract. Grantee further understands and agrees that reimbursement of such disallowed costs shall be paid by Grantee from funds which were not provided or otherwise made available to Grantee under this Contract.

### ARTICLE IV. ALLOWABLE COSTS AND AUDIT REQUIREMENTS

#### 4.1 ALLOWABLE COSTS

A. System Agency will reimburse the allowable costs incurred in performing the Project that are sufficiently documented. Grantee must have incurred a cost prior to claiming reimbursement and within the applicable term to be eligible for reimbursement under this Contract. At its sole discretion, the System Agency will determine whether costs submitted by Grantee are allowable and eligible for reimbursement. The System Agency may take repayment (recoup) from funds available under this Contract in amounts necessary to fulfill Grantee's repayment obligations. Applicable cost principles, audit requirements, and administrative requirements include, but are not limited to:

Applicable Entity	Applicable Cost Principles	Audit Requirements	Administrative Requirements
State, Local, and Tribal Governments	2 CFR Part 200 and UGMS	*	2 CFR Part 200 and UGMS
Educational Institutions	2 CFR Part 200 and UGMS	2 CFR Part 200, Subpart F and UGMS	
Non-Profit Organizations	2 CFR Part 200 and UGMS	2 CFR Part 200, Subpart F and UGMS	2 CFR Part 200 and UGMS

For-profit	48 CFR Part 31,	2 CFR Part	200,	2 CFR Part 200 and
Organization	Contract Cost	Subpart F	and	UGMS
other than a	Principles and	UGMS		
hospital and an	Procedures, or			
organization	Uniform cost			
named in OMB	accounting			
Circular A-122	standards that			
(2 CFR Part,	comply with cost			
230) as not	principles			
subject to that	acceptable to the			
circular.	federal or state			
	awarding agency			

B. OMB Circulars will be applied with the modifications prescribed by UGMS with effect given to whichever provision imposes the more stringent requirement in the event of a conflict.

#### 4.2 AUDITS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### A. Audits

- i. HHS Single Audit Unit will notify Grantee to complete the Single Audit Determination Form. If Grantee fails to complete the form within thirty (30) calendar days after receipt of notice, Grantee will be subject to the sanctions and remedies for non-compliance with this Contract.
- ii. If Grantee, within Grantee's fiscal year, expends at least SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$750,000) in federal funds awarded, Grantee shall have a single audit or program-specific audit in accordance with 2 CFR 200. The federal threshold amount includes federal funds passed through by way of state agency awards.
- iii. If Grantee, within Grantee's fiscal year, expends at least SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$750,000) in state funds awarded, Grantee shall have a single audit or program-specific audit in accordance with UGMS, State of Texas Single Audit Circular. The audit must be conducted by an independent certified public accountant and in accordance with 2 CFR 200, Government Auditing Standards, and UGMS.
- iv. For-profit Grantees whose expenditures meet or exceed the federal or state expenditure thresholds stated above shall follow the guidelines in 2 CFR 200 or UGMS, as applicable, for their program-specific audits.
- v. Each Grantee that is required to obtain a single audit must competitively re-procure single audit services once every six years. Grantee shall procure audit services in compliance with this section, state procurement procedures, as well as with the provisions of UGMS.

#### B. Financial Statements

Each Grantee that does not meet the expenditure threshold for a single audit or programspecific audit, must provide financial statements.

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#### 4.3 SUBMISSION OF AUDITS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### A. Audits

Due the earlier of 30 days after receipt of the independent certified public accountant's report or nine months after the end of the fiscal year, Grantee shall submit electronically one copy of the single audit or program-specific audit to the System Agency via:

i. HHS portal at: or,

https://hhsportal.hhs.state.tx.us/heartwebextr/hhscSau

ii. Email to: single audit report@hhsc.state.tx.us.

#### B. Financial Statements

Due no later than nine months after the Grantee's fiscal year end, Grantees which are not required to submit an audit, shall submit electronically financial statements via:

i. HHS portal at:

https://hhsportal.hhs.state.tx.us/heartwebextr/hhscSau; or,

ii. Email to: single audit report@hhsc.state.tx.us.

# ARTICLE V. AFFIRMATIONS, ASSURANCES AND CERTIFICATIONS

#### 5.1 GENERAL AFFIRMATIONS

Grantee certifies that, to the extent General Affirmations are incorporated into the Contract under the Signature Document, the Grantee has reviewed the General Affirmations and that Grantee is in compliance with all requirements.

#### 5.2 FEDERAL ASSURANCES

Grantee further certifies that, to the extent Federal Assurances are incorporated into the Contract under the Signature Document, the Grantee has reviewed the Federal Assurances and that Grantee is in compliance with all requirements.

#### 5.3 FEDERAL CERTIFICATIONS

Grantee further certifies that, to the extent Federal Certifications are incorporated into the Contract under the Signature Document, the Grantee has reviewed the Federal Certifications and that Grantee is in compliance with all requirements. In addition, Grantee certifies that it is in compliance with all applicable federal laws, rules, and regulations, as they may pertain to this Contract.

#### ARTICLE VI. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

#### **6.1 OWNERSHIP OF WORK PRODUCT**

All right, title, and interest in the Work Product, including all Intellectual Property Rights therein, is exclusively owned by System Agency. Grantee and Grantee's employees will have no rights in or ownership of the Work Product or any other property of System Agency. Any and all Work Product that is copyrightable under United States copyright law is deemed to be "work made for hire" owned by System Agency, as provided by Title 17 of the United States Code. To the extent that Work Product does not qualify as a "work made for hire" under applicable federal law, Grantee hereby irrevocably assigns and transfers to System Agency, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title, and interest in and to the Work Product, including any and all Intellectual Property Rights embodied therein or associated

HHSC Grantee Uniform Terms and Conditions Page 11 of 20 therewith, and in and to all works based upon, derived from, or incorporating the Work Product, and in and to all income, royalties, damages, claims and payments now or hereafter due or payable with respect thereto, and in and to all causes of action, either in law or in equity for past, present or future infringement based on the copyrights, and in and to all rights corresponding to the foregoing. Grantee agrees to execute all papers and to perform such other property rights as System Agency may deem necessary to secure for System Agency or its designee the rights herein assigned. In the event that Grantee has any rights in and to the Work Product that cannot be assigned to System Agency, Grantee hereby grants to System Agency an exclusive, worldwide, royalty-free, transferable, irrevocable, and perpetual license, with the right to sublicense, to reproduce, distribute, modify, create derivative works of, publicly perform and publicly display, make, have made, use, sell and offer for sale the Work Product and any products developed by practicing such rights.

#### **6.2** Grantee's Pre-existing Works

To the extent that Grantee incorporates into the Work Product any works of Grantee that were created by Grantee or that Grantee acquired rights in prior to the Effective Date of this Contract ("Incorporated Pre-existing Works"), Grantee retains ownership of such Incorporated Pre-existing Works, and Grantee hereby grants to System Agency an irrevocable, perpetual, non-exclusive, royalty-free, transferable, worldwide right and license, with the right to sublicense, to use, modify, copy, create derivative works of, publish, publicly perform and display, sell, offer to sell, make and have made, the Incorporated Pre-existing Works, in any medium, with or without the associated Work Product. Grantee represents, warrants, and covenants to System Agency that Grantee has all necessary right and authority to grant the foregoing license in the Incorporated Pre-existing Works to System Agency.

#### 6.3 AGREEMENTS WITH EMPLOYEES AND SUBCONTRACTORS

Grantee shall have written, binding agreements with its employees and subcontractors that include provisions sufficient to give effect to and enable Grantee's compliance with Grantee's obligations under this **Article VI**.

#### 6.4 DELIVERY UPON TERMINATION OR EXPIRATION

No later than the first calendar day after the termination or expiration of the Contract or upon System Agency's request, Grantee shall deliver to System Agency all completed, or partially completed, Work Product, including any Incorporated Pre-existing Works, and any and all versions thereof. Grantee's failure to timely deliver such Work Product is a material breach of the Contract. Grantee will not retain any copies of the Work Product or any documentation or other products or results of Grantee's activities under the Contract without the prior written consent of System Agency.

# 6.5 SURVIVAL

The provisions and obligations of this **Article VI** survive any termination or expiration of the Contract.

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# ARTICLE VII. RECORDS, AUDIT, AND DISCLOSURE

#### 7.1 BOOKS AND RECORDS

Grantee shall keep and maintain under GAAP or GASB, as applicable, full, true, and complete records necessary to fully disclose to the System Agency, the Texas State Auditor's Office, the United States Government, and their authorized representatives sufficient information to determine compliance with the terms and conditions of this Contract and all state and federal rules, regulations, and statutes. Unless otherwise specified in this Contract, Grantee shall maintain legible copies of this Contract and all related documents for a minimum of seven (7) years after the termination of the Contract period or seven (7) years after the completion of any litigation or dispute involving the Contract, whichever is later.

#### 7.2 ACCESS TO RECORDS, BOOKS, AND DOCUMENTS

In addition to any right of access arising by operation of law, Grantee and any of Grantee's affiliate or subsidiary organizations, or Subcontractors shall permit the System Agency or any of its duly authorized representatives, as well as duly authorized federal, state or local authorities, unrestricted access to and the right to examine any site where business is conducted or services are performed, and all records, which includes but is not limited to financial, client and patient records, books, papers or documents related to this Contract. If the Contract includes federal funds, federal agencies that shall have a right of access to records as described in this section include: the federal agency providing the funds, the Comptroller General of the United States, the General Accounting Office, the Office of the Inspector General, and any of their authorized representatives. In addition, agencies of the State of Texas that shall have a right of access to records as described in this section include: the System Agency, HHSC, HHSC's contracted examiners, the State Auditor's Office, the Office of the Texas Attorney General, and any successor agencies. Each of these entities may be a duly authorized authority. If deemed necessary by the System Agency or any duly authorized authority, for the purpose of investigation or hearing, Grantee shall produce original documents related to this Contract. The System Agency and any duly authorized authority shall have the right to audit billings both before and after payment, and all documentation that substantiates the billings. Grantee shall include this provision concerning the right of access to, and examination of, sites and information related to this Contract in any Subcontract it awards.

#### 7.3 RESPONSE/COMPLIANCE WITH AUDIT OR INSPECTION FINDINGS

- A. Grantee must act to ensure its and its Subcontractors' compliance with all corrections necessary to address any finding of noncompliance with any law, regulation, audit requirement, or generally accepted accounting principle, or any other deficiency identified in any audit, review, or inspection of the Contract and the services and Deliverables provided. Any such correction will be at Grantee's or its Subcontractor's sole expense. Whether Grantee's action corrects the noncompliance shall be solely the decision of the System Agency.
- B. As part of the services, Grantee must provide to HHSC upon request a copy of those portions of Grantee's and its Subcontractors' internal audit reports relating to the services and Deliverables provided to the State under the Contract.

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#### 7.4 SAO AUDIT

- A. The state auditor may conduct an audit or investigation of any entity receiving funds from the state directly under the Contract or indirectly through a subcontract under the Contract. The acceptance of funds directly under the Contract or indirectly through a subcontract under the Contract acts as acceptance of the authority of the state auditor, under the direction of the legislative audit committee, to conduct an audit or investigation in connection with those funds. Under the direction of the legislative audit committee, an entity that is the subject of an audit or investigation by the state auditor must provide the state auditor with access to any information the state auditor considers relevant to the investigation or audit.
- B. Grantee shall comply with any rules and procedures of the state auditor in the implementation and enforcement of Section 2262.154 of the Texas Government Code.

#### 7.5 CONFIDENTIALITY

Grantee shall maintain as confidential, and shall not disclose to third parties without System Agency's prior written consent, any System Agency information including but not limited to System Agency's business activities, practices, systems, conditions and services. This section will survive termination or expiration of this Contract.

#### ARTICLE VIII. CONTRACT REMEDIES AND EARLY TERMINATION

#### 8.1 CONTRACT REMEDIES

To ensure Grantee's full performance of the Contract and compliance with applicable law, the System Agency reserves the right to hold Grantee accountable for breach of contract or substandard performance and may take remedial or corrective actions, including, but not limited to:

- i. suspending all or part of the Contract;
- ii. requiring the Grantee to take specific actions in order to remain in compliance with the Contract;
- iii. recouping payments made by the System Agency to the Grantee found to be in error;
- iv. suspending, limiting, or placing conditions on the Grantee's continued performance of the Project;
- v. imposing any other remedies, sanctions or penalties authorized under this Contract or permitted by federal or state statute, law, regulation or rule.

#### 8.2 TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE

The System Agency may terminate the Contract at any time when, in its sole discretion, the System Agency determines that termination is in the best interests of the State of Texas. The termination will be effective on the date specified in HHSC's notice of termination. The System Agency's right to terminate the Contract for convenience is cumulative of all rights and remedies which exist now or in the future.

#### **8.3 TERMINATION FOR CAUSE**

Except as otherwise provided by the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, or any successor law, the System Agency may terminate the Contract, in whole or in part, upon either of the following conditions:

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#### i. Material Breach

The System Agency will have the right to terminate the Contract in whole or in part if the System Agency determines, in its sole discretion, that Grantee has materially breached the Contract or has failed to adhere to any laws, ordinances, rules, regulations or orders of any public authority having jurisdiction and such violation prevents or substantially impairs performance of Grantee's duties under the Contract. Grantee's misrepresentation in any aspect of Grantee's Solicitation Response, if any, or Grantee's addition to the Excluded Parties List System (EPLS) will also constitute a material breach of the Contract.

# ii. Failure to Maintain Financial Viability

The System Agency may terminate the Contract if, in its sole discretion, the System Agency has a good faith belief that Grantee no longer maintains the financial viability required to complete the services and Deliverables, or otherwise fully perform its responsibilities under the Contract.

#### ARTICLE IX. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

#### 9.1 AMENDMENT

The Contract may only be amended by an Amendment executed by both Parties.

#### 9.2 Insurance

- A. Unless otherwise specified in this Contract, Grantee shall acquire and maintain, for the duration of this Contract, insurance coverage necessary to ensure proper fulfillment of this Contract and potential liabilities thereunder with financially sound and reputable insurers licensed by the Texas Department of Insurance, in the type and amount customarily carried within the industry as determined by the System Agency. Grantee shall provide evidence of insurance as required under this Contract, including a schedule of coverage or underwriter's schedules establishing to the satisfaction of the System Agency the nature and extent of coverage granted by each such policy, upon request by the System Agency. In the event that any policy is determined by the System Agency to be deficient to comply with the terms of this Contract, Grantee shall secure such additional policies or coverage as the System Agency may reasonably request or that are required by law or regulation. If coverage expires during the term of this Contract, Grantee must produce renewal certificates for each type of coverage.
- B. These and all other insurance requirements under the Contract apply to both Grantee and its Subcontractors, if any. Grantee is responsible for ensuring its Subcontractors' compliance with all requirements.

# 9.3 LEGAL OBLIGATIONS

Grantee shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, ordinances, and regulations, including all federal and state accessibility laws relating to direct and indirect use of information and communication technology. Grantee shall be deemed to have knowledge of all applicable laws and regulations and be deemed to understand them.

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#### 9.4 PERMITTING AND LICENSURE

At Grantee's sole expense, Grantee shall procure and maintain for the duration of this Contract any state, county, city, or federal license, authorization, insurance, waiver, permit, qualification or certification required by statute, ordinance, law, or regulation to be held by Grantee to provide the goods or services required by this Contract. Grantee shall be responsible for payment of all taxes, assessments, fees, premiums, permits, and licenses required by law. Grantee shall be responsible for payment of any such government obligations not paid by its Subcontractors during performance of this Contract.

#### 9.5 INDEMNITY

- A. GRANTEE SHALL DEFEND, INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS THE STATE OF TEXAS AND SYSTEM AGENCY, AND/OR THEIR OFFICERS, REPRESENTATIVES, EMPLOYEES, CONTRACTORS, ASSIGNEES, AND/OR DESIGNEES FROM ANY AND ALL LIABILITY, ACTIONS, CLAIMS, DEMANDS, OR SUITS, AND ALL RELATED COSTS, ATTORNEY FEES, AND EXPENSES ARISING OUT OF OR RESULTING FROM ANY ACTS OR OMISSIONS OF GRANTEE OR ITS AGENTS, EMPLOYEES, SUBCONTRACTORS, ORDER FULFILLERS, OR SUPPLIERS OF SUBCONTRACTORS IN THE EXECUTION OR PERFORMANCE OF THE CONTRACT AND ANY PURCHASE ORDERS ISSUED UNDER THE CONTRACT. THE DEFENSE SHALL BE COORDINATED BY GRANTEE WITH THE OFFICE OF THE TEXAS ATTORNEY GENERAL WHEN TEXAS STATE AGENCIES ARE NAMED DEFENDANTS IN ANY LAWSUIT AND GRANTEE MAY NOT AGREE TO ANY SETTLEMENT WITHOUT FIRST OBTAINING THE CONCURRENCE FROM THE OFFICE OF THE TEXAS ATTORNEY GENERAL. GRANTEE AND SYSTEM AGENCY AGREE TO FURNISH TIMELY WRITTEN NOTICE TO EACH OTHER OF ANY SUCH CLAIM.
- B. THIS PARAGRAPH IS NOT INTENDED TO AND SHALL NOT BE CONSTRUED TO REQUIRE GRANTEE TO INDEMNIFY OR HOLD HARMLESS THE STATE OR THE SYSTEM AGENCY FOR ANY CLAIMS OR LIABILITIES RESULTING FROM THE NEGLEGENT ACTS OR OMISSIONS OF THE SYSTEM AGENCY OR ITS EMPLOYEES.
- C. For the avoidance of doubt, System Agency shall not indemnify Grantee or any other entity under the Contract.

#### 9.6 ASSIGNMENTS

- A. Grantee may not assign all or any portion of its rights under, interests in, or duties required under this Contract without prior written consent of the System Agency, which may be withheld or granted at the sole discretion of the System Agency. Except where otherwise agreed in writing by the System Agency, assignment will not release Grantee from its obligations under the Contract.
- B. Grantee understands and agrees the System Agency may in one or more transactions assign, pledge, or transfer the Contract. This assignment will only be made to another State agency or a non-state agency that is contracted to perform agency support.

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#### 9.7 INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

Grantee and Grantee's employees, representatives, agents, Subcontractors, suppliers, and third-party service providers shall serve as independent contractors in providing the services under the Contract. Neither Grantee nor System Agency is an agent of the other and neither may make any commitments on the other party's behalf. Should Grantee subcontract any of the services required in the Contract, Grantee expressly understands and acknowledges that in entering such subcontract(s), System Agency is in no manner liable to any Subcontractor(s) of Grantee. In no event shall this provision relieve Grantee of the responsibility for ensuring that the services performed under all subcontracts are rendered in compliance with the Contract. Grantee shall have no claim against System Agency for vacation pay, sick leave, retirement benefits, social security, worker's compensation, health or disability benefits, unemployment insurance benefits, or employee benefits of any kind. The Contract shall not create any joint venture, partnership, agency, or employment relationship between Grantee and System Agency.

#### 9.8 TECHNICAL GUIDANCE LETTERS

In the sole discretion of the System Agency, and in conformance with federal and state law, the System Agency may issue instructions, clarifications, or interpretations as may be required during work performance in the form of a Technical Guidance Letter (TGL). A TGL must be in writing, and may be delivered by regular mail, electronic mail, or facsimile transmission. Any TGL issued by the System Agency will be incorporated into the Contract by reference for all purposes when it is issued.

#### 9.9 DISPUTE RESOLUTION

- A. The dispute resolution process provided for in Chapter 2260 of the Texas Government Code must be used to attempt to resolve any dispute arising under the Contract.
- B. If a contract dispute arises that cannot be resolved to the satisfaction of the Parties, either Party may notify the other Party in writing of the dispute. If the Parties are unable to satisfactorily resolve the dispute within fourteen (14) days of the written notification, the Parties must use the dispute resolution process provided for in Chapter 2260 of the Texas Government Code to attempt to resolve the dispute. This provision will not apply to any matter with respect to which either Party may make a decision within its respective sole discretion.

#### 9.10 GOVERNING LAW AND VENUE

The Contract shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas, without regard to the conflicts of law provisions. The venue of any suit arising under the Contract is fixed in any court of competent jurisdiction of Travis County, Texas, unless the specific venue is otherwise identified in a statute which directly names or otherwise identifies its applicability to the System Agency.

#### 9.11 SEVERABILITY

If any provision contained in this Contract is held to be unenforceable by a court of law or equity, this Contract shall be construed as if such provision did not exist and the non-

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#### 9.12 SURVIVABILITY

Expiration or termination of the Contract for any reason does not release Grantee from any liability or obligation set forth in the Contract that is expressly stated to survive any such expiration or termination, that by its nature would be intended to be applicable following any such expiration or termination, or that is necessary to fulfill the essential purpose of the Contract, including without limitation the provisions regarding warranty, indemnification, confidentiality, and rights and remedies upon termination.

#### 9.13 FORCE MAJEURE

Neither Grantee nor System Agency shall be liable to the other for any delay in, or failure of performance, of any requirement included in the Contract caused by force majeure. The existence of such causes of delay or failure shall extend the period of performance until after the causes of delay or failure have been removed provided the non-performing party exercises all reasonable due diligence to perform. Force majeure is defined as acts of God, war, fires, explosions, hurricanes, floods, failure of transportation, or other causes that are beyond the reasonable control of either party and that by exercise of due foresight such party could not reasonably have been expected to avoid, and which, by the exercise of all reasonable due diligence, such party is unable to overcome.

#### 9.14 NO WAIVER OF PROVISIONS

The failure of the System Agency to object to or to take affirmative action with respect to any conduct of the Grantee which is in violation or breach of the terms of the Contract shall not be construed as a waiver of the violation or breach, or of any future violation or breach.

# 9.15 PUBLICITY

- A. Except as provided in the paragraph below, Grantee must not use the name of, or directly or indirectly refer to, the System Agency, the State of Texas, or any other State agency in any media release, public announcement, or public disclosure relating to the Contract or its subject matter, including in any promotional or marketing materials, customer lists, or business presentations.
- B. Grantee may publish, at its sole expense, results of Grantee performance under the Contract with the System Agency's prior review and approval, which the System Agency may exercise at its sole discretion. Any publication (written, visual, or sound) will acknowledge the support received from the System Agency and any Federal agency, as appropriate.

# 9.16 PROHIBITION ON NON-COMPETE RESTRICTIONS

Grantee shall not require any employees or Subcontractors to agree to any conditions, such as non-compete clauses or other contractual arrangements that would limit or restrict such persons or entities from employment or contracting with the State of Texas.

#### 9.17 No Waiver of Sovereign Immunity

Nothing in the Contract will be construed as a waiver of the System Agency's or the State's sovereign immunity. This Contract shall not constitute or be construed as a waiver of

HHSC Grantee Uniform Terms and Conditions Page 18 of 20 any of the privileges, rights, defenses, remedies, or immunities available to the System Agency or the State of Texas. The failure to enforce, or any delay in the enforcement, of any privileges, rights, defenses, remedies, or immunities available to the System Agency or the State of Texas under the Contract or under applicable law shall not constitute a waiver of such privileges, rights, defenses, remedies, or immunities or be considered as a basis for estoppel. System Agency does not waive any privileges, rights, defenses, or immunities available to System Agency by entering into the Contract or by its conduct prior to or subsequent to entering into the Contract.

#### 9.18 Entire Contract and Modification

The Contract constitutes the entire agreement of the Parties and is intended as a complete and exclusive statement of the promises, representations, negotiations, discussions, and other agreements that may have been made in connection with the subject matter hereof. Any additional or conflicting terms in any future document incorporated into the Contract will be harmonized with this Contract to the extent possible.

#### 9.19 COUNTERPARTS

This Contract may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which will be an original, and all such counterparts will together constitute but one and the same Contract.

#### 9.20 PROPER AUTHORITY

Each Party represents and warrants that the person executing this Contract on its behalf has full power and authority to enter into this Contract.

#### 9.21 E-VERIFY PROGRAM

Grantee certifies that it utilizes and will continue to utilize the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system to determine the eligibility of:

- i. all persons employed to perform duties within Texas during the term of the Contract; and
- ii. all persons, (including subcontractors) assigned by the Grantee to perform work pursuant to the Contract within the United States of America.

#### 9.22 CIVIL RIGHTS

- A. Grantee agrees to comply with state and federal anti-discrimination laws, including:
  - i. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. §2000d et seq.);
  - ii. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. §794);
  - iii. Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. §12101 et seq.);
  - iv. Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 U.S.C. §§6101-6107);
  - v. Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. §§1681-1688);
  - vi. Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. §2011 et seq.); and
  - vii. The System Agency's administrative rules, as set forth in the Texas Administrative Code, to the extent applicable to this Contract.
- B. Grantee agrees to comply with all amendments to the above-referenced laws, and all requirements imposed by the regulations issued pursuant to these laws. These laws provide in part that no persons in the United States may, on the grounds of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, political beliefs, or religion, be excluded from

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- participation in or denied any aid, care, service or other benefits provided by Federal or State funding, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination.
- C. Grantee agrees to comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and its implementing regulations at 45 C.F.R. Part 80 or 7 C.F.R. Part 15, prohibiting a contractor from adopting and implementing policies and procedures that exclude or have the effect of excluding or limiting the participation of clients in its programs, benefits, or activities on the basis of national origin. State and federal civil rights laws require contractors to provide alternative methods for ensuring access to services for applicants and recipients who cannot express themselves fluently in English. Grantee agrees to take reasonable steps to provide services and information, both orally and in writing, in appropriate languages other than English, in order to ensure that persons with limited English proficiency are effectively informed and can have meaningful access to programs, benefits, and activities.
- D. Grantee agrees to post applicable civil rights posters in areas open to the public informing clients of their civil rights and including contact information for the HHS Civil Rights Office. The posters are available on the HHS website at: <a href="http://hhscx.hhsc.texas.gov/system-support-services/civil-rights/publications">http://hhscx.hhsc.texas.gov/system-support-services/civil-rights/publications</a>
- E. Grantee agrees to comply with Executive Order 13279, and its implementing regulations at 45 C.F.R. Part 87 or 7 C.F.R. Part 16. These provide in part that any organization that participates in programs funded by direct financial assistance from the United States Department of Agriculture or the United States Department of Health and Human Services shall not discriminate against a program beneficiary or prospective program beneficiary on the basis of religion or religious belief.
- F. Upon request, Grantee shall provide HHSC's Civil Rights Office with copies of the Grantee's civil rights policies and procedures.
- G. Grantee must notify HHSC's Civil Rights Office of any civil rights complaints received relating to its performance under this Contract. This notice must be delivered no more than ten (10) calendar days after receipt of a complaint. Notice provided pursuant to this section must be directed to:

HHSC Civil Rights Office 701 W. 51<sup>st</sup> Street, Mail Code W206 Austin, Texas 78751

Phone Toll Free: (888) 388-6332

Phone: (512) 438-4313

TTY Toll Free: (877) 432-7232

Fax: (512) 438-5885.

Attachment F
Lobbying Certification

# CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING

Certification for Contracts, Grants, Loans, and Cooperative Agreements

The undersigned certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

- (1) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an 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.
- (2) 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 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 of Lobbying Activities," in accordance with its instructions.
- (3) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly. This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. 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.

Statement for Loan Guarantees and Loan Insurance

The undersigned states, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

If any funds have been paid or will be paid 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 this commitment providing for the United States to insure or guarantee a loan, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities," in accordance with its instructions. Submission of this statement is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required statement shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

* APPLICANT'S ORGANIZATION  Harris County Public Health	
* PRINTED NAME AND TITLE OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENT Prefix: Mr.	Middle Name:  Suffix:
* SIGNATURE:	* DATE: 02/27/2019

# Attachment J HHSC Special Conditions



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### **HHSC SPECIAL CONDITIONS**

The terms and conditions of these Special Conditions are incorporated into and made a part of the Contract. Capitalized items used in these Special Conditions and not otherwise defined have the meanings assigned to them in HHSC Grantee Uniform Terms and Conditions – Version 2.14

# Article I. SPECIAL DEFINITIONS

- "Conflict of Interest" means a set of facts or circumstances, a relationship, or other situation under which Grantee, a Subcontractor, or individual has past, present, or currently planned personal or financial activities or interests that either directly or indirectly: (1) impairs or diminishes the Grantee's, or Subcontractor's ability to render impartial or objective assistance or advice to the HHSC; or (2) provides the Grantee or Subcontractor an unfair competitive advantage in future HHSC procurements.
- "Grantee Agents" means Grantee's representatives, employees, officers, as well as any contractor or subgrantee's employees, contractors, officers, principals and agents.
- "Data Use Agreement" means the agreement incorporated into the Contract to facilitate creation, receipt, maintenance, use, disclosure or access to Confidential Information.
- "Item of Noncompliance" means Grantee's acts or omissions that: (1) violate a provision of the Contract; (2) fail to ensure adequate performance of the Project; (3) represent a failure of Grantee to be responsive to a request of HHSC relating to the Project under the Contract.
- "Minor Administrative Change" refers to a change to the Contract that does not increase the fees or term and done in accordance with Section Section 4.01 of these Special Conditions.
- "Confidential System Information" means any communication or record (whether oral, written, electronically stored or transmitted, or in any other form) provided to or made available to Grantee; or that Grantee may create, receive, maintain, use, disclose or have access to on behalf of HHSC or through performance of the Project, which is not designated as Confidential Information in aData Use Agreement.
- "State" means the State of Texas and, unless otherwise indicated or appropriate, will be interpreted to mean HHSC and other agencies of the State of Texas that may participate in the administration of HHSC Programs; provided, however, that no provision will be interpreted to include any entity other than HHSC as the contracting agency.
- "UTC" means HHSC's Uniform Terms and Conditions –Grantee- Version 2.15

# Article II. GRANTEES PERSONNEL

# **Section 2.01 Qualifications**

Grantee agrees to maintain the organizational and administrative capacity and capabilities proposed in its response to the Solicitation, as modified, to carry out all duties and responsibilities under the Contract. Grantee Agents assigned to perform the duties and responsibilities under the Contract must be and remain properly trained and qualified for the functions they are to perform. Notwithstanding the transfer or turnover of personnel, Grantee remains obligated to perform all duties and responsibilities under the Contract without degradation and in strict accordance with the terms of the Contract.

#### Section 2.02 Conduct and Removal

While performing the Project, Grantee Agents must comply with applicable Contract terms, State and federal rules, regulations, HHSC's policies, and HHSC's requests regarding personal and professional conduct; and otherwise conduct themselves in a businesslike and professional manner.

If HHSC determines in good faith that a particular Grantee Agent is not conducting himself or herself in accordance with the terms of the Contract, HHSC may provide Grantee with notice and documentation regarding its concerns. Upon receipt of such notice, Grantee must promptly investigate the matter and, at HHSC's election, take appropriate action that may include removing the Grantee Agent from performing the Project.

#### Article III. CONFIDENTIALITY

# **Section 3.01 Confidential System Information**

HHSC prohibits the unauthorized disclosure of Other Confidential Information. Grantee and all Grantee Agents will not disclose or use any Other Confidential Information in any manner except as is necessary for the Project or the proper discharge of obligations and securing of rights under the Contract. Grantee will have a system in effect to protect Other Confidential Information. Any disclosure or transfer of Other Confidential Information by Grantee, including information requested to do so by HHSC, will be in accordance with the Contract. If Grantee receives a request for Other Confidential Information, Grantee will immediately notify HHSC of the request, and will make reasonable efforts to protect the Other Confidential Information from disclosure until further instructed by the HHSC.

Grantee will notify HHSC promptly of any unauthorized possession, use, knowledge, or attempt thereof, of any Other Confidential Information by any person or entity that may become known to Grantee. Grantee will furnish to HHSC all known details of the unauthorized possession, use, or knowledge, or attempt thereof, and use reasonable efforts to assist HHSC in investigating or preventing the reoccurrence of any unauthorized possession, use, or knowledge, or attempt thereof, of Other Confidential Information.

HHSC will have the right to recover from Grantee all damages and liabilities caused by or arising from Grantee or Grantee Agents' failure to protect HHSC's Confidential Information as required by this section.

IN COORDINATION WITH THE INDEMNITY PROVISIONS CONTAINED IN THE UTC, Grantee WILL INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS HHSC FROM ALL DAMAGES, COSTS, LIABILITIES, AND EXPENSES (INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION REASONABLE ATTORNEYS' FEES AND COSTS) CAUSED BY OR ARISING FROM Grantee OR Grantee AGENTS FAILURE TO PROTECT OTHER CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION. Grantee WILL FULFILL THIS PROVISION WITH COUNSEL APPROVED BY HHSC.

#### Article IV. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

# **Section 4.01 Minor Administrative Changes**

HHSC's designee, referred to as the Contract Manager, Project Sponsor, or other equivalent, in the Contract, is authorized to provide written approval of mutually agreed upon Minor Administrative Changes to the Project or the Contract that do not increase the fees or term. Changes that increase the fees or term must be accomplished through the formal amendment procedure, as set forth in the UTC. Upon approval of a Minor Administrative Change, HHSC and Grantee will maintain written notice that the change has been accepted in their Contract files.

#### Section 4.02 Conflicts of Interest

Grantee warrants to the best of its knowledge and belief, except to the extent already disclosed to HHSC, there are no facts or circumstances that could give rise to a Conflict of Interest and further that Grantee or Grantee Agents have no interest and will not acquire any direct or indirect interest that would conflict in any manner or degree with their performance under the Contract. Grantee will, and require Grantee Agents, to establish safeguards to prohibit Contract Agents from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational Conflict of Interest, or for personal gain. Grantee and Grantee Agents will operate with complete independence and objectivity without actual, potential or apparent Conflict of Interest with respect to the activities conducted under the Contract.

Grantee agrees that, if after Grantee's execution of the Contract, Grantee discovers or is made aware of a Conflict of Interest, Grantee will immediately and fully disclose such interest in writing to HHSC. In addition, Grantee will promptly and fully disclose any relationship that might be perceived or represented as a conflict after its discovery by Grantee or by HHSC as a potential conflict. HHSC reserves the right to make a final determination regarding the existence of Conflicts of Interest, and Grantee agrees to abide by HHSC's decision.

If HHSC determines that Grantee was aware of a Conflict of Interest and did not disclose the conflict to HHSC, such nondisclosure will be considered a material breach of the Contract. Furthermore, such breach may be submitted to the Office of the Attorney General, Texas Ethics Commission, or appropriate State or federal law enforcement officials for further action.

#### **Section 4.03 Flow Down Provisions**

Grantee must include any applicable provisions of the Contract in all subcontracts based on the scope and magnitude of work to be performed by such Subcontractor. Any necessary terms will be modified appropriately to preserve the State's rights under the Contract.

### Article V. DSHS LEGACY PROVISIONS

# Section 5.01 Notice of Criminal Activity and Disciplinary Actions

- (a) Grantee shall immediately report in writing to their contract manager when Grantee has knowledge or any reason to believe that they or any person with ownership or controlling interest in the organization/business, or their agent, employee, subcontractor or volunteer that is providing services under this Contract has:
  - Engaged in any activity that could constitute a criminal offense equal to or greater than a Class A misdemeanor or grounds for disciplinary action by a state or federal regulatory authority; or
  - Been placed on community supervision, received deferred adjudication, or been indicted for or convicted of a criminal offense relating to involvement in any financial matter, federal or state program or felony sex crime.
- (b) Grantee shall not permit any person who engaged, or was alleged to have engaged, in any activity subject to reporting under this section to perform direct client services or have direct contact with clients, unless otherwise directed in writing by the System Agency.

# **Section 5.02 Notice of IRS or TWC Insolvency**

Grantee shall notify in writing their assigned contract manager their insolvency, incapacity or outstanding unpaid obligations to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) or Texas Workforce Commission within five days of the date of becoming aware of such.

#### **Section 5.03 Disaster Services**

In the event of a local, state, or federal emergency, including natural, man- made, criminal, terrorist, and/or bioterrorism events, declared as a state disaster by the Governor, or a federal disaster by the appropriate federal official, Grantee may be called upon to assist the System Agency in providing the following services:

- a. Community evacuation;
- b. Health and medical assistance;
- c. Assessment of health and medical needs;
- d. Health surveillance;
- e. Medical care personnel;
- f. Health and medical equipment and supplies;
- g. Patient evacuation;
- h. In-hospital care and hospital facility status;
- i. Food, drug and medical device safety;
- i. worker health and safety;
- k. Mental health and substance abuse;
- 1. Public health information;
- m. Vector control and veterinary services; and
- n. Victim identification and mortuary services.

# Section 5.04 Services and Information for Persons with Limited English Proficiency

- a. Grantee shall take reasonable steps to provide services and information both orally and in writing, in appropriate languages other than English, to ensure that persons with limited English proficiency are effectively informed and can have meaningful access to programs, benefits and activities.
- b. Grantee shall identify and document on the client records the primary language/dialect of a client who has limited English proficiency and the need for translation or interpretation services and shall not require a client to provide or pay for the services of a translator or interpreter.
- c. Grantee shall make every effort to avoid use of any persons under the age of 18 or any family member or friend of the client as an interpreter for essential communications with a client with limited English proficiency unless the client has requested that person and using the person would not compromise the effectiveness of services or violate the client's confidentiality and the client is advised that a free interpreter is available.

# **Section 5.05 Third Party Payors**

Except as provided in this Contract, Grantee shall screen all clients and may not bill the System Agency for services eligible for reimbursement from third party payors, who are any person or entity who has the legal responsibility for paying for all or part of the services provided, including commercial health or liability insurance carriers, Medicaid, or other federal, state, local and private funding sources.

As applicable, the Grantee shall:

- a. Enroll as a provider in Children's Health Insurance Program and Medicaid if providing approved services authorized under this Contract that may be covered by those programs and bill those programs for the covered services;
- b. Provide assistance to individuals to enroll in such programs when the screening process indicates possible eligibility for such programs;
- c. Allow clients that are otherwise eligible for System Agency services, but cannot pay a deductible required by a third party payor, to receive services up to the amount of the deductible and to bill the System Agency for the deductible;
- d. Not bill the System Agency for any services eligible for third party reimbursement until all appeals to third party payors have been exhausted;
- e. Maintain appropriate documentation from the third party payor reflecting attempts to obtain reimbursement;
- f. Bill all third party payors for services provided under this Contract before submitting any request for reimbursement to System Agency; and
- g. Provide third party billing functions at no cost to the client.

#### Section 5.06 Medical Records Retention

Grantee shall retain medical records in accordance with 22 TAC §165.1(b) or other applicable statutes, rules and regulations governing medical information.

#### **Section 5.07 Notice of a License Action**

Grantee shall notify their contract manager of any action impacting its license to provide services under this Contract within five days of becoming aware of the action and include the following:

- a. Reason for such action:
- b. Name and contact information of the local, state or federal department or agency or entity;
- c. Date of the license action; and

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d. License or case reference number.

#### **Section 5.08** Interim Extension Amendment

- a. Prior to or on the expiration date of this Contract, the Parties agree that this Contract can be extended as provided under this Section.
- b. The System Agency shall provide written notice of interim extension amendment to the Grantee under one of the following circumstances:
  - 1. Continue provision of services in response to a disaster declared by the governor; or
  - 2. To ensure that services are provided to clients without interruption.
- c. The System Agency will provide written notice of the interim extension amendment that specifies the reason for it and period of time for the extension.
- d. Grantee will provide and invoice for services in the same manner that is stated in the Contract.
- e. An interim extension under Section (b)(1) above shall extend the term of the contract not longer than 30 days after governor's disaster declaration is declared unless the Parties agree to a shorter period of time.
- f. An interim extension under Section (b)(2) above shall be a one-time extension for a period of time determined by the System Agency.

### Section 5.09 Child Abuse Reporting Requirement

- a. Grantees shall comply with child abuse and neglect reporting requirements in Texas Family Code Chapter 261. This section is in addition to and does not supersede any other legal obligation of the Grantee to report child abuse.
- b. Grantee shall develop, implement and enforce a written policy that includes at a minimum the System Agency's Child Abuse Screening, Documenting, and Reporting Policy for Grantees/Providers and train all staff on reporting requirements.
- c. Grantee shall use the System Agency's Child Abuse Reporting Form located at <a href="www.System Agency.state.tx.us/childabusereporting">www.System Agency.state.tx.us/childabusereporting</a> as required by the System Agency. Grantee shall retain reporting documentation on site and make it available for inspection by the System Agency.

# Section 5.10 Grantee's Certification of Meeting or Exceeding Tobacco-Free Workplace Policy Minimum Standards

Grantee certifies that it has adopted and enforces a Tobacco-Free Workplace Policy that meets or exceeds all of the following minimum standards of:

- a) Prohibiting the use of all forms of tobacco products, including but not limited to cigarettes, cigars, pipes, water pipes (hookah), bidis, kreteks, electronic cigarettes, smokeless tobacco, snuff and chewing tobacco;
- b) Designating the property to which this Policy applies as a "designated area," which must at least comprise all buildings and structures where activities funded under this Contract are taking place, as well as Grantee owned, leased, or controlled sidewalks, parking lots, walkways, and attached parking structures immediately adjacent to this designated area;
- c) Applying to all employees and visitors in this designated area; and
- d) Providing for or referring its employees to tobacco use cessation services.

If Grantee cannot meet these minimum standards, it must obtain a waiver from the System Agency.

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