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Dear Supervisors:

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

16 April 3, 2012

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**APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO A NEW LEGAL ENTITY AGREEMENT WITH  
ELDORADO COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTER  
FOR FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2011-12, FY 2012-13, AND FY 2013-14**

**SUBJECT**

Request approval to enter into a new Legal Entity Agreement with Eldorado Community Service Center to enable Eldorado Community Service Center to transition from a Fee-for-Service Medi-Cal mental health services provider to a Short-Doyle/Medi-Cal mental health services provider and incorporate their 1115 Waiver Demonstration Project Community Partner Agreement into one Legal Entity Agreement. Eldorado Community Service Center is one of a few remaining Fee-for-Service Organizational providers. Transition from a Fee-for-Service reimbursement structure to Short-Doyle/Medi-Cal reimbursement will help to sustain the agency's financial stability.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

1. Approve and authorize the Director of Mental Health (Director), or his designee, to prepare, sign, and execute a Legal Entity (LE) Agreement, substantially similar to Attachment A (Agreement), with Eldorado Community Service Center (Eldorado). This Agreement will establish Eldorado as a Short-Doyle/Medi-Cal mental health services provider and will incorporate their existing 1115 Waiver Demonstration Project Community Partner (1115 Waiver) Agreement to provide Tier II specialty mental health services to Healthy Way L.A. (HWLA) beneficiaries. For Fiscal Year (FY) 2011-12, the Maximum Contract Amount (MCA) will be \$375,194; for FY 2012-13, the MCA will be \$611,991; and for FY 2013-14, the MCA will be \$611,991. The Agreement will be funded by Sales Tax Realignment revenue, Federal Financial Participation (FFP) Medi-Cal revenue, and State Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) revenue. The term of the Agreement will be effective, following Board approval, upon

execution of the new LE Agreement through June 30, 2014.

2. Delegate authority to the Director, or his designee, to prepare, sign, and execute future amendments to the LE Agreement provided that: 1) the County's total payments to the contract provider for each fiscal year will not exceed an increase of ten percent from the last Board approved MCA; 2) any such increase will be used to provide additional services or to reflect program and/or policy changes; 3) your Board has appropriated sufficient funds for all changes; 4) approval of County Counsel, or designee, is obtained prior to any such amendment; 5) County and contractor may, by written amendments, reduce programs or services and revise the applicable MCA, provided that any amendments which reduce programs or services will be consistent with the principles agreed to in Department of Mental Health's (DMH) stakeholders' process; and 6) the Director notifies your Board and the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Agreement changes in writing within 30 days after execution of each amendment.

3. Delegate authority to the Director, or his designee, to terminate the Fee-for-Service (FFS) Organizational Agreement and the existing 1115 Waiver Agreement with Eldorado upon execution of the new LE Agreement.

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Board approval of the recommended actions will authorize DMH to enter into a LE Agreement with Eldorado and enable the agency to transition from a FFS Medi-Cal mental health services provider to a Short-Doyle/Medi-Cal provider. Changing to the Short-Doyle/Medi-Cal reimbursement structure will help to sustain the agency's financial stability, in part, because Short-Doyle/Medi-Cal rates for services are considerably higher than FFS Medi-Cal rates and are more frequently adjusted to account for changes in the economy.

As a FFS Organizational provider, Eldorado has provided services at five different sites. As a Short-Doyle/Medi-Cal provider, Eldorado will concentrate services at its Inglewood site rather than multiple sites, thereby reducing costs. The agency projects that they will serve 200-400 seriously and persistently mentally ill clients per fiscal year.

Approval of the recommended action will also allow for the incorporation of the provisions of Eldorado's 1115 Waiver Agreement into Eldorado's LE Agreement. Eldorado will continue to provide HWLA Tier II services at their existing five primary care sites. Eldorado's existing FFS Agreement and its existing 1115 Waiver Agreement will be terminated upon execution of the new LE Agreement.

Eldorado is one of a few remaining FFS Medi-Cal Organizational providers in Los Angeles County. Eldorado requested to transition to a Short-Doyle/Medi-Cal Mental Health LE Agreement rather than remain with the FFS system. Other FFS providers that request this type of transition will be independently assessed by DMH.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The recommended Board actions support the County's Strategic Plan Goal 3, Community and Municipal Services, and Goal 4, Health and Mental Health.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The MCA for this Agreement is \$375,194 and is funded with Sales Tax Realignment revenue in the amount of \$175,200, FFP Medi-Cal revenue in the amount of \$146,000, and State MHSA revenue in the amount of \$53,994. The funding for this agreement is included in the FY 2011-12 Final Adopted Budget. Funding for future years will be requested through DMH's annual budget request process.

The 1115 Waiver portion of the annual MCA remains the same. FFS agreements do not have MCAs, so the Short-Doyle/Medi-Cal portion of the annual MCA is new and is based on an estimation derived from Eldorado's previous years' medical expenditures as a FFS provider.

There is no net County cost impact associated with the recommended actions.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

FFS rates for outpatient services have not changed since January 2000. However, comparable Short-Doyle/Medi-Cal rates are routinely adjusted in relation to current economic conditions. As a result, FFS providers are significantly limited in their ability to be competitive in the marketplace, especially when hiring mental health professionals. This has become a significant concern as the qualified pool of licensed mental health professionals has shrunk considerably throughout the country. This Agreement will enable Eldorado to provide a broad range of outpatient mental health services to the target population and receive payment based on rates that are more realistic and in line with its financial needs.

Services will be easily integrated with other service delivery systems and community resources since Eldorado has had a presence in the Inglewood area for many years. Thus, the transition will be seamless to existing clients. Through this Agreement, the Agency will offer the following services: Mental Health Services, Assessment, Medication Support Services, Targeted Case Management/Brokerage Services, Crisis Intervention Services, and Primary Care Practitioner Consultation.

DMH clinical and administrative staff will supervise and administer the services provided, evaluate the programs to ensure that quality services are provided to clients, and ensure that Agreement provisions and Departmental policies are followed.

The attached Agreement format has been approved as to form by County Counsel. The CEO has been advised of the proposed actions.

### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

Eldorado is a non-profit organization that has contracted with DMH since the consolidation of FFS Medi-Cal specialty mental health services at the local level in 1998. Prior to that, Eldorado contracted with the State of California for these services. As a FFS Organizational provider, Eldorado has offered mental health services to County residents who are Medi-Cal beneficiaries at a variety of clinic locations. With the execution of this Agreement, Eldorado's Medi-Cal mental health services will be available at their clinic in Inglewood. Their 1115 Waiver Tier II services will be available at the following locations: Hawaiian Gardens, Inglewood, Lawndale, Palmdale, and Pico Rivera.

As previously noted, Eldorado is one of a few remaining Organizational providers for FFS Medi-Cal in Los Angeles County. Eldorado has requested to transition to a Short-Doyle/Medi-Cal Mental Health LE Agreement rather than remain with the FFS system because of the financial and competitive disadvantages associated with the FFS system. Thus, establishment of this Agreement represents the transition of an existing contractor from FFS Medi-Cal to Short-Doyle/Medi-Cal with the associated change of the funding structure. Because this Agreement was not based on a competitive bidding process, but transition of an existing contractor, notification of an open solicitation on the web site did not occur.

Eldorado's existing FFS Organizational Agreement and their existing 1115 Waiver Agreement will be terminated following Board approval and execution of the new LE Agreement.

**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

Board approval of the proposed actions will have minimal impact on existing clients. Eldorado will make detailed transition plans with clients to either continue services at the Inglewood location or transfer to another service provider. 1115 Waiver beneficiaries will continue to receive Tier II specialty mental health services.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mg Southard". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized "Mg" at the beginning and a long, sweeping flourish at the end.

MARVIN J. SOUTHARD, D.S.W.

Director of Mental Health

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Reference Number(s)

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Legal Entity Number

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Contractor Headquarters' Supervisorial District \_\_\_\_\_

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LEGAL ENTITY AGREEMENT FY 11-12



DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH LEGAL ENTITY AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into this \_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, by \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ between the County of Los Angeles (hereafter "County"), and \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(hereafter "Contractor") with the following business address at \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

WHEREAS, County desires to provide to those persons in Los Angeles County who qualify therefore certain mental health services contemplated and authorized by the Bronzan-McCorquodale Act, California Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) Section 5600 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, County desires through the County's Request for Statement of Qualification (RFSQ) process to provide to those persons in Los Angeles County who qualify therefore certain mental health services contemplated and authorized by the Mental Health Service Act (MHSA) adopted by the California electorate on November 2, 2004; and

WHEREAS, Contractor is equipped, staffed, and prepared to provide these services as described in this Agreement; and

WHEREAS, County believes it is in the best interest of the people of the County of Los Angeles to provide these services by contract; and

WHEREAS, these services shall be provided by Contractor in accordance with all applicable federal, State and local laws, required licenses, ordinances, rules, regulations, manuals, guidelines, and directives, which may include, but are not necessarily limited to, the following: Bronzan-McCorquodale Act, WIC Section 5600 et seq., including, but not limited to, Sections 5600.2, 5600.3, 5600.4, 5600.9, 5602, 5608, 5651, 5670, 5670.5, 5671, 5671.5, 5672, 5705, 5709, 5710, 5716, 5719, 5721, 5722, 5751.2, and 5900 et seq.; Medi-Cal Act, WIC Section 14000 et seq., including, but not limited to, Section 14132.44; WIC Section 15600 et seq., including Section 15630; WIC Section 17601 et seq.; California Work Opportunities and Responsibilities to Kids Act, WIC Section 11200 et seq.; California Government Code Sections 26227 and 53703; Title XIX of the Social Security Act, 42 United States Code Section 1396 et seq.; Part B of Title XIX of the Public Health Service Act, 42 United States Code Section 300x et seq.; Title XXI of the Social Security Act; California Penal Code (PC) Section 11164 et seq.; Title 9 and Title 22, including, but not limited to, Sections 51516, 70001, 71001, 72001 et seq., and

72443 et seq. of the California Code of Regulations; 45 Code of Federal Regulations Parts 160 and 164 and WIC Section 5328 et seq.; State Department of Mental Health's (SDMH) Cost Reporting/Data Collection Manual (CR/DC); Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (DMH) Organizational Provider's Manual for Specialty Mental Health Services under the Rehabilitation Option and Targeted Case Management Services; SDMH's Cost and Financial Reporting System Instruction Manual; Federal Office of Management and Budget Circular A-122 (Cost principles for non-profit organizations); Federal Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133 (Audits of states, local governments, and non-profit organizations); Auditor-Controller Contract Accounting and Administration Handbook; policies and procedures developed by County; State's Medicaid Plan; and policies and procedures which have been documented in the form of Policy Letters issued by SDMH; and/or for State Department of Health Services (SDHS); and

WHEREAS, this Agreement is authorized by WIC Section 5600 et seq., California Government Code Sections 23004, 26227 and 53703, and otherwise.

NOW, THEREFORE, Contractor and County agree as follows:

#### **PREAMBLE**

For over a decade, the County has collaborated with its community partners to enhance the capacity of the health and human services system to improve the lives of children and families. These efforts require, as a fundamental expectation, that the County's contracting partners share the County and community's commitment to provide health and human services that support achievement of the County's vision, goals, values, and adopted outcomes. Key to these efforts is the integration of service delivery systems and the adoption of the Customer Service and Satisfaction Standards.

The County of Los Angeles' Vision is to improve the quality of life in the County by providing responsive, efficient, and high quality public services that promote the self-sufficiency, well-being and prosperity of individuals, families, businesses and communities. This philosophy of teamwork and collaboration is anchored in the shared values of:

- Responsiveness
- Professionalism
- Accountability
- Compassion
- Integrity
- Commitment
- A Can-Do Attitude
- Respect for Diversity

These shared values are encompassed in the County Mission to enrich lives through effective and caring service and the County Strategic Plan's eight goals:

1) Service Excellence; 2) Workforce Excellence; 3) Organizational Effectiveness; 4) Fiscal Responsibility; 5) Children and Families' Well-Being; 6) Community Services; 7) Health and Mental Health; and 8) Public Safety. Improving the well-being of children and families requires coordination, collaboration, and integration of services across functional and jurisdictional boundaries, by and between County departments/agencies, and community and contracting partners.

The basic conditions that represent the well-being we seek for all children and families in Los Angeles County are delineated in the following five outcomes, adopted by the Board of Supervisors in January 1993.

- Good Health;
- Economic Well-Being;
- Safety and Survival;
- Emotional and Social Well-Being; and
- Education and Workforce Readiness.

Recognizing no single strategy – in isolation – can achieve the County's outcomes of well-being for children and families, consensus has emerged among County and community leaders that making substantial improvements in integrating the County's health and human services system is necessary to significantly move toward achieving these outcomes. The County has also established the following values and goals for guiding this effort to integrate the health and human services delivery system:

- ✓ Families are treated with respect in every encounter they have with the health, educational, and social services systems.
- ✓ Families can easily access a broad range of services to address their needs, build on their strengths, and achieve their goals.
- ✓ There is no "wrong door": wherever a family enters the system is the right place.
- ✓ Families receive services tailored to their unique situations and needs.
- ✓ Service providers and advocates involve families in the process of determining service plans, and proactively provide families with coordinated and comprehensive information, services, and resources.
- ✓ The County service system is flexible, able to respond to service demands for both the Countywide population and specific population groups.
- ✓ The County service system acts to strengthen communities, recognizing that just as individuals live in families, families live in communities.
- ✓ In supporting families and communities, County agencies work seamlessly with

public and private service providers, community-based organizations, and other community partners.

- ✓ County agencies and their partners work together seamlessly to demonstrate substantial progress towards making the system more strength-based, family-focused, culturally-competent, accessible, user-friendly, responsive, cohesive, efficient, professional, and accountable.
- ✓ County agencies and their partners focus on administrative and operational enhancements to optimize the sharing of information, resources, and best practices while also protecting the privacy rights of families.
- ✓ County agencies and their partners pursue multi-disciplinary service delivery, a single service plan, staff development opportunities, infrastructure enhancements, customer service and satisfaction evaluation, and revenue maximization.
- ✓ County agencies and their partners create incentives to reinforce the direction toward service integration and a seamless service delivery system.
- ✓ The County human service system embraces a commitment to the disciplined pursuit of results accountability across systems. Specifically, any strategy designed to improve the County human services system for children and families should ultimately be judged by whether it helps achieve the County's five outcomes for children and families: good health, economic well-being, safety and survival, emotional and social well-being, and education and workforce readiness.

The County, its clients, contracting partners, and the community will continue to work together to develop ways to make County services more accessible, customer friendly, better integrated, and outcome-focused. Several departments have identified shared themes in their strategic plans for achieving these goals including: making an effort to become more consumer/client-focused; valuing community partnerships and collaborations; emphasizing values and integrity; and using a strengths-based and multi-disciplinary team approach. County departments are also working to provide the Board of Supervisors and the community with a better understanding of how resources are being utilized, how well services are being provided, and what are the results of the services: is anyone better off?

The County of Los Angeles health and human service departments and their partners are working together to achieve the following ***Customer Service and Satisfaction Standards*** in support of improving outcomes for children and families.

### Personal Service Delivery

The service delivery team – staff and volunteers – will treat customers and each other with courtesy, dignity, and respect.

- Introduce themselves by name
- Listen carefully and patiently to customers
- Be responsive to cultural and linguistic needs
- Explain procedures clearly
- Build on the strengths of families and communities

### Service Access

Service providers will work proactively to facilitate customer access to services.

- Provide services as promptly as possible
- Provide clear directions and service information
- Outreach to the community and promote available services
- Involve families in service plan development
- Follow-up to ensure appropriate delivery of services

### Service Environment

Service providers will deliver services in a clean, safe, and welcoming environment, which supports the effective delivery of services.

- Ensure a safe environment
- Ensure a professional atmosphere
- Display vision, mission, and values statements
- Provide a clean and comfortable waiting area
- Ensure privacy
- Post complaint and appeals procedures

The basis for all County health and human services contracts is the provision of the highest level of quality services that support improved outcomes for children and families. The County and its contracting partners must work together and share a commitment to achieve a common vision, goals, outcomes, and standards for providing services.

#### 1. **TERM:**

A. Initial Period: The Initial Period of this Agreement shall commence on \_\_\_\_\_ and shall continue in full force and effect through \_\_\_\_\_.

B. Automatic Renewal Period(s): After the Initial Period, this Agreement shall be automatically renewed two additional periods without further action by the parties hereto unless either party desires to terminate this Agreement at the end of either the Initial Period or First Automatic Renewal Period and gives written notice to the other party not less than 30 calendar days prior to the end of the Initial Period or the end of the First Automatic Renewal Period, as applicable.

(1) First Automatic Renewal Period: If this Agreement is automatically renewed, the First Automatic Renewal Period shall commence on \_\_\_\_\_ and shall continue in full force and effect through \_\_\_\_\_.

(2) Second Automatic Renewal Period: If this Agreement is automatically renewed, the Second Automatic Renewal Period shall commence on \_\_\_\_\_ and shall continue in full force and effect through \_\_\_\_\_.

2. **TERMINATION WITHOUT CAUSE**: This Agreement may be terminated by either party at any time without cause by giving at least 30 calendar days prior written notice to the other party.

3. **IMMEDIATE TERMINATION BY COUNTY**:

A. In addition to any other provisions for termination provided in this Agreement, this Agreement may be terminated by County immediately if County determines that:

(1) Contractor has failed to initiate delivery of services within 30 calendar days of the commencement date of this Agreement; or

(2) Contractor has failed to comply with any of the provisions of Paragraphs 18 (NONDISCRIMINATION IN SERVICES), 19 (NONDISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT), 21 (INDEMNIFICATION AND INSURANCE), 22 (WARRANTY AGAINST CONTINGENT FEES), 23 (CONFLICT OF INTEREST), 28 (DELEGATION AND ASSIGNMENT), 29 (SUBCONTRACTING), 34 (CHILD SUPPORT COMPLIANCE PROGRAM), 48 (CERTIFICATION OF DRUG-FREE WORK PLACE), 54 (CONTRACTOR'S EXCLUSION FROM PARTICIPATION IN A FEDERALLY FUNDED PROGRAM) and/or 63 (CONTRACTOR'S WARRANTY OF COMPLIANCE WITH COUNTY'S DEFAULTED PROPERTY TAX REDUCTION PROGRAM); or

(3) In accordance with Paragraphs 35 (TERMINATION FOR INSOLVENCY), 36 (TERMINATION FOR DEFAULT), 37 (TERMINATION FOR IMPROPER CONSIDERATION), 49 (COUNTY LOBBYISTS), and/or 64 (TERMINATION FOR BREACH OF WARRANTY TO MAINTAIN COMPLIANCE WITH COUNTY'S DEFAULTED PROPERTY TAX REDUCTION PROGRAM).

B. In the event that this Agreement is terminated, then:

(1) On or after the date of the written notice of termination, County, in its sole discretion, may stop all payments to Contractor hereunder until preliminary settlement based on the Annual Cost Report. Contractor shall prepare an Annual Cost Report in accordance with the terms of the Financial Exhibit A.

(2) Upon issuance of any notice of termination, Contractor shall make immediate and appropriate plans to transfer or refer all patients/clients receiving services under

this Agreement to other agencies for continuing services in accordance with the patient's/client's needs. Such plans shall be subject to prior written approval of Director or his designee, except that in specific cases, as determined by Contractor, where an immediate patient/client transfer or referral is indicated, Contractor may make an immediate transfer or referral. If Contractor terminates this Agreement, all costs related to all such transfers or referrals as well as all costs related to all continuing services shall not be a charge to this Agreement nor reimbursable in any way under this Agreement; and

(3) If Contractor is in possession of any equipment, furniture, removable fixtures, materials, or supplies owned by County as provided in Paragraph 45 (PURCHASES), the same shall be immediately returned to County.

(4) Any termination of this Agreement by County shall be approved by County's Board of Supervisors.

C. Six Months Notification of Agreement Expiration: Contractor shall notify County when this Agreement is within six (6) months of expiration. Contractor shall send such notice to those persons and addresses which are set forth in Paragraph 65 (NOTICES).

4. **ADMINISTRATION**: The Director of Mental Health (Director) shall have the authority to administer this Agreement on behalf of the County. All references to the actions or decisions to be made by the County in this Agreement shall be made by the Director unless otherwise expressly provided.

A. The Director may designate one or more persons to act as his/her designee for the purposes of administering this Agreement. Therefore "Director" shall mean "Director and/or his/her designee."

B. Contractor shall designate in writing a Contract Manager who shall function as liaison with County regarding Contractor's performance hereunder.

5. **DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES/ACTIVITIES**: Contractor shall provide those mental health services identified on the Financial Summary and Service Exhibit(s) of this Agreement and as described in the Contractor's Negotiation Package for this Agreement, as approved in writing by Director. The quality of services provided by Contractor shall be the same regardless of the patient's/client's ability to pay or source of payment.

Contractor shall be responsible for delivering services to new clients to the extent that funding is provided by County. Where Contractor determines that services to new clients can no longer be delivered, Contractor shall provide 30 calendar days prior notice to County. Contractor shall also thereafter make referrals of new clients to County or other appropriate agencies.

Contractor shall not be required to provide the notice in the preceding paragraph when County reduces funding to Contractor, either at the beginning or during the fiscal year. In addition, when County cuts the funding for a particular program provided by Contractor, Contractor shall not be responsible for continuing services for those clients linked to that funding. Contractor shall also thereafter make referrals of those clients to County or other appropriate agencies.

Contractor may provide activities claimable as Title XIX Medi-Cal Administrative Activities pursuant to WIC Section 14132.44. The administrative activities which may be claimable as Title XIX Medi-Cal Administrative Activities are shown on the Financial Summary and are described in the policies and procedures provided by SDMH and/or SDHS.

Contractor shall be responsible for delivering medically necessary mental health services to clients that are enrolled in the Healthy Way LA Health Care Initiative (HWLA) Program, and Contractor shall serve such HWLA clients within the mandated time frame established by the Low Income Health Plan guidelines. Clients that are enrolled in the HWLA Program shall be given priority over other indigent/uninsured clients.

Contractor may provide mental health services claimable as Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) services. Contractors shall not be eligible to provide mental health services claimable under the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) unless Contractor has been found to be eligible to provide mental health services as follows: (1) Contractor has submitted to the County a Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) in response to County's Request For Statement of Qualifications (RFSQ) for the provision of such services; Contractor has met the minimum qualifications listed in the RFSQ and has been selected for recommendation for placement on a MHSA Master Agreement eligibility list; and Contractor has demonstrated experience and training in its specialized field and has been selected to provide MHSA services pursuant to a Request for Services, or (2) Contractor intends to transform a portion of its services to MHSA services, Contractor has submitted a mid-year change to the Negotiation Package outlining the planned transformation and County has approved Contractor to provide MHSA services through the transformation process. Placement on the Master Agreement eligibility list does not guarantee that Contractor will be selected to provide mental health services claimable as MHSA services. In order to provide mental health services claimable as MHSA services, a provider must have been selected to provide MHSA services pursuant to a Request for Services or be approved by the County to provide MHSA service through the transformation process.



6. **FINANCIAL PROVISIONS:** In consideration of services and/or activities provided by Contractor, County shall reimburse Contractor in the amount and manner described in Attachment II, Financial Exhibit A (FINANCIAL PROVISIONS) attached thereto and by this reference incorporated herein.

7. **PRIOR AGREEMENT(S) SUPERSEDED:**

A. Reference is made to the certain document(s) entitled:

TITLE	COUNTY AGREEMENT NUMBER	DATE OF EXECUTION

The parties agree that the provisions of such prior Agreement(s), and all Amendments thereto, shall be entirely superseded as of N/A, by the provisions of this Agreement.

B. The parties further agree that all payments made by County to Contractor under any such prior Agreement(s) for services rendered thereunder on and after \_\_\_\_\_, shall be applied to and considered against all applicable federal, State, and/or County funds provided hereunder.

C. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement or the Agreement(s) described in Subparagraph 7.A, the total reimbursement by County to Contractor under all these Agreements for Fiscal Year \_\_\_\_\_ shall not exceed \_\_\_\_\_ DOLLARS (\$ \_\_\_\_\_); and for Fiscal Year \_\_\_\_\_ shall not exceed \_\_\_\_\_ DOLLARS (\$ \_\_\_\_\_); and for Fiscal Year \_\_\_\_\_ shall not exceed \_\_\_\_\_ DOLLARS (\$ \_\_\_\_\_).

The supersession by this Agreement is not intended to replace ongoing programs and/or special provisions (such as, deeds, leases, rentals, or space use) which are implemented by special amendments to the agreement listed in Paragraph 7.A. above with Contractors. Such ongoing programs and special provisions set forth in special amendments can only be affected by a written contract amendment that refers specifically to the provisions set forth in the Amendment.

For information on amendment(s) for special provisions for such ongoing programs and/or special services, see Exhibit(s) \_\_\_\_\_. (If applicable, this attachment has been included under the Table of Contents in the Attachments Section.)

8. **STAFFING:** Throughout the term of this Agreement, Contractor shall staff its operations so that staffing approximates the type and number indicated in Contractor's Negotiation Package for this Agreement and as required by WIC and California Code of Regulations (CCR).

A. Staff providing services under this Agreement shall be qualified and shall possess all appropriate licenses in accordance with WIC Section 5603 and all other applicable requirements of the California Business and Professions Code, WIC, CCR, CR/DC Manual, Los Angeles County DMH Organizational Provider's Manual for Specialty Mental Health Services under the Rehabilitation Option and Targeted Case Management Services, SDMH Policy Letters, and shall only function within the scope of practice as dictated by licensing boards/bodies.

B. If, at any time during the term of this Agreement, the Contractor has a sufficient number of vacant staff positions that would impair its ability to perform any services under the Agreement, Contractor shall promptly notify Director of such vacancies.

C. During the Term of this Agreement, Contractor shall twice per year, by December 31<sup>st</sup> and June 30<sup>th</sup>, provide County with accurate and complete item control reports identifying all persons providing services under this Agreement. Such report shall be in the manner and format determined by the County and shall include, but shall not be limited to, the name, title, professional degree, language capability(ies), and license of the persons providing services or performing work under this Agreement. The reports are to be forwarded to the address(es) and person(s) identified in Paragraph 65 (NOTICES).

D. Notwithstanding the above, at all times during the term of this Agreement, Contractor shall have available and shall provide upon request to authorized representatives of County, a list of all persons by name, title, professional degree, language capability(ies), and experience, who are providing any services under this Agreement.

9. **STAFF TRAINING AND SUPERVISION:** Contractor shall institute and maintain an in-service training program of treatment review and case conferences in which all its professional, para-professional, intern, student and clinical volunteer personnel shall participate. Contractor shall institute and maintain appropriate supervision of all persons providing services under this Agreement with particular emphasis on the supervision of para-professionals, interns, students, and clinical volunteers in accordance with Departmental clinical supervision policy. Contractor shall be responsible for the provision of mandatory training for all staff at the time of initial employment and on an ongoing basis as required by federal and State law, including but not limited to HIPAA and Sexual Harassment, and for the training of all appropriate staff on the Los Angeles County DMH Organizational Provider's Manual for Specialty Mental Health Services under the Rehabilitation Option and Targeted Case Management Services, CR/DC Manual (as applicable), and other State and County policies and procedures as well as on any other matters that County may reasonably require.

Contractor shall document and make available upon request by the federal, State and/or County the type and number of hours of training provided to Contractor's officers, employees, agents, and subcontractors.

10. **PROGRAM SUPERVISION, MONITORING AND REVIEW:**

A. Pursuant to WIC Section 5608 and CCR Title 9, Section 521, all services hereunder shall be provided by Contractor under the general supervision of Director. Director shall have the right to monitor and specify the kind, quality, appropriateness, timeliness, and amount of services, and the criteria for determining the persons to be served.

B. Upon receipt of any contract monitoring report pertaining to services/activities under this Agreement, Contractor shall respond in writing to person(s) identified within the time specified in the contract monitoring report. Contractor shall, in its written response, either acknowledge the reported deficiencies or present additional evidence to dispute the findings. In addition, Contractor must submit a plan for immediate correction of all deficiencies.

C. In the event of a State audit of this Agreement, if State auditors disagree with County's official written instructions to Contractor in its performance of this Agreement, and if such disagreement results in a State disallowance of any of Contractor's costs hereunder, then County shall be liable for Contractor's disallowed costs as determined by State.

D. To assure compliance with this Agreement and for any other reasonable purpose relating to performance of this Agreement, and subject to the provisions of State and federal law, authorized County, State, and/or federal representatives and designees shall have the right to enter Contractor's premises (including all other places where duties under this Agreement are being performed), with or without notice, to: inspect, monitor and/or audit Contractor's facilities, programs and procedures, or to otherwise evaluate the work performed or being performed; review and copy any records and supporting documentation pertaining to the performance of this Agreement; and elicit information regarding the performance of this Agreement or any related work. The representatives and designees of such agencies may examine, audit and copy such records at the site at which they are located. Contractor shall provide access to facilities and shall cooperate and assist County, State, and/or federal representatives and designees in the performance of their duties. Unless otherwise agreed upon in writing, Contractor must provide specified data upon request by County, State, and/or federal representatives and designees within ten (10) business days.

11. **PERFORMANCE STANDARDS AND OUTCOME MEASURES:** The Contractor shall comply with all applicable federal, State, and County policies and procedures relating to

performance standards and outcome measures, including but not limited to those performance standards and outcome measures required by specific federal or State rules for entities receiving their funding, those identified in Attachment XI and performance standards and/or outcome measures provided in the applicable MHSA Service Exhibits.

Performance standards and/or outcome measures will be used as part of the determination of the effectiveness of the services delivered by Contractor.

12. **QUALITY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM:**

A. Contract shall establish and maintain a Quality Management Program. Contractor's written Quality Management Program shall describe its quality assurance, quality improvement and utilization review structure, process, decisions, actions and monitoring, in accordance with the Department's Quality Improvement Program Policy No. 105.1, to ensure that the quality and appropriateness of care delivered to clients of the mental health system meets or exceeds the established County, State, and federal service standards and complies with the standards set by the State Department of Mental Health through the Medi-Cal Performance Contract.

B. The Contractor's Quality Management Program shall be consistent with Department's Quality Improvement Program Policy No. 105.1 including the Department's Quality Improvement Work Plan and participation in Service Area Quality Assurance and Quality Improvement Committee meetings as outlined in Policy No. 105.1.

C. The Contractor's Quality Management Program shall be consistent with the Department's Cultural Competency Plan.

D. The Contractor's level of performance under this Agreement shall be evaluated by the County no less than annually. Failure to meet performance standards may place Contractor's Agreement in jeopardy; performance deficits that are not remedied will be reported to the Board of Supervisors. The report shall include improvement/corrective action measures taken by the County and Contractor. If improvement does not occur consistent with the corrective action measures, County may terminate this Agreement or invoke other remedies as specified in this Agreement.

13. **RECORDS AND AUDITS:**

A. **Records:**

(1) **Direct Services and Indirect Services Records:** Contractor shall maintain a record of all direct services and indirect services rendered by all professional, para-professional, intern, student, volunteer and other personnel under this Agreement in sufficient detail to permit

an evaluation and audit of such services. All such records shall be retained, maintained, and made available within three (3) business days for inspection, review, and/or audit by authorized representatives and designees of County, State, and/or federal governments during the term of this Agreement and during the applicable period of records retention. In the event any records are located outside Los Angeles County, Contractor shall pay County for all travel, per diem, and other costs incurred by County for any inspection, review, and/or audit at such other location. In addition to the general requirements in this Paragraph 13, Contractor shall comply with any additional patient/client record requirements described in the Service Exhibit(s) and shall adequately document the delivery of all services described in the Service Exhibit(s).

(a) Patient/Client Records (Direct Services): Contractor shall maintain treatment and other records for each individual patient/client of all direct services (e.g., 24-hour services, day services, targeted case management, mental health services, medication support, and crisis intervention) in accordance with all applicable County, State and federal requirements. Treatment and other records shall include, but not be limited to, patient/client identification number, patient/client face sheet, all data elements required by the County's claims processing information system, consent for treatment form, initial evaluation form, treatment plan, progress notes and discharge summary. All patient/client records shall be maintained by Contractor at a location in Los Angeles County for a minimum period that is at least equivalent to the later of any of the following:

- 1) Seven (7) years following discharge of the patient/client or termination of services;
- 2) For un-emancipated minors, one (1) year after such minor has reached the age of 18 years and in any case not less than seven (7) years;
- 3) Three years after completion of all County, State and/or federal audits; or
- 4) Three (3) years after the conclusion of any audit appeal and/or when audit findings are fully resolved.

During such retention period, all such records shall be available within three (3) business days and open during County's normal business hours to authorized representatives and designees of County, State, and/or federal governments for purposes of inspection, review, and/or audit. Nothing in this paragraph shall limit Contractor's obligation to retain records for the period described by law.

(b) Case Management Support Services, Outreach Services, and

Client Supportive Services Records (Indirect Services): Contractor shall maintain accurate and complete program records of all indirect services (i.e., all services other than direct services) in accordance with all applicable County, State and federal requirements. All program records shall be maintained by Contractor at a location in Los Angeles County for a minimum period that is at least equivalent to the later of any of the following:

- 1) Seven (7) years following the expiration or earlier termination of this agreement;
- 2) Three (3) years after completion of all County, State and/or federal audits; or
- 3) Three (3) years after the conclusion of any audit appeal and/or when audit findings are fully resolved.

During such retention period, all such records shall be available within three (3) business days and open during County's normal business hours to authorized representatives and designees of County, State, and/or federal governments for purposes of inspection and/or audit. Nothing in this paragraph shall limit Contractor's obligation to retain records for the period described by law.

(2) Financial Records: Contractor shall prepare and maintain, on a current basis, accurate and complete financial records of its activities and operations relating to this Agreement in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, with the procedures set out in the State Department of Mental Health's Cost and Financial Reporting System (CFRS) Instruction Manual, and with all applicable federal, State and County requirements, guidelines, standards, and procedures. Minimum standards for accounting principles are set forth in County's Auditor-Controller's Contract Accounting and Administration Handbook which shall be furnished to Contractor by County upon request. The above financial records shall include, but are not limited to:

- (a) Books of original entry and a general ledger.
- (b) Reports, studies, statistical surveys or other information Contractor used to identify and allocate indirect costs. "Indirect costs" shall mean those costs as described by the guidelines, standards, and procedures which may be provided by County in writing to Contractor, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Provider Reimbursement Manual, and the Federal Office of Management and Budget Circular A-122 (Cost principles for non-profit organizations).
- (c) Bronzan-McCorquodale/County statistics and total facility utilization

information (e.g., patient days, visits) which can be identified by type of service pursuant to any policies and procedures which may be provided by County in writing to Contractor.

(d) A listing of all County remittances received.

(e) Patient/client financial folders clearly documenting:

1) Contractor's determination of patient's/client's eligibility for Medi-Cal, medical insurance and any other third party payer coverage; and

2) Contractor's reasonable efforts to collect charges from the patient/client, his responsible relatives, and any other third party payer.

(f) Individual patient/client ledger cards indicating the type and amount of charges incurred and payments by source and service type.

(g) Employment records.

(3) The entries in all of the above financial records must be readily traceable to applicable source documentation (e.g., remittance invoices, vendor invoices, employee timecards signed by employee and countersigned by supervisor in ink, subsidiary ledgers and journals, appointment logs, patient ledger cards, etc.). Any apportionment of costs shall be made in accordance with the requirements of the State Department of Mental Health Cost and Financial Reporting System (CFRS) Instruction Manual, the Federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Provider Reimbursement Manual Parts 1 and 2 (Publications #15-1 and #15-2), and Los Angeles County DMH Organizational Provider's Manual for Specialty Mental Health Services under the Rehabilitation Option and Targeted Case Management Services. All such records shall be maintained by Contractor at a location in Los Angeles County for a minimum period that is at least equivalent to the later of any of the following:

(a) Seven (7) years following the expiration or earlier termination of this agreement;

(b) Three years after completion of all County, State and/or federal audits; or

(c) Three (3) years after the conclusion of any audit appeal and/or when audit findings are fully resolved.

During such retention period, all such records shall be available within three (3) business days and open during County's normal business hours to authorized representatives and designees of County, State, and/or federal governments for purposes of inspection, review, and/or audit. Such access shall include access to individuals with knowledge of financial records and Contractor's outside auditors, and regular and special reports from Contractor. In the event any records are

located outside Los Angeles County, Contractor shall pay County for all travel, per diem, and other costs incurred by County for any inspection or audit at such other location.

(4) Preservation of Records: If, following termination of this Agreement, Contractor's facility(ies) is (are) closed or if majority ownership of Contractor changes, then within forty-eight hours of closure or ownership change, Director of SDMH and Director shall be notified in writing by Contractor of all arrangements made by Contractor for preservation of all the patient/client, financial, and other records referred to in this Paragraph 13.

B. Audits:

(1) Contractor shall provide County and its authorized representatives access to and the right to examine, audit, excerpt, copy, or transcribe, any pertinent transaction, activity, time cards, or any other records relating to this Agreement.

(2) County may, in its sole discretion, perform periodic fiscal and/or program review(s) of Contractor's records that relate to this Agreement. If County determines that the results of any such reviews indicate the need for corrective action, Contractor shall within 30 calendar days after receiving the findings of the fiscal and/or program review, either (a) submit a corrective plan of action to DMH, or (b) request a review by the Director. If Contractor requests a review by the Director within the 30 calendar days, and if a corrective plan of action is then required, Contractor shall have 30 calendar days to submit its corrective plan of action.

(3) Audit Reports: In the event that any audit of any or all aspects of this Agreement is conducted by any federal or State auditor, or by any auditor or accountant employed by Contractor or otherwise, then Contractor shall file a copy of such audit report(s) with DMH's Contracts Development and Administration Division within 30 calendar days of Contractor's receipt thereof, unless otherwise provided by applicable federal or State law or under this Agreement. Contractor shall promptly notify County of any request for access to information related to this Agreement by any other governmental agency.

(4) State Department of Mental Health Access to Records: Contractor agrees that for a period of seven (7) years or until three (3) years after final audit is completed including appeals, which ever occurs later, following the furnishing of services under this Agreement, Contractor shall maintain and make available to the State Department of Mental Health, the Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services or the Controller General of the United States, and any other authorized federal and State agencies, or to any of their duly authorized representatives, the contracts, books, documents and records of Contractor which are necessary to verify the nature and extent of the cost of services hereunder.



Furthermore, if Contractor carries out any of the services provided hereunder through any subcontract with a value or cost of TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000) or more over a 12-month period with a related organization (as that term is defined under federal law), Contractor agrees that each such subcontract shall provide for such access to the subcontract, books, documents and records of the subcontractor as provided in Paragraph 10 and in this Paragraph 13.

(5) Federal Access to Records: Grant-funded programs require audits and compliance with federal guidelines pursuant to Circular A-133 issued by the Federal Office of Management and Budgets (OMB). If, and to the extent that, Section 1861(v)(1)(I) of the Social Security Act (42 United States Code Section 1395x(v)(1)(I)) is applicable, Contractor agrees that for a period of seven (7) years following the furnishing of services under this Agreement, or three (3) years after final audit is completed including appeals, whichever is later, Contractor shall maintain and make available to the Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services or the Controller General of the United States, or to any of their duly authorized representatives, the contracts, books, documents and records of Contractor which are necessary to verify the nature and extent of the cost of services hereunder. Furthermore, if Contractor carries out any of the services provided hereunder through any subcontract with a value or cost of TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000) or more over a 12-month period with a related organization (as that term is defined under federal law), Contractor agrees that each such subcontract shall provide for such access to the subcontract, books, documents and records of the subcontractor as provided in Paragraph 10 and in this Paragraph 13.

14. **REPORTS:**

A. Contractor shall make reports as required by Director or by State regarding Contractor's activities and operations as they relate to Contractor's performance of this Agreement. In no event may County require such reports unless it has provided Contractor with at least 30 calendar days' prior written notification. County shall provide Contractor with a written explanation of the procedures for reporting the required information.

B. Income Tax Withholding: Upon Director's request, Contractor shall provide County with certain documents relating to Contractor's income tax returns and employee income tax withholding. These documents shall include, but are not limited to:

(1) A copy of Contractor's federal and State quarterly income tax withholding returns (i.e., Federal Form 941 and/or State Form DE-3 or their equivalents).

(2) A copy of a receipt for, or other proof of payment of, each employee's

federal and State income tax withholding, whether such payments are made on a monthly or quarterly basis.

C. County Claims Processing Information System:

(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, only units of service submitted by Contractor into the County's claims processing information system shall be counted as delivered units of service.

(2) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, the only units of service which shall be considered valid and reimbursable at Annual Cost Report Reconciliation and Settlement, Cost Report Audit Settlement, or at any other time otherwise shall be those units of service that are submitted by Contractor into the County's claims processing information system by the County's year-end cutoff date in accordance with the terms of this Agreement and its attachments thereto, including but not limited to Attachment II, Financial Exhibit A (Financial Provisions), and which are not voided, replaced and/or denied for any reason, except due to the fault of the County. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, claims entered into the County's claim processing information system shall be attributed to a specific Funded Program and Subprogram based upon the plan identified by Contractor when submitting the claim into the County's claims processing information system.

(3) Contractor shall train its staff in the operation, procedures, policies, and all related use, of the County's claims processing information system as required by County. County shall train Contractor's designated trainer in the operation, procedures, policies, and all related use of the County's information system.

15. **CONFIDENTIALITY:** Contractor shall maintain the confidentiality of all records and information, including, but not limited to, claims, County records, patient/client records and information, and County claims processing information system records, in accordance with WIC Sections 5328 through 5330, inclusive, and all other applicable County, State, and federal laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, manuals, guidelines, and directives, relating to confidentiality and privacy. Contractor shall require all its officers, employees, and agents providing services hereunder to acknowledge, in writing, understanding of, and agreement to fully comply with, all such confidentiality and privacy provisions. Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless County, its officers, employees, and agents, from and against any and all loss, damage, liability, and expense arising from any disclosure of such records and information by Contractor, its officers, employees, or agents.

Contractor shall sign and adhere to the provisions of the "Contractor Acknowledgement

and Confidentiality Agreement", Attachment XII.

16. **PATIENTS'/CLIENTS' RIGHTS:** Contractor shall comply with all applicable patients'/clients' rights provisions, including, but not limited to, WIC Section 5325 et seq., CCR Title 9, Section 850 et seq., and CCR Title 22. Further, Contractor shall comply with all patients'/clients' rights policies provided by County. County Patients' Rights Advocates shall be given access by Contractor to all patients/clients, patients'/clients' records, and Contractor's personnel in order to monitor Contractor's compliance with all applicable statutes, regulations, manuals and policies.

17. **REPORTING OF PATIENT/CLIENT ABUSE AND RELATED PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS:**

A. **Elders and Dependent Adults Abuse:** Contractor, and all persons employed or subcontracted by Contractor, shall comply with WIC Section 15600 et seq. and shall report all known or suspected instances of physical abuse of elders and dependent adults under the care of Contractor either to an appropriate County adult protective services agency or to a local law enforcement agency, as mandated by WIC Sections 15630, and permitted by Sections 15631 and 15632. Contractor and all persons employed or subcontracted by Contractor shall make the report on such abuse, and shall submit all required information, in accordance with WIC Sections 15630, 15633 and 15633.5.

B. **Minor Children Abuse:** Contractor and all persons employed or subcontracted by Contractor, shall comply with California Penal Code Section 11164 et seq. and shall report all known or suspected instances of child abuse to an appropriate child protective agency, as mandated by California Penal Code Sections 11164, 11165.8 and 11166. Contractor and all persons employed or subcontracted by Contractor, shall make the report on such abuse, and shall submit all required information, in accordance with California Penal Code Sections 11166 and 11167.

C. **Contractor Staff:**

(1) Contractor shall assure that any person who enters into employment as a care custodian of elders, dependent adults or minor children, or who enters into employment as a health or other practitioner, prior to commencing employment, and as a prerequisite to that employment, shall sign on a form provided by Contractor in accordance with the above code sections a statement to the effect that such person has knowledge of, and will comply with, these code sections.

(2) Contractor shall assure that clerical and other non-treatment staff who are

not legally required to report suspected cases of abuse, consult with mandated reporters upon suspecting any abuse.

(3) For the safety and welfare of elders, dependent adults, and minor children, Contractor shall, to the maximum extent permitted by law, ascertain arrest and conviction records for all current and prospective employees and shall not employ or continue to employ any person convicted of any crime involving any harm to elders, dependent adults, or minor children.

(4) Contractor shall not employ or continue to employ any person whom Contractor knows, or reasonably suspects, has committed any acts which are inimical to the health, morals, welfare, or safety of elders, dependent adults or minor children, or which otherwise make it inappropriate for such person to be employed by Contractor.

18. **NONDISCRIMINATION IN SERVICES:**

A. Contractor shall not discriminate in the provision of services hereunder because of race, religion, national origin, ancestry, gender, age, marital status, sexual orientation and/or physical or mental handicap or medical conditions (except to the extent clinically appropriate), in accordance with requirements of federal and State law. For the purpose of this Paragraph 18, discrimination in the provision of services may include, but is not limited to, the following: denying any person any service or benefit or the availability of a facility; providing any service or benefit to any person which is different or is provided in a different manner or at a different time from that provided to others; subjecting any person to segregation or separate treatment in any matter related to the receipt of any service; restricting any person in any way in the enjoyment of any advantage or privilege enjoyed by others receiving any service or benefit; and treating any person differently from others in determining admission, enrollment, eligibility, membership, or any other requirement or condition which persons must meet in order to be provided any service or benefit. Contractor shall take affirmative steps to ensure that those persons who qualify for services under this Agreement are provided services without regard to ability to pay or source of payment, race, religion, national origin, ancestry, gender, age, marital status, sexual orientation and/or physical or mental handicap, or medical conditions.

B. Contractor shall establish and maintain written complaint procedures under which any person applying for or receiving any services under this Agreement may seek resolution from Contractor of a complaint with respect to any alleged discrimination in the rendering of services by Contractor's personnel. Such procedures shall also include a provision whereby any such person, who is dissatisfied with Contractor's resolution of the matter, shall be referred by Contractor to Director for the purpose of presenting his complaint of the alleged discrimination. Such complaint

procedures shall also indicate that if such person is not satisfied with County's resolution or decision with respect to the complaint of alleged discrimination, such person may appeal the matter to the State, if appropriate.

C. If direct services (e.g., 24-hour services, day services, targeted case management, mental health services, medication support, and crisis intervention) are provided hereunder, Contractor shall have admission policies which are in accordance with CCR Title 9, Sections 526 and 527, and which shall be in writing and available to the public. Contractor shall not employ discriminatory practices in the admission of any person, assignment of accommodations, or otherwise. Any time any person applies for services under this Agreement, such person shall be advised by Contractor of the complaint procedures described in the above paragraph. A copy of such complaint procedures shall be posted by Contractor in each of Contractor's facilities where services are provided under this Agreement in a conspicuous place, available and open to the public.

19. **NONDISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT:**

A. Contractor certifies and agrees that all persons employed by it, its affiliates, subsidiaries, or holding companies are and will be treated equally by it without regard to, or because of, race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, gender, age, marital status, sexual orientation, condition of physical disability (including HIV and AIDS) or mental disability, medical condition (e.g., cancer), denial of family care leave, or political affiliation, and in compliance with all applicable federal and State anti-discrimination laws and regulations. The applicable regulations of the Fair Employment and Housing Commission implementing Government Code Section 12990 (a-f), set forth in Chapter 5 of Division 4 of Title 2 of the California Code of Regulations, are incorporated into this Agreement by reference and made a part hereof as if set forth in full. Contractor and its subcontractors shall give written notice of their obligations under this clause to labor organizations with which they have a collective bargaining or other agreement.

B. Contractor shall take affirmative steps to ensure that qualified applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, gender, age, marital status, sexual orientation, condition of physical disability (including HIV and AIDS) or mental disability, medical condition (e.g., cancer), denial of family care leave, or political affiliation. Such treatment shall include, but is not limited to, the following actions: employment, promotion, demotion, transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff or termination, rates of pay or other forms of compensation, selection for training, including apprenticeship, and granting or denying family care leave. Contractor shall not

discriminate against or harass, nor shall it permit harassment of, its employees during employment based upon race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, gender, age, marital status, sexual orientation, condition of physical disability (including HIV and AIDS) or mental disability, medical condition (e.g., cancer), denial of family care leave, or political affiliation in compliance with all applicable federal and State anti-discrimination laws and regulations. Contractor shall insure that the evaluation and treatment of its employees and applicants for employment are free from such discrimination and harassment, and will comply with the provisions of the Fair Employment and Housing Act (Government Code section 12990 et seq.) and the applicable regulations promulgated thereunder (California Code of Regulations, Title 2, Section 7285.0 et seq.).

C. Contractor shall deal with its subcontractors, bidders, or vendors without regard to or because of race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, gender, age, marital status, sexual orientation, condition of physical disability (including HIV and AIDS) or mental disability, medical condition (e.g., cancer), denial of family care leave, or political affiliation. Further, Contractor shall give written notice of its obligations under this Paragraph 19 to labor organizations with which it has a collective bargaining or other agreement.

D. Contractor shall allow County representatives access to its employment records during regular business hours to verify compliance with the provisions of this Paragraph 19 when so requested by Director.

E. If County finds that any of the above provisions has been violated, the same shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement upon which County may immediately terminate or suspend this Agreement. The County reserves the right to determine independently that the anti-discrimination provisions of this Agreement have been violated. In addition, a determination by the California Fair Employment Practices Commission or the Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission that Contractor has violated State or federal anti-discrimination laws or regulations shall constitute a finding by County that Contractor has violated the anti-discrimination provisions of this Agreement.

F. In the event that Contractor violates any of the anti-discrimination provisions of this Paragraph 19, County shall be entitled, at its option, to the sum of FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500) pursuant to California Civil Code Section 1671 as liquidated damages in lieu of terminating or suspending this Agreement.

20. **FAIR LABOR STANDARDS:** Contractor shall comply with all applicable provisions of the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act, and shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless County, its

officers, employees, and agents, from any and all liability, including, but not limited to, wages, overtime pay, liquidated damages, penalties, court costs, and attorneys' fees arising under any wage and hour law, including, but not limited to, the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act, for services performed by Contractor's employees for which County may be found jointly or solely liable.

21. **INDEMNIFICATION AND INSURANCE:**

A. Indemnification: Contractor shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the County, its Special Districts, elected and appointed officers, employees, and agents from and against any and all liability, including but not limited to demands, claims, actions, fees, costs, and expenses (including attorney and expert witness fees), arising from or connected with the Contractor's acts and/or omissions arising from and/or relating to this Agreement.

B. General Provisions for all Insurance Coverage: Without limiting Contractor's indemnification of County, and in the performance of this Agreement and until all of its obligations pursuant to this Agreement have been met, Contractor shall provide and maintain at its own expense insurance coverage satisfying the requirements specified in Subparagraphs B. and C. of this Paragraph 21. These minimum insurance coverage terms, types and limits (the "Required Insurance") also are in addition to and separate from any other contractual obligation imposed upon Contractor pursuant to this Agreement. The County in no way warrants that the Required Insurance is sufficient to protect the Contractor for liabilities which may arise from or relate to this Agreement.

(1) Evidence of Coverage and Notice to County

(a) Certificate(s) of insurance coverage (Certificate) satisfactory to County, and a copy of an Additional Insured endorsement confirming County and its Agents (defined below) has been given Insured status under the Contractor's General Liability policy, shall be delivered to County at the address shown below and provided prior to commencing services under this Agreement.

(b) Renewal Certificates shall be provided to County not less than 10 days prior to Contractor's policy expiration dates. The County reserves the right to obtain complete, certified copies of any required Contractor and/or Subcontractor insurance policies at any time.

(c) Certificates shall identify all Required Insurance coverage types and limits specified herein, reference this Agreement by name or number, and be signed by an authorized representative of the insurer(s). The Insured party named on the Certificate shall

match the name of the Contractor identified as the contracting party in this Agreement. Certificates shall provide the full name of each insurer providing coverage, its NAIC (National Association of Insurance Commissioners) identification number, its financial rating, the amounts of any policy deductibles or self-insured retentions exceeding fifty thousand (\$50,000.00) dollars, and list any County required endorsement forms.

(d) Neither the County's failure to obtain, nor the County's receipt of, or failure to object to a non-complying insurance certificate or endorsement, or any other insurance documentation or information provided by the Contractor, its insurance broker(s) and/or insurer(s), shall be construed as a waiver of any of the Required Insurance provisions.

Certificates and copies of any required endorsements shall be sent to:

**Los Angeles County - Department of Mental Health  
Contracts Development and Administration Division  
550 S. Vermont Ave., 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Los Angeles, CA 90020**

Contractor also shall promptly report to County any injury or property damage accident or incident, including any injury to a Contractor employee occurring on County property, and any loss, disappearance, destruction, misuse, or theft of County property, monies or securities entrusted to Contractor. Contractor also shall promptly notify County of any third party claim or suit filed against Contractor or any of its Sub-Contractors which arises from or relates to this Agreement, and could result in the filing of a claim or lawsuit against Contractor and/or County.

(2) Additional Insured Status and Scope of Coverage

The County of Los Angeles, its Special Districts, Elected Officials, Officers, Agents, Employees and Volunteers (collectively County and its Agents) shall be provided additional insured status under Contractor's General Liability policy with respect to liability arising out of Contractor's ongoing and completed operations performed on behalf of the County. County and its Agents additional insured status shall apply with respect to liability and defense of suits arising out of the Contractor's acts or omissions, whether such liability is attributable to the Contractor or to the County. The full policy limits and scope of protection also shall apply to the County and its Agents as an additional insured, even if they exceed the County's minimum Required Insurance specifications herein. Use of an automatic additional insured endorsement form is acceptable providing it satisfies the Required Insurance provisions herein.

(3) Cancellation of Insurance

Except in the case of cancellation for non-payment of premium, Contractor's insurance policies shall provide, and Certificates shall specify, that County shall



receive not less than thirty (30) days advance written notice by mail of any cancellation of the Required Insurance. Ten (10) days prior notice may be given to County in event of cancellation for non-payment of premium.

(4) Failure to Maintain Insurance

Contractor's failure to maintain or to provide acceptable evidence that it maintains the Required Insurance shall constitute a material breach of the Agreement, upon which County immediately may withhold payments due to Contractor, and/or suspend or terminate this Agreement. County, at its sole discretion, may obtain damages from Contractor resulting from said breach.

(5) Insurer Financial Ratings

Coverage shall be placed with insurers acceptable to the County with A.M. Best ratings of not less than A:VII unless otherwise approved by County.

(6) Contractor's Insurance Shall Be Primary

Contractor's insurance policies, with respect to any claims related to this Agreement, shall be primary with respect to all other sources of coverage available to Contractor. Any County maintained insurance or self-insurance coverage shall be in excess of and not contribute to any Contractor coverage.

(7) Waivers of Subrogation

To the fullest extent permitted by law, the Contractor hereby waives its rights and its insurer(s)' rights of recovery against County under all the Required Insurance for any loss arising from or relating to this Agreement. The Contractor shall require its insurers to execute any waiver of subrogation endorsements which may be necessary to effect such waiver.

(8) Subcontractor Insurance Coverage Requirements

Contractor shall include all Subcontractors as insureds under Contractor's own policies, or shall provide County with each Subcontractor's separate evidence of insurance coverage. Contractor shall be responsible for verifying each Subcontractor complies with the Required Insurance provisions herein, and shall require that each Subcontractor name the County and Contractor as additional insureds on the Subcontractor's General Liability policy. Contractor shall obtain County's prior review and approval of any Subcontractor request for modification of the Required Insurance.

(9) Deductibles and Self-Insured Retentions (SIRs)

Contractor's policies shall not obligate the County to pay any portion of any Contractor deductible or SIR. The County retains the right to require Contractor to reduce or eliminate policy deductibles and SIRs as respects the County, or to provide a bond guaranteeing Contractor's payment of all deductibles and SIRs, including all related claims investigation, administration and defense expenses. Such bond shall be executed by a corporate surety licensed to transact business in the State of California.

(10) Claims Made Coverage

If any part of the Required Insurance is written on a claims made basis, any policy retroactive date shall precede the effective date of this Agreement. Contractor understands and agrees it shall maintain such coverage for a period of not less than three (3) years following Agreement expiration, termination or cancellation.

(11) Application of Excess Liability Coverage

Contractors may use a combination of primary, and excess insurance policies which provide coverage as broad as ("follow form" over) the underlying primary policies, to satisfy the Required Insurance provisions.

(12) Separation of Insureds

All liability policies shall provide cross-liability coverage as would be afforded by the standard ISO (Insurance Services Office, Inc.) separation of insureds provision with no insured versus insured exclusions or limitations.

(13) Alternative Risk Financing Programs

The County reserves the right to review, and then approve, Contractor use of self-insurance, risk retention groups, risk purchasing groups, pooling arrangements and captive insurance to satisfy the Required Insurance provisions. The County and its Agents shall be designated as an Additional Covered Party under any approved program.

(14) County Review and Approval of Insurance Requirements

The County reserves the right to review and adjust the Required Insurance provisions, conditioned upon County's determination of changes in risk exposures.

C. Insurance Coverage

(1) Commercial General Liability insurance (providing scope of coverage equivalent to ISO policy form CG 00 01), naming County and its Agents as an additional insured, with limits of not less than:

General Aggregate:	\$2 million
Products/Completed Operations Aggregate:	\$1 million

Personal and Advertising Injury:	\$1 million
Each Occurrence:	\$1 million

(2) Automobile Liability insurance (providing scope of coverage equivalent to ISO policy form CA 00 01) with limits of not less than \$1 million for bodily injury and property damage, in combined or equivalent split limits, for each single accident. Insurance shall cover liability arising out of Contractor's use of autos pursuant to this Agreement, including owned, leased, hired, and/or non-owned autos, as each may be applicable.

(3) Workers Compensation and Employers' Liability insurance or qualified self-insurance satisfying statutory requirements, which includes Employers' Liability coverage with limits of not less than \$1 million per accident. If Contractor will provide leased employees, or, is an employee leasing or temporary staffing firm or a professional employer organization (PEO), coverage also shall include an Alternate Employer Endorsement (providing scope of coverage equivalent to ISO policy form WC 00 03 01 A) naming the County as the Alternate Employer, and the endorsement form shall be modified to provide that County will receive not less than thirty (30) days advance written notice of cancellation of this coverage provision. If applicable to Contractor's operations, coverage also shall be arranged to satisfy the requirements of any federal workers or workmen's compensation law or any federal occupational disease law.

(4) Unique Insurance Coverage

(a) Sexual Misconduct Liability

Insurance covering actual or alleged claims for sexual misconduct and/or molestation with limits of not less than \$2 million per claim and \$2 million aggregate, and claims for negligent employment, investigation, supervision, training or retention of, or failure to report to proper authorities, a person(s) who committed any act of abuse, molestation, harassment, mistreatment or maltreatment of a sexual nature.

(b) Professional Liability/Errors and Omissions

Insurance covering Contractor's liability arising from or related to this Contract, with limits of not less than \$1 million per claim and \$3 million aggregate. Further, Contractor understands and agrees it shall maintain such coverage for a period of not less than three (3) years following this Agreement's expiration, termination or cancellation.

(c) Property Coverage

Contractors given exclusive use of County owned or leased property shall carry property coverage at least as broad as that provided by the ISO special causes of loss (ISO policy form CP 10 30) form. The County and its Agents shall be named as an

Additional Insured and Loss Payee on Contractor's insurance as its interests may appear. Automobiles and mobile equipment shall be insured for their actual cash value. Real property and all other personal property shall be insured for their full replacement value.

22. **WARRANTY AGAINST CONTINGENT FEES:** Contractor warrants that no person or selling agency has been employed or retained to solicit or secure this Agreement upon any agreement or understanding for any commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee, excepting bona fide employees or bona fide established commercial or selling agencies maintained by Contractor for the purpose of securing business. For Contractor's breach or violation of this warranty, County may, in its sole discretion, deduct from the Agreement price or consideration, or otherwise recover, the full amount of such commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee.

23. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST:**

A. No County employee whose position in County enables such employee to influence the award or administration of this Agreement or any competing agreement, and no spouse or economic dependent of such employee, shall be employed in any capacity by Contractor or have any direct or indirect financial interest in this Agreement. No officer or employee of Contractor who may financially benefit from the provision of services hereunder shall in any way participate in County's approval, or ongoing evaluation, of such services, or in any way attempt to unlawfully influence County's approval or ongoing evaluation of such services.

B. Contractor shall comply with all conflict of interest laws, ordinances and regulations now in effect or enacted during the term of this Agreement. Contractor warrants that it is not now aware of any facts which create a conflict of interest. If Contractor hereafter becomes aware of any facts which might reasonably be expected to create a conflict of interest, it shall immediately make full written disclosure of such facts to County. Full written disclosure shall include, without limitation, identification of all persons implicated and complete description of all relevant circumstances. Failure to comply with the provisions of this sub-paragraph shall be a material breach of this Agreement.

24. **UNLAWFUL SOLICITATION:** Contractor shall require all of its employees to acknowledge, in writing, understanding of and agreement to comply with the provisions of Article 9 of Chapter 4 of Division 3 (commencing with Section 6150) of California Business and Professions Code (i.e., State Bar Act provisions regarding unlawful solicitation as a runner or capper for attorneys) and shall take positive and affirmative steps in its performance hereunder to insure that there is no violation of such provisions by its employees. Contractor shall utilize the attorney

referral services of all those bar associations within the County of Los Angeles that have such a service.

25. **INDEPENDENT STATUS OF CONTRACTOR:**

A. This Agreement is by and between County and Contractor and is not intended, and shall not be construed, to create the relationship of agent, servant, employee, partnership, joint venture, or association, as between County and Contractor. The employees and agents of one party shall not be, or be construed to be, the employees or agents of the other party for any purpose whatsoever.

B. Contractor shall be solely liable and responsible for providing to, or on behalf of, all persons performing work pursuant to this Agreement all compensation and benefits. County shall have no liability or responsibility for the payment of any salaries, wages, unemployment benefits, disability benefits, federal, State, or local taxes, or other compensation, benefits, or taxes for any personnel provided by or on behalf of Contractor.

C. Contractor understands and agrees that all persons performing services pursuant to this Agreement are, for purposes of workers' compensation liability, the sole employees of Contractor and not employees of County. Contractor shall be solely liable and responsible for furnishing any and all workers' compensation benefits to any person as a result of any injuries arising from or connected with any services performed by or on behalf of Contractor pursuant to this Agreement.

D. Contractor shall obtain and maintain on file an executed Contractor Employee Acknowledgement And Confidentiality Agreement, in the form as contained in Contractor's Negotiation Package for this Agreement, for each of its employees performing services under this Agreement. Such Acknowledgments shall be executed by each such employee and non-employee on or immediately after the commencement date of this Agreement but in no event later than the date such employee first performs services under this Agreement.

26. **CONSIDERATION OF HIRING COUNTY EMPLOYEES TARGETED FOR LAYOFF OR FORMER COUNTY EMPLOYEES ON A REEMPLOYMENT LIST:**

Should Contractor require additional or replacement personnel after the effective date of this Agreement to perform the services set forth herein, Contractor shall give first consideration for such employment openings to qualified permanent County employees who are targeted for layoff or qualified former County employees who are on a reemployment list during the term of this Agreement.

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27. **CONSIDERATION OF GREATER AVENUES FOR INDEPENDENCE (GAIN) OR GENERAL RELIEF OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORK (GROW) PARTICIPANTS FOR EMPLOYMENT:**

A. Should Contractor require additional or replacement personnel after the effective date of this agreement, contractor shall give consideration for any such employment openings to participants in the County's Department of Public Social Services' GAIN Program or GROW Program who meet Contractor's minimum qualifications for the open position. If Contractor decides to pursue consideration of GAIN/GROW participants for hiring, Contractor shall provide information regarding job openings and job requirements to Department of Public Social Services' GAIN/GROW staff at GAINGROW@dps.lacounty.gov. County will refer GAIN/GROW participants, by job category, to Contractor.

B. In the event that both laid-off County employees and GAIN/GROW participants are available for hiring, County employees shall be given first priority.

28. **DELEGATION AND ASSIGNMENT BY CONTRACTOR:**

A. Contractor shall not assign its rights or delegate its duties under this Agreement, or both, whether in whole or in part, without the prior written consent of County, in its discretion, and any attempted assignment or delegation without such consent shall be null and void. For purposes of this paragraph, County consent shall require a written amendment to this Agreement, which is formally approved and executed by the parties. Any payments by County to any approved delegate or assignee on any claim under this Agreement shall be deductible, at County's sole discretion, against the claims which Contractor may have against County.

B. Shareholders, partners, members, or other equity holders of Contractor may transfer, sell, exchange, assign, or divest themselves of any interest they may have in Contractor. However, in the event any such sale, transfer, exchange, assignment, or divestment is effected in such a way as to give majority control of Contractor to any person(s), corporation, partnership, or entity other than the majority controlling interest therein at the time of execution of this Agreement, such disposition shall be deemed an assignment requiring the prior written consent of County in accordance with applicable provisions of this Agreement.

C. Any assumption, assignment, delegation, or takeover of any of the Contractor's duties, responsibilities, obligations, or performance of same by any entity other than the Contractor, whether through assignment, subcontract, delegation, merger, buyout, or any other mechanism, with or without consideration for any reason whatsoever without County's express prior written approval, shall be a material breach of this Agreement which may result in the

termination of this Agreement. In the event of such termination, County shall be entitled to pursue the same remedies against Contractor as it could pursue in the event of default by Contractor.

29. **SUBCONTRACTING:**

A. No performance of this Agreement, or any portion thereof, shall be subcontracted by Contractor without the prior written consent of County as provided in this Paragraph 29. Any attempt by Contractor to subcontract any performance, obligation, or responsibility under this Agreement, without the prior written consent of County, shall be null and void and shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, in the event of any such breach by Contractor, this Agreement may be terminated forthwith by County. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, the parties do not in any way intend that any person or entity shall acquire any rights as a third party beneficiary of this Agreement.

B. If Contractor desires to subcontract any portion of its performance, obligations, or responsibilities under this Agreement, Contractor shall make a written request to County for written approval to enter into the particular subcontract. Contractor's request to County shall include:

- (1) The reasons for the particular subcontract.
- (2) A detailed description of the services to be provided by the subcontract.
- (3) Identification of the proposed subcontractor and an explanation of why and how the proposed subcontractor was selected, including the degree of competition involved.
- (4) A description of the proposed subcontract amount and manner of compensation, together with Contractor's cost or price analysis thereof.
- (5) A copy of the proposed subcontract which shall contain the following

provision:

"This contract is a subcontract under the terms of the prime contract with the County of Los Angeles and shall be subject to all of the provisions of such prime contract."

(6) A copy of the proposed subcontract, if in excess of \$10,000 and utilizes public funds, shall also contain the following provision:

"The contracting parties shall be subject to the examination and audit of the State Auditor, pursuant to the California Government Code, Section 8546.7 for a period of seven (7) years from the end of the Fiscal Year in which such services were provided or until final resolution of any audits, whichever occurs later."

Further, the Contractor will also be subject to the examination and audit of the State Auditor, pursuant to the Government Code, Section 8546.7, for a period of seven (7) years from the end of the Fiscal Year in which such services were provided or until final resolution of any audits, which ever occurs later.

(7) Any other information and/or certifications requested by County.

C. County shall review Contractor's request to subcontract and shall determine, in its sole discretion, whether or not to consent to such request on a case-by-case basis.

D. Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless County, its officers, employees, and agents, from and against any and all liability, damages, costs, and expenses, including, but not limited to, defense costs and legal fees, arising from or related to Contractor's use of any subcontractor, including any officers, employees, or agents of any subcontractor, in the same manner as required for Contractor, its officers, employees, and agents, under this Agreement.

E. Notwithstanding any County consent to any subcontracting, Contractor shall remain fully liable and responsible for any and all performance required of it under this Agreement, and no subcontract shall bind or purport to bind County. Further, County approval of any subcontract shall not be construed to limit in any way Contractor's performance, obligations, or responsibilities, to County, nor shall such approval limit in any way any of County's rights or remedies contained in this Agreement. Additionally, County approval of any subcontract shall not be construed in any way to constitute the determination of the allowability or appropriateness of any cost or payment under this Agreement.

F. In the event that County consents to any subcontracting, such consent shall be subject to County's right to give prior and continuing approval of any and all subcontractor personnel providing services under such subcontract. Contractor shall assure that any subcontractor personnel not approved by County shall be immediately removed from the provision of any services under the particular subcontract or that other action is taken as requested by County. County shall not be liable or responsible in any way to Contractor, to any subcontractor, or to any officers, employees, or agents of Contractor or any subcontractor, for any liability, damages, costs or expenses arising from or related to County's exercise of such right.

G. In the event that County consents to any subcontracting, such consent shall be subject to County's right to terminate, in whole or in part, any subcontract at any time upon written notice to Contractor when such action is deemed by County to be in its best interest. County shall not be liable or responsible in any way to Contractor, to any subcontractor, or to any officers, employees, or agents of Contractor or any subcontractor, for any liability, damages, costs, or



expenses arising from or related to County's exercise of such right.

H. In the event that County consents to any subcontracting, each and all of the provisions of this Agreement and any amendment thereto shall extend to, be binding upon, and inure to the benefit of, the successors or administrators of the respective parties.

I. In the event that County consents to any subcontracting, such consent shall apply to each particular subcontract only and shall not be, or be construed to be, a waiver of this Paragraph 29 or a blanket consent to any further subcontracting.

J. In the event that County consents to any subcontracting, Contractor shall be solely liable and responsible for any and all payments and/or other compensation to all subcontractors and their officers, employees, and agents. County shall have no liability or responsibility whatsoever for any payment and/or other compensation for any subcontractors or their officers, employees, and agents.

K. Contractor shall deliver to the Chief of DMH's Contracts Development and Administration Division a fully executed copy of each subcontract entered into by Contractor pursuant to this Paragraph 29, on or immediately after the effective date of the subcontract but in no event later than the date any services are performed under the subcontract.

L. In the event that County consents to any subcontracting, Contractor shall obtain and maintain on file an executed Contractor Non-Employee Acknowledgement And Confidentiality Agreement, in the form as contained in Contractor's Negotiation Package for the Agreement, for each of the subcontractor's employees performing services under the subcontract. Such Acknowledgments shall be obtained and maintained on file and made available upon request on or immediately after the commencement date of the particular subcontract but in no event later than the date such employee first performs any services under the subcontract.

M. County shall have no liability or responsibility whatsoever for any payment or other compensation for any subcontractor or its officers, employees, and agents.

N. Director or his designee is hereby authorized to act for and on behalf of County pursuant to this Paragraph 29, including, but not limited to, consenting to any subcontracting.

30. **GOVERNING LAW, JURISDICTION AND VENUE**: This Agreement shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of California. Contractor agrees and consents to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of the State of California for all purposes regarding this Agreement and further agrees and consents that venue of any action brought hereunder shall be exclusively in the County of Los Angeles, California. Further, this Agreement shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, all laws, regulations, and contractual

obligations of County under its agreement with the State.

31. **COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAW:**

A. Contractor shall comply with all federal laws, including, but not limited to, Title XIX of the Social Security Act, State, and local laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, manuals, guidelines, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards, and directives applicable to its performance hereunder. Further, all provisions required thereby to be included in this Agreement are hereby incorporated herein by reference.

B. Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless County from and against any and all liability, damages, costs or expenses, including, but not limited to, defense costs and attorneys' fees, arising from or related to any violation on the part of Contractor, its officers, employees, or agents, of any such federal, State or local laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, manuals, guidelines, ADA standards, or directives.

C. Contractor shall maintain in effect an active compliance program in accordance with the recommendations set forth by the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Inspector General.

D. Duty to Notify: Contractor agrees to notify County of any and all legal complaints, citations, enforcement proceedings, administrative proceedings, judgments or litigation, known to Contractor, whether civil or criminal initiated against Contractor, its officers, employees, or agents which are likely to have a material effect on the organization's stewardship, financial position and/or ability to perform and deliver services under this contract.

32. **THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARIES:** Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, the parties do not in any way intend that any person or entity shall acquire any rights as a third party beneficiary of this Agreement.

33. **LICENSES, PERMITS, REGISTRATIONS, ACCREDITATIONS, AND CERTIFICATES:**

A. Contractor shall obtain and maintain in effect during the term of this Agreement, all licenses, permits, registrations, accreditations, and certificates (including, but not limited to, certification as a Short-Doyle/Medi-Cal and/or Medicare provider if Title XIX Short-Doyle/Medi-Cal and/or Medicare services are provided hereunder), as required by all federal, State, and local laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, manuals, guidelines, and directives, which are applicable to Contractor's facility(ies) and services under this Agreement. Contractor shall further ensure that all of its officers, employees, and agents, who perform services hereunder, shall obtain and maintain in effect during the term of this Agreement all licenses, permits, registrations, accreditations, and certificates which are applicable to their performance hereunder. A copy of each such license,

permit, registration, accreditation, and certificate (including, but not limited to, certification as a Short-Doyle/Medi-Cal and/or Medicare provider if Title XIX Short-Doyle/Medi-Cal and/or Medicare services are provided hereunder) as required by all applicable federal, State, and local laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, manuals, guidelines and directives shall be retained and current updates of such documents shall be maintained, and made available upon request, not to exceed three (3) business days after the initial request, for inspection, review, and/or audit by authorized representatives and designees of County, State, and/or federal governments during the term of this Agreement and during the applicable period of records retention.

B. If Contractor is a participant in the Short-Doyle/Medi-Cal and/or Medicare program, Contractor shall keep fully informed of all current Short-Doyle/Medi-Cal Policy Letters, including, but not limited to, procedures for maintaining Medi-Cal and Medicare certifications of all its facilities.

34. **CHILD SUPPORT COMPLIANCE PROGRAM:**

A. Contractor's Warranty of Adherence to County's Child Support Compliance Program: Contractor acknowledges that County has established a goal of ensuring that all individuals who benefit financially from County through contract are in compliance with their court-ordered child, family, and spousal support obligations in order to mitigate the economic burden otherwise imposed upon County and its taxpayers.

As required by County's Child Support Compliance Program (County Code Chapter 2.200) and without limiting Contractor's duty under this Agreement to comply with all applicable provisions of law, Contractor warrants that it is now in compliance and shall during the term of this Agreement maintain in compliance with employment and wage reporting requirements as required by the Federal Social Security Act (42 United States Code (USC) Section 653a) and California Unemployment Insurance Code Section 1088.5, and shall implement all lawfully served Wage and Earnings Withholdings Orders or Child Support Services Department Notices of Wage and Earnings Assignment for Child, Family, or Spousal Support, pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure Section 706.031 and Family Code Section 5246(b).

B. Termination for Breach of Warranty to Maintain Compliance with County's Child Support Compliance Program: Failure of Contractor to maintain compliance with the requirements set forth in Subparagraph A (Contractor's Warranty of Adherence to County's Child Support Compliance Program) shall constitute default under this Agreement. Without limiting the rights and remedies available to County under any other provision of this Agreement, failure of Contractor to cure such default within 90 calendar days of written notice shall be grounds upon

which County may terminate this Agreement pursuant to Paragraph 36 (TERMINATION FOR DEFAULT) and pursue debarment of Contractor, pursuant to County Code Chapter 2.202.

35. **TERMINATION FOR INSOLVENCY:**

A. County may terminate this Agreement immediately in the event of the occurrence of any of the following:

(1) Insolvency of Contractor. Contractor shall be deemed to be insolvent if it has ceased to pay its debts for at least 60 days in the ordinary course of business or cannot pay its debts as they become due, whether or not a petition has been filed under the Federal Bankruptcy Code and whether or not Contractor is insolvent within the meaning of the Federal Bankruptcy Code.

(2) The filing of a voluntary or involuntary petition regarding Contractor under the Federal Bankruptcy Code.

(3) The appointment of a Receiver or Trustee for Contractor.

(4) The execution by Contractor of a general assignment for the benefit of creditors.

B. The rights and remedies of County provided in this Paragraph 35 shall not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this Agreement.

36. **TERMINATION FOR DEFAULT:**

A. County may, by written notice of default to Contractor, terminate this Agreement immediately in any one of the following circumstances:

(1) If, as determined in the sole judgment of County, Contractor fails to perform any services within the times specified in this Agreement or any extension thereof as County may authorize in writing; or

(2) If, as determined in the sole judgment of County, Contractor fails to perform and/or comply with any of the other provisions of this Agreement or so fails to make progress as to endanger performance of this Agreement in accordance with its terms, and in either of these two circumstances, does not cure such failure within a period of five days (or such longer period as County may authorize in writing) after receipt of notice from County specifying such failure.

B. In the event that County terminates this Agreement as provided in Subparagraph A, County may procure, upon such terms and in such manner as County may deem appropriate, services similar to those so terminated, and Contractor shall be liable to County for any

reasonable excess costs incurred by County, as determined by County, for such similar services.

C. The rights and remedies of County provided in this Paragraph 36 shall not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this Agreement.

37. **TERMINATION FOR IMPROPER CONSIDERATION**: County may, by written notice to Contractor, immediately terminate the right of Contractor to proceed under this Agreement if it is found that consideration, in any form, was offered or given by Contractor, either directly or through an intermediary, to any County officer, employee or agent with the intent of securing the Agreement or securing favorable treatment with respect to the award, amendment or extension of the Agreement or the making of any determinations with respect to the Contractor's performance pursuant to the Agreement. In the event of such termination, County shall be entitled to pursue the same remedies against Contractor as it could pursue in the event of default by the Contractor.

Contractor shall immediately report any attempt by a County officer or employee to solicit such improper consideration. The report shall be made either to the County manager charged with the supervision of the employee or to the County Auditor-Controller's Employee Fraud Hotline at (800) 544-6861.

Among other items, such improper consideration may take the form of cash, discounts, service, the provision of travel or entertainment, or tangible gifts.

38. **SEVERABILITY**: If any provision of this Agreement or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of this Agreement and the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

39. **CAPTIONS AND PARAGRAPH HEADINGS**: Captions and paragraph headings used in this Agreement are for convenience only and are not a part of this Agreement and shall not be used in construing this Agreement.

40. **ALTERATION OF TERMS**: No addition to, or alteration of, the terms of the body of this Agreement, or the Financial Summary or Service Exhibit(s) hereto, whether by written or oral understanding of the parties, their officers, employees or agents, shall be valid and effective unless made in the form of a written amendment to this Agreement which is formally approved and executed by the parties in the same manner as this Agreement.

41. **ENTIRE AGREEMENT**: The body of this Agreement, all attachments, Financial Exhibit A (Financial Provisions), Financial Summary(ies), Fiscal Years \_\_\_\_\_ Service Delivery Site Exhibit, and Service Exhibit(s) \_\_\_\_\_, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, and Contractor's

Negotiation Package for this Agreement, as approved in writing by Director, including any addenda thereto as approved in writing by Director, which are hereby incorporated herein by reference but not attached, shall constitute the complete and exclusive statement of understanding between the parties which supersedes all previous agreements, written or oral, and all other communications between the parties relating to the subject matter of this Agreement. In the event of any conflict or inconsistency in the definition or interpretation of any word, responsibility, or schedule, or the contents or description of any service or other work, or otherwise, between the body of this Agreement and the other referenced documents, or between such other documents, such conflict or inconsistency shall be resolved by giving precedence first to the body of this Agreement and its definitions and then to such other documents according to the following priority:

- A. Financial Exhibit A (Financial Provisions)
- B. Financial Summary(ies)
- C. Subprogram Schedule
- D. Service Delivery Site Exhibit
- E. Service Exhibit(s)
- F. Contractor's Negotiation Package.

42. **WAIVER**: No waiver by County of any breach of any provision of this Agreement shall constitute a waiver of any other breach of such provision. Failure of County to enforce at any time, or from time to time, any provision of this Agreement shall not be construed as a waiver thereof. The rights and remedies set forth in this Paragraph 42 shall not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this Agreement.

43. **EMPLOYMENT ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION**: Contractor warrants that it fully complies with all federal statutes and regulations regarding employment of aliens and others and that all its employees performing services hereunder meet the citizenship or alien status requirements set forth in federal statutes and regulations. Contractor shall obtain, from all covered employees performing services hereunder, all verification and other documentation of employment eligibility status required by federal statutes and regulations as they currently exist and as they may be hereafter amended. Contractor shall retain all such documentation for the period prescribed by law. Contractor shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless County, its officers and employees from and against any employer sanctions and any other liability which may be assessed against Contractor or County in connection with any alleged violation of any federal statutes or regulations pertaining to the eligibility for employment of persons performing services under this Agreement.

44. **PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS AND LITERATURE**: In public announcements and literature distributed by Contractor for the purpose of apprising patients/clients and the general public of the nature of its treatment services, Contractor shall clearly indicate that the services which it provides under this Agreement are funded by the County of Los Angeles.

45. **PURCHASES**:

A. **Purchase Practices**: Contractor shall fully comply with all federal, State and County laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, manuals, guidelines, and directives, in acquiring all furniture, fixtures, equipment, materials, and supplies. Such items shall be acquired at the lowest possible price or cost if funding is provided for such purposes hereunder.

B. **Proprietary Interest of County**: In accordance with all applicable federal, State and County laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, manuals, guidelines and directives, County shall retain all proprietary interest, except the use during the term of this Agreement, in all furniture, fixtures, equipment, materials, and supplies, purchased or obtained by Contractor using any County funds. Upon the expiration or termination of this Agreement, the discontinuance of the business of Contractor, the failure of Contractor to comply with any of the provisions of this Agreement, the bankruptcy of Contractor or its giving an assignment for the benefit of creditors, or the failure of Contractor to satisfy any judgment against it within 30 calendar days of filing, County shall have the right to take immediate possession of all such furniture, removable fixtures, equipment, materials, and supplies, without any claim for reimbursement whatsoever on the part of Contractor. County, in conjunction with Contractor, shall attach identifying labels on all such property indicating the proprietary interest of County.

C. **Inventory Records, Controls and Reports**: Contractor shall maintain accurate and complete inventory records and controls for all furniture, fixtures, equipment, materials, and supplies, purchased or obtained using any County funds. Within 90 calendar days following the execution of this Agreement, Contractor shall provide Director with an accurate and complete inventory report of all furniture, fixtures, equipment, materials, and supplies, purchased or obtained using any County funds. The inventory report shall be prepared by Contractor on a form or forms designated by Director, certified and signed by an authorized officer of Contractor, and one copy thereof shall be delivered to County within 30 calendar days of any change in the inventory. Within five business days after the expiration or termination of the Agreement, Contractor shall submit to County six copies of the same inventory report updated to the expiration or termination date of the Agreement, certified and signed by an authorized officer of Contractor, based on a physical count of all items of furniture, fixtures, equipment, materials, and supplies, as

of such expiration or termination date.

D. Protection of Property in Contractor's Custody: Contractor shall maintain vigilance and take all reasonable precautions, to protect all furniture, fixtures, equipment, materials, and supplies, purchased or obtained using any County funds, against any damage or loss by fire, burglary, theft, disappearance, vandalism or misuse. In the event of any burglary, theft, disappearance, or vandalism of any item of furniture, fixtures, equipment, materials, and supplies, Contractor shall immediately notify the police and make a written report thereof, including a report of the results of any investigation which may be made. In the event of any damage or loss of any item of furniture, fixtures, equipment, materials, and supplies, from any cause, Contractor shall immediately send Director a detailed, written report. Contractor shall contact DMH's Administrative Services Division for instructions for disposition of any such property which is worn out or unusable.

E. Disposition of Property in Contractor's Custody: Upon the termination of the funding of any program covered by this Agreement, or upon the expiration or termination of this Agreement, or at any other time that County may request, Contractor shall: (1) provide access to and render all necessary assistance for physical removal by County or its authorized representatives of any or all furniture, fixtures, equipment, materials, and supplies, purchased or obtained using any County funds, in the same condition as such property was received by Contractor, reasonable wear and tear excepted, or (2) at Director's option, deliver any or all items of such property to a location designated by Director. Any disposition, settlement or adjustment connected with such property shall be in accordance with all applicable federal, State and County laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, manuals, guidelines and directives.

46. AUTHORIZATION WARRANTY: Contractor represents and warrants that the person executing this Agreement for Contractor is an authorized agent who has actual authority to bind Contractor to each and every term, condition, and obligation of this Agreement and that all requirements of Contractor have been fulfilled to provide such actual authority.

47. RESTRICTIONS ON LOBBYING: If any federal funds are to be used to pay for any of Contractor's services under this Agreement, Contractor shall fully comply with all certification and disclosure requirements prescribed by Section 319 of Public Law 101-121 (31 United States Code Section 1352) and any implementing regulations, and shall ensure that each of its subcontractors receiving funds under this Agreement also fully complies with all such certification and disclosure requirements.

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48. **CERTIFICATION OF DRUG-FREE WORK PLACE:** Contractor certifies and agrees that Contractor and its employees shall comply with DMH's policy of maintaining a drug-free work place. Contractor and its employees shall not manufacture, distribute, dispense, possess, or use any controlled substances as defined in 21 United States Code Section 812, including, but not limited to, marijuana, heroin, cocaine, and amphetamines, at any of Contractor's facilities or work sites or County's facilities or work sites. If Contractor or any of its employees is convicted of or pleads nolo contendere to any criminal drug statute violation occurring at any such facility or work site, then Contractor, within five (5) days thereafter, shall notify Director in writing.

49. **COUNTY LOBBYISTS:** Contractor and each County lobbyist or County lobbying firm as defined in Los Angeles County Code Section 2.160.010, retained by Contractor, shall fully comply with County's Lobbyist Ordinance, Los Angeles County Code Chapter 2.160. Failure on the part of Contractor or any County lobbyist or County lobbying firm retained by Contractor to fully comply with County's Lobbyist Ordinance shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement upon which County may immediately terminate or suspend this Agreement.

50. **MAINTENANCE STANDARDS FOR SERVICE DELIVERY SITES:** Contractor shall assure that all locations where services are provided under this Agreement are operated at all times in accordance with all County community standards with regard to property maintenance and repair, graffiti abatement, refuse removal, fire safety, landscaping, and in full compliance with all applicable local laws, ordinances, and regulations relating to the property. County's periodic monitoring visits to Contractor's facility(ies) shall include a review of compliance with this Paragraph 50.

51. **NOTICE TO EMPLOYEES REGARDING THE FEDERAL EARNED INCOME CREDIT:** Contractor shall notify its employees, and shall require each subcontractor to notify its employees, that they may be eligible for the Federal Earned Income Credit under the federal income tax laws. Such notice shall be provided in accordance with the requirements set forth in Internal Revenue Service Notice 1015.

52. **USE OF RECYCLED-CONTENT PAPER PRODUCTS:** Consistent with the Board of Supervisors' policy to reduce the amount of solid waste deposited at the County landfills, the Contractor agrees to use recycled-content paper to the maximum extent possible on the Project.

53. **CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITY AND DEBARMENT:** The following requirements set forth in the County's Non-Responsibility and Debarment Ordinance (Title 2, Chapter 2.202 of the County Code) are effective for this Agreement, except to the extent applicable State and/or federal laws are inconsistent with the terms of the Ordinance.

A. A responsible Contractor is a Contractor who has demonstrated the attribute of trustworthiness, as well as quality, fitness, capacity and experience to satisfactorily perform the contract. It is the County's policy to conduct business only with responsible contractors.

B. The Contractor is hereby notified that, in accordance with Chapter 2.202 of the County Code, if the County acquires information concerning the performance of the Contractor on this or other Agreements which indicates that the Contractor is not responsible, the County may, in addition to other remedies provided in the Agreement, debar the Contractor from bidding or proposing on, or being awarded, and/or performing work on County Agreements for a specified period of time, which generally will not exceed five years but may exceed five years or be permanent if warranted by the circumstances, and terminate any or all existing Agreements the Contractor may have with the County.

C. The County may debar a Contractor if the Board of Supervisors finds, in its discretion, that the Contractor has done any of the following: (1) violated a term of an Agreement with the County or a nonprofit corporation created by the County; (2) committed an act or omission which negatively reflects on the Contractor's quality, fitness or capacity to perform a contract with the County, any other public entity, or a nonprofit corporation created by the County, or engaged in a pattern or practice which negatively reflects on same; (3) committed an act or offense which indicates a lack of business integrity or business honesty, or (4) made or submitted a false claim against the County or any other public entity.

D. If there is evidence that the Contractor may be subject to debarment, the Department will notify the Contractor in writing of the evidence which is the basis for the proposed debarment and will advise the Contractor of the scheduled date for a debarment hearing before the Contractor Hearing Board.

E. The Contractor Hearing Board will conduct a hearing where evidence on the proposed debarment is presented. The Contractor and/or the Contractor's representative shall be given an opportunity to submit evidence at that hearing. After the hearing, the Contractor Hearing Board shall prepare a tentative proposed decision, which shall contain a recommendation regarding whether the contractor should be debarred, and, if so, the appropriate length of time of the debarment. The Contractor and the Department shall be provided an opportunity to object to the tentative proposed decision prior to its presentation to the Board of Supervisors.

F. After consideration of any objections, or if no objections are submitted, a record of the hearing, the proposed decision and any other recommendation of the Contractor Hearing Board shall be presented to the Board of Supervisors. The Board of Supervisors shall have the

right to modify, deny or adopt the proposed decision and recommendation of the Hearing Board.

G. If a Contractor has been debarred for a period longer than five (5) years, that Contractor may, after the debarment has been in effect for at least five (5) years, submit a written request for review of the debarment determination to reduce the period of debarment or terminate the debarment. The County may, in its discretion, reduce the period of debarment or terminate the debarment if it finds that the Contractor has adequately demonstrated one or more of the following: (1) elimination of the grounds for which the debarment was imposed; (2) a bona fide change in ownership or management; (3) material evidence discovered after debarment was imposed; or (4) any other reason that is in the best interests of the County.

H. The Contractor Hearing Board will consider a request for review of a debarment determination only where (1) the Contractor has been debarred for a period longer than five (5) years; (2) the debarment has been in effect for at least five (5) years; and (3) the request is in writing, states one or more of the grounds for reduction of the debarment period or termination of the debarment, and includes supporting documentation. Upon receiving an appropriate request, the Contractor Hearing Board will provide notice of the hearing on the request. At the hearing, the Contractor Hearing Board shall conduct a hearing where evidence on the proposed reduction of debarment period or termination of debarment is presented. This hearing shall be conducted and the request for review decided by the Contractor Hearing Board pursuant to the same procedures as for a debarment hearing.

I. The Contractor Hearing Board's proposed decision shall contain a recommendation on the request to reduce the period of debarment or terminate the debarment. The Contractor Hearing Board shall present its proposed decision and recommendation to the Board of Supervisors. The Board of Supervisors shall have the right to modify, deny, or adopt the proposed decision and recommendation of the Contractor Hearing Board.

J. These terms shall also apply to subcontractors of County Contractors.

54. **CONTRACTOR'S EXCLUSION FROM PARTICIPATION IN A FEDERALLY FUNDED PROGRAM:** Contractor hereby warrants that neither it nor any of its staff members is restricted, excluded or suspended from providing services under any health care program funded by the federal government, directly or indirectly, in whole or in part, and that Contractor will notify Director within 30 calendar days in writing of: (1) any event that would require Contractor or a staff member's mandatory exclusion or suspension from participation in a federally funded health care program; and (2) any exclusionary or suspension action taken by any agency of the federal or State governments against Contractor or one or more staff members barring it or the staff

members from participation in a federally funded health care program, whether such bar is direct or indirect, or whether such bar is in whole or in part. This warranty and notice requirements apply equally to suspensions from the Medi-Cal program as well as any other federally funded health care programs including but not limited to Medicare and Healthy Families.

There are a variety of different reasons why an individual or entity may be excluded from participating in a federally funded health care program. Sometimes, the exclusion is mandatory and in other cases the Office of Inspector General (OIG), and State officials have the discretion not to exclude.

The mandatory bases for federal exclusion include: (1) felony convictions for program related crimes, including fraud or false claims, or for offenses related to the dispensing or use of controlled substances, or (2) convictions related to patient abuse.

Permissive exclusions may be based on: (1) conviction of a misdemeanor related to fraud or financial misconduct involving a government program; (2) obstructing an investigation; (3) failing to provide access to documents or premises as required by federal health care program officials; (4) conviction of a misdemeanor related to controlled substances; (5) failing to disclose information about the entity itself, its subcontractors or its significant business transactions; (6) loss of a State license to practice a health care profession; (7) default on a student loan given in connection with education in a health profession; (8) charging excessive amounts to a federally funded health care program or furnishing services of poor quality or which are substantially in excess of the needs of the patients; (9) paying a kickback or submitting a false or fraudulent claim. Persons controlling or managing excluded entities who knew of the conduct leading to the exclusion can themselves be excluded, and entities which are owned and controlled by excluded individuals can also be excluded.

Mandatory exclusions under State law from Medi-Cal are similar but also include convictions of a misdemeanor for fraud or abuse involving the Medi-Cal program or a Medi-Cal beneficiary.

Contractor shall indemnify and hold County harmless against any and all loss or damage County may suffer arising from any federal or State exclusion or suspension of Contractor or its staff members from such participation in a federally funded health care program. Contractor shall provide the certification set forth in Attachment VII (Attestation Regarding Federally Funded Program) as part of its obligation under this Paragraph 54.

Contractor shall also comply with DMH Policy "Contractors Eligibility to Provide Goods and Services to Federally Funded Health Care Programs and to Secure Federally Funded

Contracts" which includes the following topics: 1) Contractor's responsibility for any and all Civil Monetary Penalties associated with repayments for claims submitted for excluded or suspended agencies or individuals and 2) Contractor's responsibility to provide employee identification information within three (3) business days should DMH or its representatives request it related to sanction list screening compliance.

Failure by Contractor to meet the requirements of this Paragraph 54 shall constitute a material breach of Agreement upon which County may immediately terminate or suspend this Agreement.

55. **HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT:**

A. The parties acknowledge the existence of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, its implementing regulations ("HIPAA"), and subtitle D, Privacy, of the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act ("HITECH"). Contractor understands and agrees that it is a "Covered Entity" under HIPAA and, as such, has obligations with respect to the confidentiality, privacy, and security of patients' medical information, and must take certain steps to preserve the confidentiality of this information, both internally and externally, including the training of staff and the establishment of proper procedures for the release of such information, including the use of appropriate consents and authorizations specified under HIPAA.

B. The parties acknowledge their separate and independent obligations with respect to HIPAA and HITECH, and that such obligations relate to *transactions and code sets, privacy, and security*. Contractor understands and agrees that it is separately and independently responsible for compliance with HIPAA and HITECH in all these areas and that County has not undertaken any responsibility for compliance on Contractor's behalf. Contractor has not relied, and will not in any way rely, on County for legal advice or other representations with respect to Contractor's obligations under HIPAA or HITECH, but will independently seek its own counsel and take the necessary measures to comply with the law and its implementing regulations.

C. Contractor and County understand and agree that each is independently responsible for HIPAA and HITECH compliance and agree to take all necessary and reasonable actions to comply with the requirements of HIPAA law and implementing regulations related to Transactions and Code Sets, Privacy, and Security. Each party further agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the other party (including their officers, employees and agents) for its failure to comply with HIPAA or HITECH.

D. Contractor and County understand and agree that HIPAA has imposed additional requirements in regards to changes in DMH's County's information system.

(1) County desires to clarify County's information system terminology under this Agreement as it relates to HIPAA, and, accordingly, has set forth in Attachment VIII (Crosswalk Fact Sheet) a "crosswalk" of technical terms, definitions and language to be used with this Agreement.

(2) County desires to clarify other HIPAA-related changes set forth in the DMH Provider Manual and which are incorporated herein by reference as though fully set forth.

(a) County has added to the DMH Provider Manual a Guide to Procedure Codes, which includes a "crosswalk" of DMH activity codes to Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) and Health Care Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) codes.

(b) County has added to the DMH Provider Manual an Electronic Data Interchange Fact Sheet which includes information about the applicable HIPAA transactions that can be processed in the County's claims processing information system. Contractor acknowledges that County intends to transition to an environment under the Integrated Behavioral Health Information System (IBHIS) in which clinical, administrative, and financial information, including claims, will be exchanged between DMH and contract providers exclusively electronically. County shall notify Contractor as soon as possible of the date by which County anticipates that Contractor will be required to use specific standards-based electronic transactions, such as Electronic Data Interchange. County shall notify Contractor of the specific date by which Contractor shall in fact be required to use specific standards-based electronic transactions, such as Electronic Data Interchange; County shall notify Contractor no less than 180 days prior to the effective date. Contractor agrees to comply with the specific standards-based electronic transactions specified by County as of the effective date specified by County.

(c) County has added to the DMH Provider Manual a Trading Partner Agent Authorization Agreement which includes the Contractor's authorization to its Subcontractor(s) to submit HIPAA-compliant transactions on behalf of Contractor.

E. Contractor understands that County operates an informational website <http://dmh.lacounty.info/hipaa/index.html> related to the services under this Agreement and the parties' HIPAA obligations, and agrees to undertake reasonable efforts to utilize said website to obtain updates, other information, and forms to assist Contractor in its performance.

F. Contractor understands and agrees that if it uses the services of an Agent in any capacity in order to receive, transmit, store or otherwise process Data or Data Transmissions or perform related activities, the Contractor shall be fully liable to DMH or for any acts, failures or

omissions of the Agent in providing said services as though they were the Contractor's own acts, failures, or omissions.

G. Contractor further understands and agrees that the terms and conditions of the current Trading Partner Agreement (TPA) set forth in the DMH Provider Manual shall apply to this Agreement and that said Terms and Conditions are incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.

56. **COMPLIANCE WITH JURY SERVICE PROGRAM:**

A. Jury Service Program: This Agreement is subject to the provisions of the County's ordinance entitled Contractor Employee Jury Service ("Jury Service Program") as codified in Sections 2.203.010 through 2.203.090 of the Los Angeles County Code.

B. Written Employee Jury Service Policy:

(1) Unless Contractor has demonstrated to the County's satisfaction either that Contractor is not a "Contractor" as defined under the Jury Service Program (Section 2.203.020 of the County Code) or that Contractor qualifies for an exception to the Jury Service Program (Section 2.203.070 of the County Code), Contractor shall have and adhere to a written policy that provides that its Employees shall receive from the Contractor, on an annual basis, no less than five (5) days of regular pay for actual jury service. The policy may provide that Employees deposit any fees received for such jury service with the Contractor or that the Contractor deduct from the Employee's regular pay the fees received for jury service.

(2) For purposes of this Section, "Contractor" means a person, partnership, corporation or other entity which has an Agreement with the County or a subcontract with a County Contractor and has received or will receive an aggregate sum of \$50,000 or more in any 12-month period under one or more County Agreements or subcontracts. "Employee" means any California resident who is a full-time employee of Contractor. "Full-time" means 40 hours or more worked per week or a lesser number of hours if: 1) the lesser number is a recognized industry standard as determined by the County, or 2) Contractor has a long-standing practice that defines the lesser number of hours as full-time. Full-time employees providing short-term, temporary services of 90 days or less within a 12-month period are not considered full-time for purposes of the Jury Service Program. If Contractor uses any subcontractor to perform services for the County under the Agreement, the subcontractor shall also be subject to the provisions of this Section. The provisions of this Section shall be inserted into any such subcontract Agreement and a copy of the Jury Service Program shall be attached to the Agreement.

(3) If Contractor is not required to comply with the Jury Service Program when

the Agreement commences, Contractor shall have a continuing obligation to review the applicability of its "exception status" from the Jury Service Program, and Contractor shall immediately notify County if Contractor at any time either comes within the Jury Service Program's definition of "Contractor" or if Contractor no longer qualifies for an exception to the Program. In either event, Contractor shall immediately implement a written policy consistent with the Jury Service Program. The County may also require, at any time during the Agreement and at its sole discretion, that Contractor demonstrate to the County's satisfaction that Contractor either continues to remain outside of the Jury Service Program's definition of "Contractor" and/or that Contractor continues to qualify for an exception to the Program.

(4) Contractor's violation of this section of the Agreement may constitute a material breach of the Agreement. In the event of such material breach, County may, in its sole discretion, terminate the Agreement and/or bar Contractor from the award of future County Agreements for a period of time consistent with the seriousness of the breach.

57. **NOTICE TO EMPLOYEES REGARDING THE SAFELY SURRENDERED BABY LAW:**

The Contractor shall notify and provide to its employees, and shall require each subcontractor to notify and provide to its employees, a fact sheet regarding the Safely Surrendered Baby Law, its implementation in Los Angeles County, and where and how to safely surrender a baby.

The fact sheet is set forth in Attachment IX of this Agreement and is also available on the Internet at [www.babysafela.org](http://www.babysafela.org) for printing purposes.

58. **CONTRACTOR'S ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTY'S COMMITMENT TO THE SAFELY SURRENDERED BABY LAW:**

The Contractor acknowledges that the County places a high priority on the implementation of the Safely Surrendered Baby Law. The Contractor understands that it is the County's policy to encourage all County Contractors to voluntarily post the County's "Safely Surrendered Baby Law" poster in a prominent position at the Contractor's place of business. The Contractor will also encourage its subcontractors, if any, to post this poster in a prominent position in the subcontractor's place of business. The County's Department of Children and Family Services will supply the Contractor with the poster to be used.

59. **CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, INELIGIBILITY AND VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION – LOWER TIER COVERED TRANSACTIONS (45 C.F.R. PART 76):**

The Contractor hereby acknowledges that the County is prohibited from contracting with and making sub-awards to parties that are suspended, debarred, ineligible, or excluded or whose principals are suspended, debarred, ineligible, or excluded from securing federally funded contracts. By executing this Agreement, Contractor certifies that neither it nor any of its owners,



officers, partners, directors or other principals is currently suspended, debarred, ineligible, or excluded from securing federally funded contracts. Further, by executing this Agreement, Contractor certifies that, to its knowledge, none of its subcontractors, at any tier, or any owner, officer, partner, director or other principal of any subcontractor is currently suspended, debarred, ineligible, or excluded from securing federally funded contracts. Contractor shall immediately notify County in writing, during the term of this Agreement, should it or any of its subcontractors or any principals of either be suspended, debarred, ineligible, or excluded from securing federally funded contracts. Failure of Contractor to comply with this provision shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement upon which the County may immediately terminate or suspend this Agreement.

60. **CONTRACTOR'S CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COMPLIANCE:** The Supervision of Trustees and Fundraisers for Charitable Purposes Act regulates entities receiving or raising charitable contributions. The "Nonprofit Integrity Act of 2004" (SB 1262, Chapter 919) increased Charitable Purposes Act requirements. By requiring Contractors to complete the certification in Attachment X, the County seeks to ensure that all County contractors which receive or raise charitable contributions comply with California law in order to protect the County and its taxpayers. A Contractor which receives or raises charitable contributions without complying with its obligations under California law commits a material breach subjecting it to either contract termination or debarment proceedings or both. (County Code Chapter 2.202)

61. **LOCAL SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PREFERENCE PROGRAM:** This Contract is subject to all provisions of the County's ordinance entitled Local Business Enterprise Preference Program, as codified in Chapter 2.204 of the Los Angeles County Code. Specifically, Contractor shall pay particular attention to the following provisions in Chapter 2.204:

Contractor shall not knowingly and with the intent to defraud, fraudulently obtain, retain, attempt to obtain or retain, or aid another in fraudulently obtaining or retaining or attempting to obtain or retain certification as a Local Small Business Enterprise.

Contractor shall not willfully and knowingly make a false statement with the intent to defraud, whether by affidavit, report, or other representation, to a County official or employee for the purpose of influencing the certification or denial of certification of any entity as a Local Small Business Enterprise.

If Contractor has obtained certification as a Local Small Business Enterprise by reason of having furnished incorrect supporting information or by reason of having withheld information, and which knew, or should have known, the information furnished was incorrect or the information

withheld was relevant to its request for certification, and which by reason of such certification has been awarded this contract to which it would not otherwise have been entitled, shall:

1. Pay to the County any difference between the Contract amount and what the County's costs would have been if the contract had been properly awarded;
2. In addition to the amount described in subdivision (1), be assessed a penalty in an amount of not more than 10 percent (10%) of the amount of the contract; and
3. Be subject to the provisions of Chapter 2.202 of the Los Angeles County Code (Determinations of Contractor Non-responsibility and Contractor Debarment).

The above penalties shall also apply to any Contractor that has previously obtained proper certification, however, as a result of a change in their status would no longer be eligible for certification, and fails to notify the State and the Office of Affirmative Action Compliance of this information prior to responding to a solicitation or accepting a contract award.

62. **FORCE MAJEURE:**

A. Neither party shall be liable for such party's failure to perform its obligations under and in accordance with this Contract, if such failure arises out of fires, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, other natural occurrences, strikes, lockouts (other than a lockout by such party or any of such party's subcontractors), freight embargoes, or other similar events to those described above, but in every such case the failure to perform must be totally beyond the control and without any fault or negligence of such party (such events are referred to in this sub-paragraph as "force majeure events").

B. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a default by a subcontractor of Contractor shall not constitute a force majeure event, unless such default arises out of causes beyond the control of both Contractor and such subcontractor, and without any fault or negligence of either of them. In such case, Contractor shall not be liable for failure to perform, unless the goods or services to be furnished by the subcontractor were obtainable from other sources in sufficient time to permit Contractor to meet its obligations under this agreement. As used in this sub-paragraph, the term "subcontractor" and "subcontractors" mean subcontractors at any tier.

C. In the event Contractor's failure to perform arises out of a force majeure event, Contractor agrees to use commercially reasonable best efforts to obtain goods or services from other sources, if applicable, and to otherwise mitigate the damages and reduce the delay caused by such force majeure event.

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63. **CONTRACTOR'S WARRANTY OF COMPLIANCE WITH COUNTY'S DEFAULTED PROPERTY TAX REDUCTION PROGRAM:** Contractor acknowledges that County has established a goal of ensuring that all individuals and businesses that benefit financially from County through contract are current in paying their property tax obligations (secured and unsecured roll) in order to mitigate the economic burden otherwise imposed upon County and its taxpayers. Unless Contractor qualifies for an exemption or exclusion, Contractor warrants and certifies that to the best of its knowledge it is now in compliance, and during the term of this contract will maintain compliance, with Los Angeles County Code Chapter 2.206.

64. **TERMINATION FOR BREACH OF WARRANTY TO MAINTAIN COMPLIANCE WITH COUNTY'S DEFAULTED PROPERTY TAX REDUCTION PROGRAM:** Failure of Contractor to maintain compliance with the requirements set forth in Paragraph 63 (CONTRACTOR'S WARRANTY OF COMPLIANCE WITH COUNTY'S DEFAULTED PROPERTY TAX REDUCTION PROGRAM) shall constitute default under this contract. Without limiting the rights and remedies available to County under any other provision of this contract, failure of Contractor to cure such default within 10 days of notice shall be grounds upon which County may terminate this contract and/or pursue debarment of Contractor, pursuant to County Code Chapter 2.206.

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65. **NOTICES:** All notices or demands required or permitted to be given under this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be delivered with signed receipt or mailed by first class, registered or certified mail, postage pre-paid, addressed to the parties at the following addresses and to the attention of the persons named. Director shall have the authority to execute all notices or demands which are required or permitted by County under this Agreement. Addresses and persons to be notified may be changed by either party by giving ten (10) days prior written notice thereof to the other party.

For the County, please use the following contact information:

County of Los Angeles - Department of Mental Health  
Contracts Development and Administration Division  
550 South Vermont Ave., 5th Floor  
Los Angeles, CA 90020  
Attention: Chief of Contracts

For the Contractor, please use the following contact information:

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**Attention:** \_\_\_\_\_

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles has caused this Agreement to be subscribed by County's Director of Mental Health or his designee, and Contractor has caused this Agreement to be subscribed in its behalf by its duly authorized officer, the day, month, and year first above written.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

By \_\_\_\_\_  
MARVIN J. SOUTHARD, D.S.W.  
Director of Mental Health

\_\_\_\_\_  
CONTRACTOR

By \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_  
(AFFIX CORPORATE SEAL HERE)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL

APPROVED AS TO CONTRACT  
ADMINISTRATION:

DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Chief, Contracts Development  
and Administration Division

DMH LEGAL ENTITY AGREEMENT  
ATTACHMENT II

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FINANCIAL EXHIBIT A  
FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

**A. GENERAL**

(1) The Department of Mental Health (DMH) Legal Entity Agreement and the attachments thereto, including but not limited to this Financial Exhibit A (FINANCIAL PROVISIONS) (Attachment II to the DMH Legal Entity Agreement), the Financial Summary (Attachment III to the DMH Legal Entity Agreement), and the Subprogram Schedule (Attachment IV to the DMH Legal Entity Agreement) shall be collectively known as “the Agreement”.

(2) The County shall pay Contractor in arrears for eligible services provided under this DMH Legal Entity Agreement and in accordance with the terms of this Financial Exhibit A up to the amounts identified for each Funded Program as shown in the Financial Summary and as otherwise may be limited under this DMH Legal Entity Agreement and the attachments thereto, including but not limited to this Financial Exhibit A and the Financial Summary.

(a) For the purposes of the Agreement, a “Funded Program” is a set of services paid through a particular funding source for the benefit of a specific beneficiary (e.g., Medi-Cal/Healthy Families or Non-Medi-Cal/Non-Healthy Families) as identified on a row on the Financial Summary.

(b) For the purposes of the Agreement, the “Funded Program Amount” is the amount identified in the last column of the Financial Summary for each Funded Program.

(c) For the purposes of this Agreement, “Non-Medi-Cal/Non-Healthy Families” includes all of the following: Persons with no known outside payer source, persons for whom eligibility for benefits under the State’s Medi-Cal or Healthy Families programs is being determined or established, and persons whose eligibility for the Medi-Cal or Healthy Families programs was unknown at the time that services were rendered.

(d) The Contractor understands and agrees that the Financial Summary is the aggregation of funds provided under specific subprograms that are allocated or awarded based on Contractor’s areas of expertise and its ability to provide specific services and/or serve specific populations through specific programs as indicated in Contractor’s Negotiation Package, approved by the Director. The Contractor understands and agrees that this aggregation of funds is intended to facilitate provisional payments to the Contractor for eligible services rendered under this DMH Legal Entity Agreement and to facilitate the ability of the County to obtain reimbursement from its funding sources, including federal and State reimbursement for eligible services to Medi-Cal and Healthy Families beneficiaries.



(e) The Contractor understands and agrees that this aggregation of funds in the Financial Summary is not intended to allow Contractor to redirect funds that were originally allocated or awarded for the benefit of a specific population or for specific types of services.

(f) The Contractor understands and agrees that the Subprogram Schedule (Attachment IV) reflects the specific subprogram amounts per Funded Program as indicated in the Negotiation Package.

(g) The Contractor understands and agrees that the Subprogram Schedule will be used to monitor mental health services provided within a Funded Program and will not be used at cost settlement. The Contractor shall comply with DMH Policy, Shifting Guidelines for the Legal Entity Agreement to accommodate deviations from the specific subprogram amounts to ensure specific program/subprogram outcomes are achieved.

(3) The Contractor shall comply with all requirements necessary for reimbursement as established by federal, State and local statutes, laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, manuals, policies, guidelines and directives.

(4) In order to reduce County costs, the Contractor shall comply with all applicable provisions of the Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) and/or California Code of Regulations (CCR) related to reimbursement by non-County and non-State sources, including, but not limited to, collecting reimbursement for services from clients (which shall be the same as patient fees established pursuant to WIC Section 5710) and from private or public third-party payers. In addition, Contractor shall ensure that, to the extent a recipient of services under this Agreement is eligible for coverage under Medicaid or Medicare or any other federal or State funded program (an eligible beneficiary), services provided to eligible beneficiaries are properly identified and claimed to the Funded Program responsible for such services to said eligible beneficiaries.

(a) Contractor shall be responsible for delivering services to the extent that funding is provided by County. To the extent that Contractor does not have funds allocated in this Agreement for a Funded Program that pays for services to a particular eligible beneficiary, Contractor shall, at the first opportunity, refer said eligible beneficiary to another Contractor or County facility, within the same geographic area to the extent feasible, that has available funds allocated for that Funded Program.

(b) To the extent that the County determines Contractor has improperly claimed services to a particular Funded Program, County may disallow payment of said services and/or may make corrective accounting transactions to transfer the payment of the

said services to the appropriate Funded Program and/or require Contractor to void said claimed services and replace/resubmit said services for payment from the correct Funded Program, if applicable.

(5) The State's Schedule of Maximum Allowances (SMA) is in effect during the Initial Period, the First Automatic Renewal Period, or the Second Automatic Renewal Period, or any part thereof, and shall be applicable to this Agreement as of the date adopted by the State.

**B. LIMITATIONS ON MAXIMUM REIMBURSEMENT**

(1) The total maximum reimbursement that will be paid by County to Contractor under this Agreement shall be, in no event, more than the Maximum Contract Amount for the Initial Period, First Automatic Renewal Period and the Second Automatic Renewal Period, respectively, of this Agreement.

(a) In addition to the general limitation of Paragraph B (1) of this Financial Exhibit A, in no event shall the maximum reimbursement that will be paid by County to Contractor under this Agreement for any Funded Program be more than the amount identified as the Funded Program Amount for each Funded Program, as provided on the Financial Summary for the Initial Period, First Automatic Renewal Period and the Second Automatic Renewal Period, respectively, of this Agreement.

(2) Contractor shall immediately provide written notice to the County when, based on the Contractor's own internal records, it has billed for services/activities under this Agreement in an amount equal to 75 percent (75%) of the total Maximum Contract Amount or 75 % of the Funded Program Amount(s) during the Initial Period, First Automatic Renewal Period or the Second Automatic Renewal Period of this Agreement.

(a) Contractor shall send such notice to those persons and addresses which are set forth in the DMH Legal Entity Agreement, Paragraph 65 (NOTICES).

(b) Failure of Contractor to comply with this Paragraph B (2) will be considered a breach of this Agreement.

(3) Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, the total Maximum Contract Amount and/or the Funded Program Amount(s) for any of the periods specified in this Financial Exhibit A (FINANCIAL PROVISIONS), Paragraphs C (Reimbursement for Initial Period) and D (Reimbursement if Agreement is Automatically Renewed) may not be increased or decreased without a properly executed amendment to this Agreement. The Parties acknowledge that the actual number of individuals seeking care from Contractor who have coverage under a particular Funded Program may differ from the estimated number upon which the Funded Program Amounts were based and that it may be appropriate to increase

Contractor's responsibility to provide services to some eligible individuals while decreasing its responsibilities to provide services to other types of eligible individuals. Any such modification in Contractor's responsibilities, along with commensurate changes in the appropriate Funded Program Amounts, may be accomplished through a formal amendment completed in advance of the provision of services

(4) Modifications to the Subprogram Schedule, which do not impact the Maximum Contract Amount and Funded Program Amounts, may be accomplished through an administrative amendment process as outlined in the DMH Policy, Shifting Guidelines for the Legal Entity Agreement. Such modification to the Subprogram Schedule shall only be effective for services/activities provided on or after the effective date of the administrative amendment memorializing the revision to the Subprogram Schedule. Such administrative amendment may be executed by Director under delegated authority from the Board of Supervisors without prior approval of County Counsel. Such administrative amendment may be initiated by the County, with Contractor's written consent. By making the written consent, Contractor agrees to such administrative amendment, and Contractor's signature is not required to make the amendment effective.

(5) The Maximum Contract Amount for each period of this Agreement includes Cash Flow Advance which is an advance of funds to be repaid by Contractor through direct payment of cash and/or through the provision of appropriate services/activities under this Agreement for the applicable period.

**C. REIMBURSEMENT FOR INITIAL PERIOD**

(1) The Maximum Contract Amount for the Initial Period of this Agreement as described in Paragraph 1 (TERM) of the Legal Entity Agreement shall not exceed \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_ DOLLARS (\$) \_\_\_\_\_) and shall consist of Funded Programs as shown on the Financial Summary.

**D. REIMBURSEMENT IF AGREEMENT IS AUTOMATICALLY RENEWED**

(1) Reimbursement For First Automatic Renewal Period: The Maximum Contract Amount for the First Automatic Renewal Period of this Agreement as described in Paragraph 1 (TERM) of the DMH Legal Entity Agreement shall not exceed \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_ DOLLARS (\$) \_\_\_\_\_) and shall consist of Funded Programs as shown on the Financial Summary.

(2) Reimbursement For Second Automatic Renewal Period: The Maximum Contract Amount for the Second Automatic Renewal Period of this Agreement as described in Paragraph 1 (TERM) of the DMH Legal Entity Agreement shall not exceed \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ DOLLARS (\$) \_\_\_\_\_) and shall consist of Funded Programs as shown on the Financial Summary.

**E. REIMBURSEMENT BASIS**

(1) Reimbursement Rates for Mental Health Services: For mental health services claimed and billed through the County's claims processing information system, and except as further limited elsewhere in this Agreement, Contractor will utilize provisional rates based on a Cost Reimbursement methodology under this Agreement, except as may be provided under Paragraph E (5) of this Financial Exhibit A.

(a) Contractor shall calculate its requested rates in accordance with the terms and limitations set forth in DMH Policy, Provisional Rate Setting.

(b) Requested rates for services provided under this Agreement shall be uniform and will apply to all similar services regardless of Funded Program.

(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, in no event may Contractor request a rate that exceeds the State's SMA or request a rate that exceeds Contractor's published charge(s) to the general public except if the Contractor is a Nominal Charge Provider.

(d) All rates are subject to prior review and approval of the County consistent with the DMH Policy, Provisional Rate Setting.

(2) Reimbursement Rates for Institutions for Mental Diseases: Pursuant to Section 5902(e) of the WIC, Institutions for Mental Diseases (IMD), which are licensed as level two nursing facilities (SNF) by the State Department of Health Care Services (SDHCS), are reimbursed for basic services at the rate(s) established by SDHCS and in accordance with Assembly Bill 360 for Medi-Cal services provided by level B nursing facilities, in addition to the Medi-Cal rate established by SDHCS for a Special Treatment Plan (STP). Accordingly, the IMD reimbursement rate will consist of a basic SNF rate and a STP rate; and for some IMD programs a rate for specialized programming and/or provision of more intensive mental health services provided to clients at County's request, if applicable; or a Mental Health Rehabilitation Center (MHRC) rate established by the County for specialized programming and/or provision of more intensive mental health services provided to clients at County's request.

(3) Reimbursement for Medi-Cal Administrative Activities (MAA):

Reimbursement for MAA shall be based on the direct and indirect costs of actual time spent in performing MAA services.

(4) Reimbursement Rates for Organizational Providers for Medi-Cal Specialty Mental Health Services: Reimbursement shall be based upon rate(s) published in the County of Los AngelesDMH Local Mental Health Plan Medi-Cal Specialty Mental Health Services Provider Manual and any subsequent Provider Bulletins.

(5) Reimbursement of Other Costs and Direct Charges: Certain Funded Programs may provide for and allow Contractor to submit requests for reimbursement to the County for specific expenses that cannot be claimed through the County's claims processing information system. These expenses shall be referred to as a "Direct Charge." Such reimbursement shall be based on actual costs plus an administrative fee, expressed as a percentage of actual costs, which shall be reviewed and approved in advance by the County.

(6) Unique Funded Program: To the extent that Contractor's Agreement includes a Funded Program which has billing and payment requirements that are not consistent with the provisions of this Paragraph E (Reimbursement Basis) of Financial Exhibit A, the special billing and payment requirements shall be set forth in an addendum to this Financial Exhibit A and signed by Contractor and Director.

**F. BILLING PROCEDURES**

(1) If Title XIX Short-Doyle/Medi-Cal services, and/or MAA, and/or Title XXI Healthy Families services are provided under this Agreement, Contractor authorizes County to serve as the Mental Health Plan for State claiming and reimbursement and to act on Contractor's behalf with the State Department of Mental Health and the SDHCS in regard to claiming.

(2) Claims Certification and Program Integrity:

(a) Contractor hereby certifies that all units of service entered by Contractor into the County's claims processing information system and/or the MAA data base system and/or claims for actual costs submitted as Direct Charges to County for any Funded Program covered by this Agreement are true and accurate to the best of Contractor's knowledge.

(b) Contractor shall annually provide the additional certification set forth in the "Contractor Claims Certification for Title XIX Short-Doyle/Medi-Cal and Title XXI Healthy Families Reimbursements" (Exhibit A-1 to this Attachment II) related to the Contractor's compliance with specific State and federal statutory and regulatory requirements which are

conditions for the reimbursement of Title XIX Short-Doyle/Medi-Cal and/or MAA and/or Title XXI Healthy Families claims.

(3) Mental Health Services: Claims for all mental health services, including services funded by Title XIX Short-Doyle/Medi-Cal and Title XXI Health Families, shall be entered into the County's claims processing information system within 30 calendar days of the end of the month in which services are delivered, except as otherwise provided in this Paragraph F.

(a) The County shall extend the period of time specified above as appropriate, where the delay in the submission of the claims is reasonably justified.

(b) With the exception of section F(3)(c) below, Contractor must submit an initial or original claim within three (3) months after the end of the month in which the services were rendered, to the extent doing so would not preclude payment from a funding source.

(c) The County may, using reasonable discretion, extend the time to submit claims for services under Title XIX Short-Doyle/Medi-Cal or under Title XXI Health Families to within nine (9) months after the end of the month in which the services were rendered where good cause for the delayed submission would be recognized under CCR, Title 22 Section 51008.5.

(d) In the event the State or federal government denies any or all claims submitted by County on behalf of Contractor, County will not be responsible for any payment obligation and, accordingly, Contractor shall not seek payment from County and shall indemnify and hold harmless County from any and all liabilities for payment of any or all denied claims, including those denied claims that were submitted outside the period of time specified in paragraph F (3) (b) and (c) above, except any claims which are denied due to the fault of the County. Any controversy or dispute arising from such State or federal denied claims shall be handled by Contractor in accordance with the applicable State and/or federal administrative appeal process.

(e) Contractor shall, as soon as practicable, notify County of any delay in meeting the timeframe for submitting claims specified in this Paragraph F (3) in the event Contractor is not able to make timely data entry into the County's claims processing information system due to no fault on the part of Contractor. Such Contractor notification should be immediate upon Contractor's recognition of the delay and must include a specific description of the problem that the Contractor is having with the County's claims processing information system. Notification shall be pursuant to the DMH Legal Entity Agreement, Paragraph 65 (NOTICES), and such notification shall also be made by Contractor to the DMH Chief Information Office Bureau's Help Desk.

(f) The County will notify Contractor in writing as soon as practicable of any County issue(s) which will prevent the entry by Contractor of claiming information into the County's claims processing information system, and County will waive the requirement of this Paragraph F (3) in the event of any such County issue(s). Once County has notified Contractor that its issues are resolved, Contractor shall enter billing information into the County's claims processing information system within 30 calendar days of County's notice unless otherwise agreed to by County and Contractor.

i. To the extent that issues identified pursuant to this Paragraph F 3 (e) requires that Contractor modify its procedures for entering claims into the County's claims processing information system, Contractor shall consult with County regarding a reasonable time required to implement such modifications and, upon approval by County, the 30 calendar days required by this Paragraph F (3) (f) shall be extended by the amount of time required to implement such modifications.

(g) County may modify the County's claims processing information system at any time in order to comply with changes in, or interpretations of, State or federal laws, rules, regulations, manuals, guidelines, and directives. County shall notify Contractor in writing of any such modification and the reason, if known, for the modification and the planned implementation date of the modification. To the extent that such modifications create a delay in Contractor submitting claims into the County's claims processing information system for a period of time, the timelines under this Paragraph F shall be extended by the number of calendar days that Contractor was unable to submit claims into the County's claims processing information system.

(4) Institutions for Mental Diseases (IMD): If Contractor is an IMD, Contractor shall, no later than the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month, submit an invoice to the County for patient days approved in writing by the County for the previous month. Said invoice shall be in a form as specified by the County, and will include an itemized accounting of all charges for each patient day. Invoices shall be submitted to the persons and at the address identified in Paragraph X (Payment and Invoice Notifications) of this Financial Exhibit A.

(5) Medi-Cal Administrative Activities (MAA): To the extent that MAA is identified as a Unique Funded Program in the Financial Summary, Contractor shall submit claims for reimbursement for MAA by entering the eligible MAA services provided and the actual time incurred rendering the MAA services into the County's MAA data base system within 30 days of rendering the MAA services.

(a) County may modify the County's MAA data base system, at any time in order to comply with changes in, or interpretations of, State or federal laws, rules, regulations,

manuals, guidelines, and directives. County shall notify Contractor in writing prior to implementing any such modification and the reason, if known, for the modification and the planned implementation date of the modification.

(6) Direct Charges: Contractor shall submit invoices for Direct Charges within 30 calendar days of the end of the month in which the eligible expense was incurred. Such invoice shall be in the form and include the content specified by County for each Funded Program. Invoices shall be submitted to the persons and at the address identified in Paragraph X (Payment and Invoice Notifications) of this Financial Exhibit A.

**G. COUNTY PAYMENT FOR SERVICES RENDERED**

(1) General: County agrees to reimburse Contractor for services rendered under Funded Programs during the term of this Agreement based on the provisional rates agreed to by the County for the Initial Period, First Automatic Renewal Period and Second Automatic Renewal Period, respectively, subject to all of the rules, regulations and policies established by the County, State and/or federal governments regarding payment and reimbursement of services, and in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.

(2) County Payments: After Director's review and approval of the billing or invoice, County shall provisionally pay Contractor in accordance with the following:

(a) County shall make good faith efforts to make payments for services billed through the County's claims processing information system as soon as possible after submission and approval, subject to the limitations and conditions specified in this Agreement, but no more than 60 calendar days after submission and approval. County shall make available a schedule of anticipated payment dates for claims submitted by Contractor into the County's claims processing information system prior to July 1 of each year.

(b) Payments for services or Direct Charges billed through invoices shall be paid no more than 30 calendar days after receipt of a complete and accurate invoice, subject to the limitations and conditions specified in this Agreement.

(c) Payments for MAA will be made on a quarterly basis and will be based upon actual State approval and State payment to the County of MAA claims. Only Contractors who have been approved by the State to participate in and to claim reimbursement for MAA and who have MAA authorized as a Unique Funded Program in their Contract are permitted to claim MAA.

**H. BILLING AND PAYMENT LIMITATIONS**

(1) Provisional Payments: County payments to Contractor for performance of eligible services hereunder are provisional until the completion of all settlement activities and



audits, as such payments are subject to future County, State and/or federal adjustments. County adjustments to provisional payments to Contractor will be based upon the match fund amount specified in the Financial Summary, County's claims processing information system data, MAA data base information, State adjudication of Medi-Cal and Healthy Families claims files, contractual limitations of this Agreement, annual cost report, application of various County, State and/or federal reimbursement limitations, application of any County, State and/or federal policies, procedures and regulations, and/or County, State or federal audits, all of which take precedence over monthly claim reimbursements. County and Contractor acknowledge that the references in this paragraph represent examples only and are not intended, nor shall be construed, to represent all of the circumstances or conditions that may result in adjustments to provisional payments.

(2) Limitations on Payments to Organizational Providers: In addition to all other limitations provided in this Paragraph H (Billing and Payment Limitations), reimbursement to Organizational Providers also shall be limited by number of authorized visits over the threshold as stipulated in the County of Los Angeles DMH Local Mental Health Plan Provider Manual.

(3) Other Limitations for Certain Funded Programs: In addition to all other limitations provided in this Paragraph H (Billing and Payment Limitations), reimbursement for services rendered under certain Funded Programs may be further limited by rules, regulations and procedures applicable only to that Funded Program. Contractor shall be familiar with said rules, regulations and procedures and submit all claims in accordance therewith.

(4) Adjustment of Claims Based on Other Data and Information: The County shall have the right to adjust claims based upon data and information that may include, but is not limited to, County's claims processing information system reports, remittance advices, State adjudication of Medi-Cal claims, 835 data, and Contractor's annual Cost Report, all of which shall supersede and take precedence over claims.

(5) Adjustment of Claims for Agreement Compliance: Director, in his sole discretion and at any time and without prior written notice to Contractor, may take any necessary actions required to ensure that Contractor shall not be paid a sum in excess of the amount due to the Contractor under the terms and conditions of this Agreement. Such actions may include, but are not limited to, reimbursing claims submitted through the claims processing information system at an amount less than that amount that would be calculated using Contractor's provisional rates, denying claims for payment; holding claims for Medi-Cal services from being forwarded for adjudication by the State; and/or withholding payment of certain claims.

(a) Concurrent with any such action, Director shall provide Contractor with written notice of the County's decision to take such action(s), including the reason(s) for the

action. Thereafter, Contractor may, within 10 calendar days of Contractor's receipt of the notification, request reconsideration of the County's decision. Contractor may request in writing, and shall receive if requested, County's computations for making a determination that such action was necessary, including any amount(s) held, denied or reduced.

(b) Upon receiving a request for reconsideration from Contractor, County shall, within 15 calendar days, schedule a meeting with Contractor to consider Contractor's request to reconsider its action. At said meeting, Contractor may present to the County information or documentation relevant to the circumstances that led the County to take such actions and may propose alternative actions.

(c) Within 15 calendar days of said meeting, County shall, in writing, notify Contractor, of its final decision which may include County's request to Contractor to void said claims in the County's claim processing information system. The decision of the Director will be final.

(d) In the event of failure of Contractor to timely notify County of its intended disposition of questioned claims, County reserves the right to take such action as is necessary as to preserve possible reimbursement of said claims from a funding source. Should the County grant reconsideration, such reconsideration will only be applicable to claims paid and processed to the appropriate funding sources after the date that said reconsideration is granted.

(6) County Withhold of Payment for Contractor Lapse in Providing Service Data: If Contractor fails to submit service data as required by County, then the County may, in its discretion, withhold all or a portion of its payment until County is in receipt of complete and correct service data and such service data has been reviewed and approved by Director.

(a) Prior to withholding payment, Director shall provide Contractor with at least 30 calendar days written notice of the County's decision to withhold payment, including the reason(s) for intended action and the identification of the incomplete or incorrect service data. Thereafter, Contractor may, within 15 calendar days, request reconsideration of the County's decision.

(b) Upon receiving a request for reconsideration from Contractor, County shall, within 15 calendar days, schedule a meeting with Contractor to consider Contractor's request to reconsider its action. At said meeting, Contractor may present to the County information or documentation relevant to the circumstances that led the County to take such actions and may propose a date for submitting the complete and correct data.

(c) Within 15 calendar days of said meeting, County shall, in writing, notify Contractor, of its final decision. The decision of the Director will be final.

(d) Upon receipt from the Contractor of revised service data, Director shall review such revised service data within 60 calendar days of receipt. Upon determination that such submitted service data is complete and correct, County shall release withheld payments within 30 days of such determination.

(7) County Denial of Payments for Lack of Documentation: Director may deny payment for services when documentation of clinical work does not meet minimum State and County written standards.

(a) Prior to denying payment, Director shall provide Contractor with at least 30 calendar days' written notice of the County's decision to deny payment, including the reason(s) for the intended actions. Thereafter, Contractor may, within 15 calendar days, request reconsideration of the County's decision.

(b) Upon receiving a request for reconsideration from Contractor, County shall, within 15 calendar days, schedule a meeting with Contractor to consider Contractor's request to reconsider its action. At said meeting, Contractor may present to the County information or documentation relevant to the circumstances that led the County to take such actions and may propose alternative actions.

(c) Within 15 calendar days of said meeting, County shall, in writing, notify Contractor of its final decision. The decision of the Director will be final.

(8) County Suspension of Payment for Default: Director may suspend payments to Contractor, for good cause, if the Director determines that Contractor is in default under any of the provisions of this Agreement.

(a) Except in cases of alleged fraud or similar intentional wrongdoing or a reasonable good faith determination of impending insolvency, Director shall provide Contractor with at least 30 calendar days' notice of such suspension, including a statement of the reason(s) for such suspension. Thereafter, Contractor may, within 15 calendar days, request reconsideration of Director's decision to suspend payment. Suspension of payment to Contractor shall not take effect pending the results of such reconsideration process.

(b) Upon receiving a request for reconsideration from Contractor, County shall, within 15 calendar days, schedule a meeting with Contractor to consider Contractor's request to reconsider its action. At said meeting, Contractor may present to the County information or documentation relevant to the circumstances that led the County to take such actions and may propose alternative actions.

(c) Within 15 calendar days of said meeting, County shall, in writing, notify Contractor of its final decision. The decision of the Director will be final.

(9) No Payment for Services Rendered Following Expiration/Termination of Agreement: Contractor shall have no claim against County for payment of any money, or reimbursement of any kind whatsoever, for any service provided by Contractor after the expiration or other termination of this Agreement or any part thereof. Should Contractor receive any such payment, it shall immediately notify County and shall immediately repay all such funds to County. Payment by County for services rendered after expiration/termination of this Agreement shall not constitute a waiver of County's right to recover such payment from Contractor. This provision shall survive the expiration or other termination of this Agreement.

(10) Contractor agrees to hold harmless both the State and beneficiary in the event County cannot or will not pay for services performed by Contractor pursuant to this Agreement.

**I. LIMITATION OF PAYMENTS BASED ON FUNDING AND BUDGETARY RESTRICTIONS**

(1) This Agreement shall be subject to any restrictions, limitations, or conditions imposed by State which may in any way affect the provisions or funding of this Agreement, including, but not limited to, those contained in State's Budget Act.

(2) This Agreement shall also be subject to any additional restrictions, limitations, or conditions imposed by the federal government which may in any way affect the provisions or funding of this Agreement.

(3) In the event that the County's Board of Supervisors adopts, in any fiscal year, a County Budget which provides for reductions in County contracts, the County reserves the right to unilaterally reduce its payment obligation under this Agreement to implement such Board reductions for that fiscal year and any subsequent fiscal year during the term of this Agreement, and the services to be provided by the Contractor under this Agreement shall also be reduced correspondingly. The County's notice to the Contractor regarding said reduction in payment obligation shall be provided within 30 calendar days of the Board's approval of such action. Except as set forth above in this Paragraph I (3) and Paragraph J (5), the Contractor shall continue to provide all of the services set forth in this Agreement.

(4) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, County shall not be obligated for Contractor's performance hereunder or by any provision of this Agreement during this or any of County's future fiscal years unless and until County's Board of Supervisors appropriates funds for this Agreement in County's Budget for each such fiscal year. In the event funds are not appropriated for this Agreement, then this Agreement shall terminate as of June 30 of the last

fiscal year for which funds were appropriated. County shall notify Contractor of any such non-appropriation of funds at the earliest possible date.

**J. CONTRACTOR PROHIBITED FROM REDIRECTION OF CONTRACTED FUNDS**

(1) Funds under this Agreement are provided for the delivery of mental health services to eligible beneficiaries under each of the Funded Programs identified in the Financial Summary Each Funded Program has been established in accordance with the requirements and restrictions imposed by each respective County, State and/or federal payer source contributing to the Funded Program.

(2) Contractor may not redirect funds from one Funded Program to another Funded Program, except through a duly executed amendment to this Agreement.

(3) Contractor may not redirect funds from one Subprogram to another Subprogram, except as outlined in DMH Policy, Shifting Guidelines for the Legal Entity Agreement.

(4) Contractor may not charge services delivered to an eligible beneficiary under one Funded Program to another Funded Program unless the recipient is also an eligible beneficiary under the second Funded Program. When a recipient of services is an eligible beneficiary under more than one Funded Program, Contractor shall charge the services to the Funded Program under which the County shall receive maximum reimbursement from non-County sources, provided that Contractor has available funds under the appropriate Funded Program.

(5) Contractor also shall not charge services delivered to an eligible beneficiary for Medi-Cal/Healthy Families to the Non-Medi-Cal/Non-Healthy Families Funded Program Amount except in such cases where a client's eligibility for benefits is being established or determined. Upon confirming that said client is approved for Medi-Cal/Healthy Families benefits, or in such case that the County may determine that a service paid originally through the Non-Medi-Cal/ Non-Healthy Families Funded Program Amount was to a client approved for Medi-Cal/Healthy Families, Contractor shall void the original claims for services provided on or after the effective date that Medi-Cal/Healthy Family services became eligible for reimbursement, and replace/resubmit such claims for Medi-Cal/Healthy Families under the correct Funded Program.

(6) Contractor shall be responsible for delivering services to clients to the extent that funding is provided by the County. Where Contractor determines that services to clients can no longer be delivered, Contractor shall provide 30 days prior written notice to County. Contractor shall thereafter refer clients to County or to another appropriate Contractor.

(a) Contractor shall not be required to provide the notice required under this Paragraph J (5) if the County reduces funding to the Contractor under Paragraph I (Limitation of Payments Based on Funding and Budgetary Restrictions) whether such reductions occur at the

beginning or during a fiscal year. In addition, if County reduces or eliminates funding for a specific Funded Program, or portion thereof, Contractor shall not be responsible for continuing services for those clients served by the Funded Program, or portion thereof.

**K. COUNTY'S RIGHT TO RE-ALLOCATE UNDERUTILIZED FUNDS**

(1) County and Contractor may by written amendment reduce programs or services and revise the applicable Maximum Contract Amount and/or Funded Program Amount. The Director shall provide 15 business days prior written notice of such funding changes to Contractor, including any changes in the amount of services to be received by County, to Contractor, DMH Contracts Development and Administration Division, and to County's Chief Executive Officer. Any such change in any applicable Maximum Contract Amount and/or Funded Program Amount shall be effected by an administrative amendment to this Agreement by Director; and

(2) Notwithstanding Paragraph K (1), if the County in its sole discretion determines from a review of Contractor's service and billing records that a significant portion of the funds provided for services under this Agreement will be underutilized in any period of the Agreement term, then the Director shall provide 15 business days prior written notification to Contractor of County's intent to reallocate underutilized funds by the moving of such funds into another program budget category for the same period on the Financial Summary (Attachment III) within this Agreement, and/or reallocate such funds into another DMH Legal Entity Agreement with another contract provider that readily provides for the efficient use of such funds before the expiration of the same period in this. This written notification is to include an explanation of how the County reached the conclusion that Contractor is underutilizing funds; copies of relevant data, such as but not limited to County information system reports that County used in making this decision; the nature and amount of funding changes to Contractor; and any changes in the amount of services to be received by County.

In the event Contractor believes that an adjustment authorized under this provision is unjustified, Contractor may, within the 15 business day notice period, so notify the Director in writing, and request a meeting with County to review County's documentation that Contractor will be underutilizing a significant portion of its Maximum Contract Amount and/or Funded Program Amount. Any such meeting shall be held within 30 calendar days of the initial written notification. If Contractor fails to meet with County in this period of time, Contractor is deemed to have waived its opportunity to meet with County and accepts County recommended changes to its Maximum Contract Amount and/or Funded Program Amount.

If, thereafter, it is still determined that a significant portion of the Maximum Contract

Amount and/or Funded Program Amount will be underutilized the County shall reallocate such funds, as provided above. Director shall provide final prior written notice of such funding changes, including any changes in the amount of services to be received by County, to Contractor, DMH Contracts Development and Administration Division, and County's Chief Executive Office, and the determination of the Director will be final. Any such change in any applicable Maximum Contract Amount and/or Funded Program Amount shall be effected by an administrative amendment to this Agreement by Director. Changes that are based on one-time circumstances will be applicable to the current contract year only and shall not result in reductions (or increases) of Maximum Contract Amounts and/or Funded Program Amount in subsequent years, while changes that are based on clearly documented ongoing historical trends may result in ongoing reductions (or increases) of Maximum Contract Amounts and/or Funded Program Amount in subsequent years.

The determination by the Director shall be effective upon the receipt of such final prior written notice by Contractor and the changes to funding and services shall be incorporated into this Agreement as of the date of receipt. Contractor understands and agrees that its Maximum Contract Amount and/or Funded Program Amount may be reduced as a result of the adjustments authorized by this provision, and further acknowledges that County has relied upon this flexibility in establishing the Maximum Contract Amount and/or Funded Program Amount for this Agreement. By executing this Agreement, Contractor specifically consents to the prospective adjustments set forth in this provision.

(3) Notwithstanding Paragraph K (1), if the County in its sole discretion determines from a review of Contractor's service and billing records that a significant portion of the funds provided for a Subprogram under this Agreement is underutilized in any period of the Agreement term, then the Director shall provide 15 business days prior written notification to Contractor of County's intent to reallocate underutilized funds, in subsequent fiscal year(s), into another DMH Legal Entity Agreement with another contract provider that readily provides for the efficient use of such funds. This written notification is to include an explanation of how the County reached the conclusion that Contractor is underutilizing funds; copies of relevant data, such as but not limited to County information system reports that County used in making this decision; the nature and amount of funding changes to Contractor; and any changes in the amount of services to be received by County.

In the event Contractor believes that an adjustment authorized under this provision is unjustified, Contractor may, within the 15 business day notice period, so notify the Director in writing, and request a meeting with County to review County's documentation that Contractor will be underutilizing a significant portion of its Subprogram amount. Any such meeting shall be held

within 30 calendar days of the initial written notification. If Contractor fails to meet with County in this period of time, Contractor is deemed to have waived its opportunity to meet with County and accepts County recommended changes to its Maximum Contract Amount.

If, thereafter, it is still determined that a significant portion of the Subprogram Amount will be underutilized the County shall reallocate such funds, as provided above. Director shall provide final prior written notice of such funding changes, including any changes in the amount of services to be received by County, to Contractor, DMH Contracts Development and Administration Division, and County's Chief Executive Office, and the determination of the Director will be final.

The determination by the Director shall be effective upon the receipt of such final prior written notice by Contractor and the changes to funding and services shall be incorporated into the Agreement for the subsequent fiscal year(s). Contractor understands and agrees that its Maximum Contract Amount may be reduced as a result of the adjustments authorized by this provision, and further acknowledges that County will rely upon this flexibility in establishing the Maximum Contract Amount for the Agreement for the subsequent fiscal year(s).

**L. LIMITATION ON COUNTY'S FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR PAYMENT OF SERVICES UNDER TITLE XIX SHORT-DOYLE/MEDI-CAL SERVICES, MEDI-CAL ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES AND/OR TITLE XXI HEALTHY FAMILIES**

(1) If, under this Agreement, Contractor has Funded Programs that include Title XIX Short-Doyle/Medi-Cal services, Medi-Cal Administrative Activities, and/or Title XXI Healthy Families services, Contractor shall certify annually, no later than July 10 of each year, in writing that all necessary documentation will exist at the time any claims for Title XIX Short-Doyle/Medi-Cal services and/or Medi-Cal Administrative Activities, and/or Title XXI Healthy Families are submitted by Contractor to County.

Contractor shall be solely liable and responsible for all service data and information submitted by Contractor.

(2) Contractor acknowledges and agrees that the County, in undertaking the processing of claims and payment for services rendered under this Agreement for these Funded Programs, does so as the Mental Health Plan for the State and federal governments.

(3) Contractor shall submit to County all Title XIX Short-Doyle/Medi-Cal and/or Medi-Cal Administrative Activities, and/or Title XXI Healthy Families claims or other State required claims data within the time frame(s) prescribed by this Agreement to allow the County to meet the timeframes prescribed by the State and federal governments. County shall have no liability for



Contractor's failure to comply with the time frames established under this Agreement and/or State and federal time frames, except to the extent that such failure was through no fault of Contractor.

(4) County, as the Mental Health Plan, shall submit to the State in a timely manner claims for Title XIX Short-Doyle/Medi-Cal services and/or Medi-Cal Administrative Activities, and/or Title XXI Healthy Families services only for those services/activities identified and entered into the County's claims processing information system and/or into the Medi-Cal Administrative Activities data base system, as appropriate, which are compliant with State and federal requirements. County shall make available to Contractor any subsequent State approvals or denials of such claims within 30 days of receipt thereof.

(5) Contractor acknowledges and agrees that County's final payment for services and activities claimed by Contractor for Title XIX Short-Doyle/Medi-Cal services and/or Medi-Cal Administrative Activities, and/or Title XXI Healthy Families services is contingent upon reimbursement from the State and federal governments and that County's provisional payment for said services does not render County in any way responsible for payment of, or liable for, Contractor's claims for payment for these services.

(6) Contractor's ability to retain payment for such services and/or activities is entirely dependent upon Contractor's compliance with all laws and regulations related to same.

(7) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, Contractor shall hold County harmless from and against any loss to Contractor resulting from the denial or disallowance of claims for or any audit disallowances related to said services by the County, State or federal governments, or other applicable payer source, unless the denial or disallowance was due to the fault of the County.

(8) Contractor shall repay to County the amount paid by County to Contractor for Title XIX Short-Doyle/Medi-Cal and/or Medi-Cal Administrative Activities, and/or Title XXI Healthy Families services/activities which are subsequently denied or disallowed by the County, State, and/or federal governments. In no event shall County be liable or responsible to Contractor for any State approved Title XIX Short-Doyle/Medi-Cal and/or Medi-Cal Administrative Activities, and/or Title XXI Healthy Families services/activities that are subsequently denied or disallowed by County, State, and/or federal governments unless the denial or disallowance was due to the fault of the County.

(9) Contractor acknowledges that any recovery by County of payments made to Contractor for Title XIX Short-Doyle/Medi-Cal services and/or Title XXI Healthy Families services and/or MAA which are subsequently denied, voided, and/or disallowed shall be the total County's

payment amount for such claim(s). The total County payment under federal requirements consists of federal and local match, and such local match may consist of County and/or State funds.

(10) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, Contractor agrees that the County may offset future payments to the Contractor and/or demand repayment from Contractor when amounts are owed to the County pursuant to Subparagraphs (7) and (8) above. Such demand for repayment and Contractor's repayment shall be in accordance with Paragraph S (Method of Payments for Amounts Due to County) of this Financial Exhibit A, except for denials reflected on the State's 835 files, which will be offset immediately from the County's next payment to Contractor.

(11) Contractor shall comply with all written instructions provided to Contractor by Director, State or other applicable payer source regarding claiming and documentation.

(12) Nothing in this Paragraph L shall be construed to limit Contractor's rights to appeal State and federal settlement and/or audit findings in accordance with the applicable State and federal regulations.

**M. PATIENT/CLIENT ELIGIBILITY, UMDAP FEES, THIRD PARTY REVENUES, AND INTEREST**

(1) Contractor shall comply with all County, State, and federal requirements and procedures relating to:

(a) The determination and collection of patient/client fees for services hereunder based on the Uniform Method of Determining Payment (UMDAP), in accordance with the State Department of Mental Health guidelines and Welfare and Institutions Code Sections 5709 and 5710.

(b) The eligibility of patients/clients for Short-Doyle/Medi-Cal, Medicare, private insurance, or other third party revenue, and the collection, reporting and deduction of all patient/client and other revenue for patients/clients receiving services hereunder. Contractor shall pursue and report collection of all patient/client and other revenue.

(2) All fees paid by patients/clients receiving services under this Agreement and all fees paid on behalf of patients/clients receiving services hereunder shall be utilized by Contractor only for the delivery of mental health service/activities specified in this Agreement.

(3) Contractor may retain unanticipated revenue, which is not shown in Contractor's Negotiation Package for this Agreement, for a maximum period of one Fiscal Year, provided that the unanticipated revenue is utilized for the delivery of mental health services/activities specified in this Agreement. Contractor shall report the expenditures for the

mental health services/activities funded by this unanticipated revenue in the Annual Cost Report submitted by Contractor to County.

(4) Contractor shall not retain any fees paid by any sources for, or on behalf of, Medi-Cal beneficiaries without deducting those fees from the cost of providing those mental health services for which fees were paid.

(5) Contractor may retain any interest and/or return which may be received, earned or collected from any funds paid by County to Contractor, provided that Contractor shall utilize all such interest and return only for the delivery of mental health services/activities specified in this Agreement.

(6) Failure of Contractor to report in all its claims and in its Annual Cost Report all fees paid by patients/clients receiving services hereunder, all fees paid on behalf of patients/clients receiving services hereunder, all fees paid by third parties on behalf of Medi-Cal beneficiaries receiving services and/or activities hereunder, all unanticipated revenue not shown in Contractor's Negotiation Package for this Agreement, and all interest and return on funds paid by County to Contractor, shall result in:

(a) Contractor's submission of a revised claim statement showing all such non-reported revenue.

(b) A report by County to SDMH of all such non-reported revenue including any such unreported revenue paid by any sources for or on behalf of Medi-Cal beneficiaries.

(c) Any appropriate financial adjustment to Contractor's reimbursement.

**N. CASH FLOW ADVANCE IN EXPECTATION OF SERVICES/ACTIVITIES TO BE RENDERED**

(1) The Maximum Contract Amount for each period of this Agreement includes Cash Flow Advance (CFA) which is an advance of funds to be repaid by Contractor through direct payment of cash and/or through the provision of appropriate services/activities under this Agreement during the applicable period.

(2) For each month of each period of this Agreement, County will reimburse Contractor based upon Contractor's submitted claims for rendered services/activities subject to claim edits, and future settlement and audit processes. However, for each month of the first three (3) months, of the Initial Term, the First Automatic Renewal Period, or the Second Automatic Renewal Period, Contractor may request in writing from County a monthly County General Fund CFA as herein described.

(3) CFA shall consist of, and shall be payable only from, the Maximum Contract

Amount for the particular fiscal year in which the related services are to be rendered and upon which the request(s) is (are) based.

(4) CFA is intended to provide cash flow to Contractor pending Contractor's rendering and billing of eligible services/activities, as identified in DMH Legal Entity Agreement Paragraph 5 (DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES/ACTIVITIES), and County payment thereof. Contractor may request each monthly Cash Flow Advance only for such services/activities and only to the extent that there is no reimbursement from any public or private sources for such services/activities.

(5) No Cash Flow Advance will be given if a Contractor has not been certified as an eligible Medi-Cal service provider unless otherwise agreed to by County.

(6) Cash Flow Advance Request Letter: For each month for which Contractor is eligible to request and receive a CFA, Contractor must submit to the County a letter requesting a CFA and the amount of CFA Contractor is requesting.

(a) In order to be eligible to receive a CFA, the letter requesting a CFA must be received by County on or before the 15<sup>th</sup> of that month (i.e., for the month of July 2011, the request must be received by July 15, 2011).

i. If the letter requesting CFA is received by the County from the Contractor after the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month, Contractor will not be eligible to receive a CFA for that month.

(b) The signed letter requesting a CFA must be sent via mail, fax or email (PDF file) to the Department of Mental Health Financial Services Bureau – Accounting Division, Provider Reimbursement Unit (PRU).

i. PRU staff will determine whether Contractor is eligible to have its request considered based on the date the request letter is received by PRU and not the date on the request letter.

(c) Upon receipt of a request, Director, in his sole discretion, shall determine whether to approve the CFA and, if approved, whether the request is approved in whole or in part.

i. If a CFA is not approved, Director will notify Contractor within 10 business days of the decision, including the reason(s) for non-approval. Thereafter, Contractor may, within 15 calendar days, request reconsideration of the decision.

(7) Reduction of Cash Flow Advance Amount by Actual Adjudicated Claims: The Cash Flow Advance amount available to Contractor for any particular month will be reduced by County payments of claims received from Contractor. The County's claims payment process is

initiated immediately upon County receipt from Contractor of a reimbursement claim.

(8) Business Rules for the Determination of the Maximum Amount of the Cash Flow Advance Request:

(a) For each of the first three months of each period that this Agreement is in effect, Contractor may request in writing from County a monthly County General Fund CFA for any funds which may be part of the Maximum Contract Amount for such period as identified in the Financial Summary. Contractor shall specify in its request the amount of the monthly CFA it is requesting, not to exceed \$\_\_\_\_\_ for the first month, \$\_\_\_\_\_ for the second month, if applicable and \$\_\_\_\_\_ for the third month, if applicable. In no event shall the monthly CFA requested by Contractor exceed 1/12<sup>th</sup> of Maximum Contract Amount as identified on the Financial Summary as of the specified month the CFA is requested

(b) In case the Agreement is amended to increase or reduce the Maximum Contract Amount during the first three months during which the Contractor may request and receive CFA, the CFA amount shall be recalculated for the remaining months based on the effective date of the amendment. For the month in which the amendment is executed, the revised CFA amount shall be based on the effective date of the amendment, and if such effective date falls between the first and the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month, the revised CFA amount will be adjusted based on the total amount of the change in the MCA; and if the effective date falls between the 16<sup>th</sup> and the end of the month, the revised CFA amount will be calculated based on one half (1/2) of the total change in the MCA.

(c) The Contractor may request in writing from County, consistent with section N (8) (a) above, for additional monthly CFA to accommodate extraordinary circumstances that are beyond Contractor's control, i.e., Contractor's inability to submit claims to the County as described in Section F (3) of this Financial Exhibit A (Financial Provisions) due to extended disruption in the County's claims processing information system. The County in its sole discretion shall review Contractor's request and shall respond accordingly within 15 business days from the receipt of such request.

i. Additional monthly CFA is subject to approval by the Director, County Auditor-Controller, County Counsel and County Chief Executive Office.

(9) Recovery of Cash Flow Advances: If Contractor has received any CFA pursuant to this Paragraph N (Cash Flow Advance In Expectation of Services/Activities To Be Rendered), then recovery from Contractor's monthly claims shall be made through cash payment made by Contractor to County and/or County offsets to County payment(s) of Contractor's approved claim(s) as follows:

(a) Generally, when Contractor rendering services at a level that would indicate it will utilize all or a substantial portion of its Maximum Contract Amount, County initiates recovery of the CFA balance, if any, for a particular Fiscal Year in July following the close of such Fiscal Year or at such time as payments to Contractor, including the CFA, reach the Maximum Contract Amount. Such recovery is initiated through the Contractor's rendering and submitting of appropriate services and activities into the County's claims processing information system and/or the submission of invoices for direct charges. The determination to begin recovery of CFA balance in July of the following fiscal year, or at such time as payments to Contractor, including the CFA, reach the Maximum Contract Amount, is based on the presumption that when a contractor is meeting its contractual levels, then the Contractor will have rendered sufficient services/activities and entered such services/activities into the County's claims processing information system by September 30 following the end of the fiscal year. September 30 is the date by which all or a substantial portion of the Contractor's prior Fiscal Year's claims should have been received from Contractor and processed by County.

(b) If at any time during the Fiscal Year, County determines that Contractor is not rendering services at a level that would utilize all of its Maximum Contract Amount, County may initiate recovery of the CFA as specified in Subparagraph (a) above prior to July 1. If County intends to initiate recovery of the CFA prior to July 1, County will give Contractor 30 calendar days prior written notice, including the reason(s) for the intended actions, to ensure Contractor renders and submits sufficient services/activities to have repaid all, or a substantial portion of the CFA, by September 30 following the Fiscal Year close. Contractor may, within 15 calendar days of the receipt of County's written notice, request reconsideration of the County's decision.

(c) Should a Contractor have any remaining CFA balance for a particular Fiscal Year on September 30 following the close of such Fiscal Year, Contractor repayment of the remaining CFA balance shall be conducted as specified in this Financial Exhibit A (FINANCIAL PROVISIONS), Paragraph S (Method of Payments for Amounts Due to County) unless otherwise agreed to by County. County will recover all CFA balances, if any, for a particular Fiscal Year no later than March 31 following the close of such Fiscal Year.

(10) When Contractor's Cash Flow Advance balance is zero in any fiscal year of the Term of this Agreement, any County and/or State and/or federal government(s) approved Contractor reimbursement claims for eligible services/activities will be disbursed in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

(11) Should Contractor request and receive CFA, Contractor shall exercise cash

management of such CFA in a prudent manner.

(12) CFA for IMD, PHF and Mental Health Rehabilitation Center Contractors Only: The amount of a CFA payment shall be based on the average daily census for the last two available months of the preceding fiscal year.

**O. ANNUAL COST REPORTS**

(1) For each Fiscal Year or portion thereof that this Agreement is in effect, Contractor shall provide County with two copies of an accurate and complete annual cost report, along with a statement of expenses and revenue, and a Cost Report Certification. The statement of expenses and revenue and Cost Report Certification must be signed by a Contractor's executive official or designee, by the due date specified in Paragraph O (4) of this Financial Exhibit A.

(2) An accurate and complete annual cost report (Annual Cost Report) shall be defined as a cost report which is completed to the best of the ability of Contractor on such forms or in such formats as specified by the County and consistent with such instructions as the County may issue and is based on the best available data.

(3) The Annual Cost Report will be comprised of a separate set of forms for the County and State based on the Financial Summary applicable to the Fiscal Year.

(4) The Annual Cost Report will be due on September 15<sup>th</sup> for the fiscal year ending on the previous June 30<sup>th</sup> or 75 days following the expiration or termination date of this Agreement, whichever occurs earlier. Should the due date fall on a weekend, such report will be due on the following business day.

(a) Failure by Contractor to submit an Annual Cost Report within 30 calendar days after the due date specified in this Paragraph O (Annual Cost Reports), Subparagraph (4) above, shall constitute a breach of this Agreement.

i. In addition to, and without limiting, any other remedy available to the County for such breach, County may undertake any or all of the following to remedy such breach:

(A) In such instance that Contractor does not submit an annual cost report(s) by such 30 calendar days after the applicable due date specified in Paragraph O (Annual Cost Reports), Subparagraph (4), then all amounts covered by the outstanding annual cost report(s) and paid by County to Contractor for the Fiscal Year for which the annual cost report(s) is (are) outstanding shall be due by Contractor to County. Contractor shall pay County according to the method described in this Financial Exhibit A (FINANCIAL PROVISIONS), Paragraph S (Method of Payments for Amounts Due to County). Such payments

shall be submitted to the persons and at the address identified in Paragraph X (Payment and Invoice Notifications) of this Financial Exhibit A.

(B) If this Agreement is automatically renewed as provided in DMH Legal Entity Agreement Paragraph 1 (TERM), then County may opt to suspend payments to Contractor under this Agreement until the Annual Cost Report(s) is (are) submitted. County shall give Contractor at least 15 business days written notice of its intention to suspend payments hereunder, including the reason(s) for its intended action. Thereafter, Contractor shall have 15 business days either to correct the deficiency, or to request reconsideration of the decision to suspend payments. Payments to Contractor shall not be suspended during said 15 business days provided to correct the deficiency or, if reconsideration is requested, pending the results of the reconsideration process.

(b) Failure by the Contractor to submit an Annual Cost Report(s) by the due date specified in this Subparagraph (4) will result in damages being sustained by the County. County and Contractor agree that it will be impracticable or extremely difficult to fix the extent of actual damages resulting from the failure of the Contractor to submit its Annual Cost Report(s) to the County under this Paragraph. The County and Contractor hereby agree that a reasonable estimate of said damages is \$100 per day for each day that the Contractor fails to submit to the County by the due date.

i. Liquidated damages shall be assessed separately on each outstanding Annual Cost Report.

ii. Liquidated damages shall be assessed commencing on September 16<sup>th</sup> or on the seventy-sixth day following the expiration or earlier termination of this Agreement and shall continue until the outstanding Annual Cost Report(s) is (are) received.

iii. Upon written request from the County, Contractor shall, within 30 days, submit to the County payment for said damages. Said Payment shall be submitted to the persons and at the address identified in Paragraph X (Payment and Invoice Notifications) of this Financial Exhibit A.

iv. Contractor may ask that liquidated damages not be assessed by sending a written request for an extension to submit the Annual Cost Report to the Director no later than 30 days prior to the due date specified in this Subparagraph (4). The decision to grant an extension without assessing liquidated damages in accordance with this Paragraph O (4) (b) shall be at the sole discretion of the Director.

(5) Each Annual Cost Report shall be prepared by Contractor in accordance with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' Publications #15-1 and #15-2; "The Provider



Reimbursement Manual Parts 1 and 2," the State's Cost and Financial Reporting System (CFRS) Instruction Manual; and for organizational providers in the Mental Health Specialty Services Mental Health Plan' service provider network, the "Los Angeles County DMH Organizational Provider's Manual for Specialty Mental Health Services under the Rehabilitation Option and Targeted Case Management;" and any other written guidelines that shall be provided to Contractor at the Cost Report training, to be conducted by County on or before June 30 of the Fiscal Year for which the Annual Cost Report is to be prepared.

(a) Attendance by Contractor at the County's Cost Report Training is mandatory.

(b) Failure by the Contractor to attend the Cost Report Training shall be considered a breach of this Agreement that will result in damages being sustained by the County. County and Contractor agree that it will be impracticable or extremely difficult to fix the extent of actual damages resulting from the failure of the Contractor to attend the Cost Report Training. The County and Contractor hereby agree that a reasonable estimate of said damages is \$100 per occurrence. Therefore, County may, in its sole discretion, assess liquidated damages in the amount of \$100 for Contractor's non-attendance at the Cost Report Training. Said Payment shall be submitted to the persons and at the address identified in Paragraph X (Payment and Invoice Notifications) of this Financial Exhibit A.

(6) Upon written notification from the Director that its Annual Cost Report contains errors or inaccuracies, Contractor shall, within 30 calendar days, correct such errors and inaccuracies and resubmit its Annual Cost Report.

(a) If Contractor fails to correct inaccuracies in annual cost report within 30 calendar days after receipt of written notification from the Director and said inaccuracies result in the loss of reimbursement to the County for claimable amounts that were paid to Contractor, Contractor must return back to the County the amount of lost reimbursement that the County could have claimed if the inaccuracy was corrected by Contractor.

i. Upon written notice from the County, Contractor shall have 30 calendar days to make payment to the County in the amount specified by the County. Said payment shall be submitted to the persons and at the address identified in Paragraph X (Payment and Invoice Notifications) of this Financial Exhibit A.

(7) Contractor shall be solely responsible for any loss incurred by County due to Contractor's failure to comply with County and State cost report requirements.

**P. OTHER REQUIREMENTS FOR CONTRACTORS PROVIDING TITLE XIX SHORT-DOYLE/MEDI-CAL SERVICES, MEDI-CAL ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES AND/OR TITLE XXI HEALTHY FAMILIES SERVICES**

(1) Contractor shall maintain records documenting all Title XIX Short-Doyle/Medi-Cal services and/or Medi-Cal Administrative Activities, and/or Title XXI Healthy Families services for a period of seven (7) years from the end of the Fiscal Year in which such services were provided or until three years after final resolution of any audits or appeals, whichever occurs later.

(2) Contractor shall complete and certify, in accordance with State and County instructions, and provide DMH with two (2) copies of an accurate and complete Title XIX Short-Doyle/Medi-Cal Reconciliation Report at the legal entity level by the due date set by the State for the applicable fiscal year. The due date is approximately 16 months after the close of the fiscal year.

(a) Should Contractor fail to provide County with the Title XIX Short-Doyle/Medi-Cal Reconciliation Report by the due date, then Director, in his sole discretion, shall determine which State approved Short-Doyle/Medi-Cal services shall be used by County for completion of the Title XIX Short-Doyle/Medi-Cal Reconciliation Report.

(b) Contractor shall hold County harmless from and against any loss to Contractor resulting from the Contractor's failure to provide County with the Title XIX Short-Doyle/Medi-Cal Reconciliation Report and County's subsequent determination of which State-approved Short Doyle/Medi-Cal services to use for completion of the Title XIX Short-Doyle/Medi-Cal Reconciliation Report for the Contractor.

**Q. PRE-AUDIT FINAL COST REPORT SETTLEMENT**

(1) Based on the Annual Cost Report(s) submitted pursuant to this Financial Exhibit A (FINANCIAL PROVISIONS) Paragraph O (Annual Cost Reports), at the end of each Fiscal Year or portion thereof that this Agreement is in effect, the State and County will perform a pre-audit final cost report settlement.

(2) Such settlement will be subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement and any other applicable State and/or federal statutes, regulations, policies, procedures and/or other requirements pertaining to cost reporting and settlements for Title XIX Short-Doyle/Medi-Cal and Medi-Cal Administrative Activities, and Title XXI Healthy Families, and other applicable federal and/or State programs.

(3) Pre-audit cost report settlement shall be subject to the limitations contained in the Financial Summary. Such limitations include, but are not limited to:

(a) Available Match funds as indicated in Column D of the Financial Summary;

(b) Actual submitted and approved claims to those third-parties providing funds in support of specific Funded Programs;

(c) Funded Program Amounts;

(4) County shall issue its pre-audit cost report settlement findings no later than 120 calendar days after the receipt by County from the State of the State's Final Cost Report Settlement package for a particular fiscal year.

(a) As part of its pre-audit cost report settlement findings, County shall identify any amounts due to Contractor by the County or due from the Contractor to the County.

(b) Upon issuance of the County's pre-audit cost report settlement findings, Contractor may, within 30 calendar days, submit a written request to the County for review of the pre-audit cost report settlement findings.

i. Upon receipt by County of the Contractor's written request, the County shall, within 30 calendar days, meet with the Contractor to review the pre-audit cost report settlement and to consider any documentation or information presented by the Contractor. Contractor may waive such meeting and elect to proceed based on written submission at its sole discretion.

ii. Within 30 calendar days of the meeting specified in (i) above, or if no meeting is requested, within 30 calendar days of the issuance of the County's pre-audit cost report settlement findings, County shall issue a final pre-audit cost report settlement finding to the Contractor including confirming or adjusting any amounts due to Contractor by the County or due from Contractor to the County.

(5) In the event that the pre-audit cost report settlement finding indicates that the Contractor is due payment from the County, County shall make payment to Contractor within 30 calendar days following the expiration of the date to request a review as specified in Subparagraph (3) (b) above or issuance of the final pre-audit cost report settlement finding as specified in Subparagraph (3) (b) ii. above, whichever is later.

(6) In the event that the pre-audit cost report settlement finding indicates that the Contractor owes payments to the County, Contractor shall make payment to the County in accordance with the terms of Paragraph S (Method of Payments for Amounts Due to County) of this Financial Exhibit A (Financial Provisions). Said payment shall be submitted to the persons and at the address identified in Paragraph X (Payment and Invoice Notifications) of this Financial Exhibit A.

(7) Regardless of any other provision of this Paragraph Q, reimbursement to Contractor shall not exceed the Maximum Contract Amount and shall not exceed the Funded Program Amount, as identified on the Financial Summary

**R. AUDITS, AUDIT APPEALS AND POST-AUDIT SHORT-DOYLE/MEDI-CAL FINAL SETTLEMENT**

(1) At any time during the term of this Agreement or after the expiration or termination of this Agreement, in accordance with State and federal law including but not limited to the California Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) Sections 14170 et seq., authorized representatives from the County, State or federal governments may conduct an audit of Contractor regarding the services/activities provided under this Agreement.

(2) Settlement of audit findings will be conducted according to the auditing party's procedures in place at the time of the audit.

(3) In the case of a State Short-Doyle/Medi-Cal (SD/MC) audit, the State and County will perform a post-audit Short-Doyle/Medi-Cal settlement based on State audit findings. Such settlement will take place when the State initiates its settlement action, which customarily is after the issuance of the audit report by the State and before the State's audit appeal process.

(a) County shall issue an invoice to Contractor for any amount due County no later than ninety (90) calendar days after the State issues its settlement letter to the County. Contractor shall make payment to the County in accordance with the terms of Paragraph S (Method of Payments for Amounts Due to County) of this Financial Exhibit A (Financial Provisions). Said payment shall be submitted to the persons and at the address identified in Paragraph X (Payment and Invoice Notifications) of this Financial Exhibit A.

(b) County shall follow all applicable federal laws, regulations manuals, guidelines and directives in recovering from Contractor any federal over-payment.

(c) If the auditing party stays its collection of any amounts due or payable because of the audit findings, County will also stay its settlement of the same amounts due or payable until the responsible auditing party initiates its settlement action with County.

(4) Contractor may appeal any such audit findings in accordance with the audit appeal process established by the party performing the audit.

(a) For federal audit exceptions, federal audit appeal processes shall be followed.

(b) Contractor may appeal the State audit findings in conformance with provisions of Sections 51016 et seq. of Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations. Such

appeals must be filed through County. County shall notify Contractor of State appeal deadlines after County's receipt from State of the audit report.

(c) If at any time the Appeal process results in a revision to the audit findings, and the State recalculates the final settlement of the Short-Doyle/Medi-Cal cost report for a particular year and settles with County, County will perform a post-audit Short-Doyle/Medi-Cal re-computed final settlement after the State's issues its revised settlement with the County, based on such recomputed final settlement.

i. If the re-computed final settlement results in amounts due to Contractor by the County, County shall make such payments to Contractor within 30 calendar days of issuing the revised settlement amount to the Contractor.

ii. If the re-computed final settlement results in amounts due from Contractor to the County, Contractor shall make payment to the County in accordance with the terms of Paragraph S (Method of Payments for Amounts Due to County) of this Financial Exhibit A (Financial Provisions). Said payment shall be submitted to the persons and at the address identified in Paragraph X (Payment and Invoice Notifications) of this Financial Exhibit A.

(5) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Agreement, if Contractor appeals any audit report, the appeal shall not prevent the County from recovering from Contractor any amount owed by Contractor that the State has recovered from County.

(6) Should the auditing party be the County, Contractor will have 30calendar days from the date of the audit report within which to file an appeal with County. The letter providing the Contractor with notice of the audit findings shall indicate the persons and address to which the appeal should be directed. County shall consider all information and argument provided by Contractor with its appeal, and will issue its decision on the appeal after such consideration. Such decision is final. County will issue an invoice for any amount due County 15 calendar daysafter County has notified Contractor of the County's audit appeal findings. Contractor shall make payment to the County in accordance with the terms of Section S (Payment of Amounts Due to County) of this Financial Exhibit A (Financial Provisions). Said payment shall be submitted to the persons and at the address identified in Paragraph X (Payment and Invoice Notifications) of this Financial Exhibit A.

**S. METHOD OF PAYMENTS FOR AMOUNTS DUE TO COUNTY**

(1) Within 10 business days after written notification by County to Contractor of any amount due by Contractor to County, Contractor shall notify County as to which of the following five payment options Contractor requests be used as the method by which such amount shall be recovered by County. Any such amount shall be:

- (a) Paid in one cash payment by Contractor to County;
- (b) Deducted from future claims over a period not to exceed three months;
- (c) Deducted from any amounts due from County to Contractor whether under this Agreement or otherwise;
- (d) Paid by cash payment(s) by Contractor to County over a period not to exceed three months; or
- (e) A combination of any or all of the above.

(2) If Contractor does not so notify County within such 10 days, or if Contractor fails to make payment of any such amount to County as required, then Director, in his sole discretion, shall determine which of the above five payment options shall be used by County for recovery of such amount from Contractor.

**T. INTEREST CHARGES ON DELINQUENT PAYMENTS**

(1) If Contractor, without good cause as determined in the sole judgment of Director, fails to pay County any amount due to County under this Agreement within 60 calendar days after the due date, then Director, after written notice to Contractor, may assess interest charges on such late payment.

(a) The amount of said interest charge shall be calculated at a rate equal to County's Treasury Pool Rate, as determined by County's Auditor-Controller, on the delinquent amount due commencing on the sixty-first calendar day after the due date.

(2) Contractor shall have an opportunity to present to the Director information bearing on the issue of whether there is a good cause justification for Contractor's failure to pay County within 60 calendar days after the due date.

(3) The interest charges shall be: (1) paid by Contractor to County by cash payment upon demand and/or (2) at the sole discretion of Director, deducted from any amounts due to Contractor by County whether under this Agreement or otherwise.

**U. FINANCIAL SOLVENCY**

(1) Contractor shall maintain adequate provisions to meet the solvency/working capital criteria specified in DMH Policy No. 412.2, Financial Responsibility Requirements for Existing DMH Contractors.

**V. CONTRACTOR REQUESTED CHANGES**

(1) If Contractor desires any change in the terms and conditions of this Agreement, Contractor shall request such change in writing prior to April 1 of the Fiscal Year for which the change would be applicable, unless otherwise agreed to by County.

(a) All changes requested by Contractor shall be made by an amendment pursuant to DMH Legal Entity Agreement Paragraph 40 (ALTERATION OF TERMS).

(b) All changes requested by the Contractor shall be followed by a mid-year changes to the Negotiation Package, which shall be approved by the Director prior to amending the contract.

(2) If Contractor requests an increase or decrease in the Maximum Contract Amount, or in the Funded Program Amount, Contractor shall provide all reports, data, and other information requested by the County, within 15 calendar days of County's request.

(a) Contractor's request for consideration of an increase in the Maximum Contract Amount, or in the Funded Program Amount, must be made and approved prior to Contractor rendering services that exceed the Maximum Contract Amount or the Funded Program Amount. To the extent that County agrees to increase the Maximum Contract Amount, or a Funded Program Amount, such approval shall be in the form of an executed amendment to this Agreement. Director will make best efforts to expedite the amendments provided under this Subparagraph (2) (a).

(b) Requests received after the Contractor has rendered services in excess of the Maximum Contract Amount, or the Funded Program Amount, will only be considered on a prospective basis for payment of services rendered after the effective date of any executed amendment. The County shall not be responsible for payment, nor otherwise be liable for, services/activities that Contractor provided in excess of the Maximum Contract Amount or the Funded Program Amount during any part of the Initial Period, First Automatic Renewal Period or Second Automatic Renewal Period, respectively.

**W. DELEGATED AUTHORITY**

(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, the Director may, without further action by County's Board of Supervisors, prepare and sign amendments to this Agreement under the following conditions.

(a) County's total payments to Contractor under this Agreement, for each Fiscal Year of the term of this Agreement, does not exceed an increase of more than the Board-approved percentage of the current applicable Maximum Contract Amount; and

(b) Any such Maximum Contract Amount amendment increase or amendment change shall only be for the provision of additional services; for the provision of new services as reflected on Attachment VI (Service Exhibits); or to reflect program and/or policy changes that affect this Agreement; and

(c) County's Board of Supervisors has appropriated sufficient funds for all changes described in each such amendment to this Agreement; and

(d) Approval of County Counsel, or the designee, is obtained prior to any such amendment to this Agreement.

(e) Director shall notify County's Board of Supervisors and the Chief Executive Officer of all Agreement changes in writing within 30 calendar days following execution of any such amendment(s).

**X. PAYMENT AND INVOICE NOTIFICATIONS**

(1) Contractor shall submit all Invoices, including any supporting documentation, to the following:

County of Los Angeles Department of Mental Health  
Financial Services Bureau – Accounting Division  
550 S. Vermont Avenue, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Los Angeles, CA 90020  
Attn: Provider Reimbursement

(2) Contractor shall submit all remittances and payments for amounts due to the County under this agreement to the following:

County of Los Angeles Department of Mental Health  
Financial Services Bureau – Accounting Division  
550 S. Vermont Avenue, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Los Angeles, CA 90020  
Attn: Accounts Receivable

**Y. AUTHORITY TO ACT FOR DMH**

(1) The Director may designate one or more persons within DMH for the purposes of acting on his/her behalf for the purposes of implementing the provisions of this Agreement. Therefore, the term "Director" in all cases shall mean "Director or his designee."