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June 2, 2009

The Honorable Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

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**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES** 

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> SACHLA HAMAL EXECUTIVE OFFICER

APPROVAL TO RENEW AGREEMENTS WITH INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP PROVIDERS AND ONE UNIQUE GROUP PROVIDER FOR THE PROVISION OF SPECIALTY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEARS 2009-10 THROUGH 2013-14 (ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)

# SUBJECT

Request approval to renew Medi-Cal Professional Services Agreements with individual and group providers, and one unique group provider, for the provision of specialty mental health services.

# IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

- Approve and authorize the Director of Mental Health, or his designee, to prepare, 1. sign, and execute renewals of Medi-Cal Professional Services Agreements (Agreements), substantially similar in form to Attachments I, II, and III with individual and group providers and one unique group provider, effective July 1, 2009, through June 30, 2014, for the provision of Medi-Cal specialty mental health services under Phase II Fee-For-Service (FFS) Medi-Cal consolidation. These services will be funded with the annual State allocation of \$7,692,500 and Federal Financial Participation (FFP) Medi-Cal revenue of \$7,692,500.
- Delegate authority to the Director of Mental Health, or his designee, to prepare, 2. sign, and execute future agreements with other qualified individual and group providers who have been credentialed by the Local Mental Health Plan (LMHP), and future amendments to the Agreements, provided that: 1) the Board of Supervisors has appropriated sufficient funds for all changes; 2) any revision will reflect program changes; 3) approval of County Counsel and the Chief Executive

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Officer (CEO), or designees, is obtained prior to any such agreement or amendment; and 4) the Director of Mental Health notifies the Board of Supervisors of Amendments or new Agreements in writing within 30 days after execution.

3. Delegate authority to the Director of Mental Health, or his designee, to terminate agreements with individuals and groups including, but not limited to, individuals who: 1) request termination, are not re-credentialed, whose licenses are revoked, are convicted of fraud, fail to comply with contract provisions, cannot be located because of failure to update an address, and have been reported as deceased; and 2) groups and any unique groups that are disbanded. The Director of Mental Health will notify the Board of Supervisors in writing of such terminations within 30 days after execution of each termination.

# PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

Approval of the recommended actions will allow the Department of Mental Health (DMH) to renew contracts with credentialed Medi-Cal providers now rendering specialty mental health services to Medi-Cal eligible beneficiaries without interruption of services, and enter into Medi-Cal professional services agreements with new providers. Also, the executed Agreements will enable DMH to reimburse providers for specialty mental health services rendered to Los Angeles County Medi-Cal eligible beneficiaries.

Renewal of these Agreements will ensure compliance with an agreement entered into with the California Department of Mental Health (CDMH) to provide specialty mental health services to all Medi-Cal beneficiaries in Los Angeles County within the scope of services defined in the contract between DMH and CDMH. DMH contracts with individual and group providers, and a unique group provider (UCLA Neuropsychiatric and Behavioral Health Services), who furnish the covered services to Los Angeles County beneficiaries. These Agreements for the provision of specialty mental health services will expire on June 30, 2009.

Furthermore, approval of the actions will delegate authority to the Director of Mental Health, or his designee, to terminate Agreements should it be deemed necessary.

# Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended Board actions are consistent with County Strategic Plan Goal 1, "Operational Effectiveness," and Goal 4, "Health and Mental Health."

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#### FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Funding for professional specialty mental health services includes \$7,692,500 provided by CDMH and fully offset by FFP Medi-Cal revenue, and is included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2009-10 Proposed Budget. There is no net County cost required by this action.

# FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

On March 10, 1998, your Board approved the County's participation in the Phase II Medi-Cal Mental Health Consolidation under DMH and LMHP, effective June 1, 1998. For the last 11 years, DMH has entered into contractual agreements with over 2,000 individual and 20 group providers who have met State and LMHP credentialing standards. For FYs 2009-10 through 2013-14, over 400 of the individual and all 20 of the group providers are being renewed.

The Agreement format includes revised or mandated provisions: Performance Standards and Outcome Measures, Force Majeure, Attestation of Willingness to Consider Greater Avenues for Independence/General Relief Opportunities for Work Participants, Local Small Business Enterprise Preference Program, and Indemnification and Insurance Coverage. The attached agreement formats have been approved as to form by County Counsel. The CEO has reviewed the proposed actions. Clinical and administrative staff of DMH will continue to administer and supervise the agreements to ensure quality services are provided to clients, and ensure that Agreement provisions and Departmental policies are followed.

#### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

State regulations require contractual agreements between DMH and FFS psychiatrists and psychologists who provide specialty mental health services to Medi-Cal beneficiaries. In addition, an agreement is required between DMH and Licensed Clinical Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists, and Registered Nurses with a Master's Degree within their scope of practice, providing Medi-Cal reimbursable specialty mental health services to Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment program beneficiaries. Credentialed service providers will continue to be offered a contract, and upon signing the Agreement, they will be enrolled in the LMHP provider network. The providers under contract will be eligible for reimbursement for specialty mental health services provided under the LMHP for a five-year term from July 1, 2009, through June 30, 2014.

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# **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES**

Board approval will ensure the continued availability of specialty mental health services to Los Angeles County Medi-Cal eligible beneficiaries and allow additional qualified providers to join the LMHP to better serve this population.

# **CONCLUSION**

DMH will need one copy of the adopted Board actions. It is requested that the Executive Officer of the Board notify DMH's Contracts Development and Administration Division at (213) 738-4684 when this document is available.

Respectfully submitted,

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Marvin J. Southard, D.S.W. Director of Mental Health

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Attachments (3)

c: Chief Executive Officer
Acting County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors
Chairperson, Mental Health Commission

FFS Individual/Group Renewal Board Letter 2009-2014

# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH MEDI-CAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT INDIVIDUAL PROVIDER

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	Provider Number	
Busi	iness Address:	
	Reference Number	
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# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES-DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH MEDI-CAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT INDIVIDUAL PROVIDER

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered in	nto this day of, <u>2009,</u> by and
petween the COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES (hereafte	r "County") and
	(hereafter "Contractor")
	Business Address:

WHEREAS, County finds it necessary to provide eligible beneficiaries in Los Angeles County with a continuum of professional services authorized by the California Welfare and Institutions Code Section 5775 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, County has determined that it has an insufficient workforce to perform these services; and

WHEREAS, County is authorized to contract with providers for culturally sensitive and linguistically appropriate professional services for beneficiaries who are in need of specialty mental health services pursuant to California Welfare and Institutions Code Section 5775 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, County desires to contract with an independent Contractor for the purpose of providing Medi-Cal reimbursable professional services to beneficiaries of Los Angeles County pursuant to Government Code Section 31000; and

WHEREAS, Contractor has the expertise and requisite licensure to practice as a mental health professional and is qualified to provide the desired professional services for County in accordance with the terms, conditions, and all applicable Federal, State and local laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, manuals, guidelines and directives.

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, business and communities. This philosophy of teamwork and collaboration is anchored in the shared values of:

> Responsiveness

> Integrity

Professionalism

> Commitment

> Accountability

A Can-Do Attitude

> Compassion

> 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, culturallycompetent, 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. <u>SERVICES TO BE PERFORMED</u>: In consideration of the payments hereafter set forth, Contractor, under the direction of the Director of Mental Health or authorized designee, shall perform specialty mental health services for County in accordance with the terms, conditions, and covenants set forth herein, requirements in the Local Mental Health Plan (LMHP) Provider Manual, LMHP Provider Bulletins, Exhibit A (Service Provisions) attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference with the understanding that the County does not guarantee referrals.

A. The following language applies only to Contractors found eligible to provide mental health services claimable under the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA): Contractor has been found to be eligible to provide mental health services claimable as MHSA services. Contractor has demonstrated experience and training in its specialized field and 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, and 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. 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.

#### 2. <u>TERM</u>:

A.	Period:	The	term	of	this	Agreement	shall	commence	on	this
		_day of				, 2009	and	shall continue	in full	force
and effect thro	ough June 30	0, 2014.								

#### B. Termination:

- (1) Either party may terminate this Agreement at any time without cause by giving at least thirty (30) days prior written notice to the other party.
- (2) This Agreement may be terminated by County immediately if the County and/or the State determine that:
  - (a) There is an immediate threat to the health and safety of beneficiaries; or
- (b) Any Federal, State, and/or County funds are not available for this Agreement or any portion thereof; or
  - (c) Credentialing Review Committee (CRC) recommends termination;
- (d) Contractor is deemed to be insolvent and/or in default; has received or offered gratuities; has solicited unlawfully or improperly; or
- (e) Contractor has failed to comply with any of the provisions of Paragraphs 9 (Indemnification and Insurance), 11 (Delegation, Assignment and Subcontracting), 21 (Nondiscrimination in Services), 22 (Nondiscrimination in Employment), 25 (Conflict of Interest), 32 (Child Support Compliance Program), 33 (Licenses, Permits, Registrations, Accreditations, and Certificates), 37 (Certification of Drug-Free Workplace), and/or 40 (County Lobbyists).

- (3) In the event that this Agreement is terminated or expires, all obligations to provide covered services under this Agreement shall automatically terminate on the effective date of the termination or expiration of this Agreement.
- (a) Contractor shall be responsible for providing covered services to Contractor's current beneficiaries until the termination or expiration of this Agreement.
- (b) Contractor shall be responsible for notifying Contractor's current beneficiaries in writing of the termination or expiration of this agreement in accordance with the requirements in the LMHP Provider Manual or through Provider Bulletins.
- (c) Contractor shall remain liable for all costs related to all transfers of beneficiaries receiving services, shall not charge these costs to this Agreement, and shall not be reimbursed in any way.
- (d) Contractor shall remain liable for the processing and payment of invoices and statements for covered services provided to beneficiaries until such expiration or termination of this Agreement.
- 3. <u>ADMINISTRATION</u>: Director shall have the authority to administer this Agreement on behalf of County. Contractor shall designate in writing a Contract Manager who shall function as liaison with County regarding Contractor's performance hereunder.

#### 4. 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 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, 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 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 4 shall not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this Agreement.
- 5. <u>TERMINATION FOR IMPROPER CONSIDERATION</u>: 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 (213) 974-0914 or (800) 544-6861.

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

#### 6. PAYMENT:

#### A. Reimbursement:

- (1) Reimbursement shall be based on the Contractor's submission of a Short-Doyle/Medi-Cal claim for the prevailing rates shown in the Rate Schedule(s) in the LMHP Provider Manual, or through the LMHP Provider Bulletins, which are published and distributed to Contractor by DMH's Medi-Cal Professional Services. Contractor hereby acknowledges receipt of the LMHP Provider Manual.
- (2) DMH shall have the option to deny payment for services when documentation of clinical work does not meet minimum State and County standards.
- Reimbursement shall only be made for Medi-Cal services on a properly submitted electronic claim and which meets medical necessity as defined in the California Code of Regulations (CCR) Title 9, Chapter 11, Sections 1820.205, 1830.205 and 1830.210(a) (1)-(2)-(3) and only to the extent that funds allocated by State for County are available specifically for Medi-Cal services. Reimbursement at rates listed in the LMHP Provider Manual or the LMHP Provider Bulletins shall be payment in full, subject to third party liability and beneficiary share of cost, for the specialty mental health services provided to a beneficiary.

Contractor shall be solely liable and responsible for the accuracy and veracity of all data and information provided by Contractor to County for submission to the State in support of all claims for Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment Program (EPSDT) Title XIX Medi-Cal services, and/or Title XIX Short-Doyle/Medi-Cal services, and/or Emergency Assistance services and for any subsequent State approvals or denials of such claims that are based on data and information provided by the Contractor.

- (4) Contractor shall process all EPSDT Title XIX Medi-Cal and/or Title XIX Short-Doyle/Medi-Cal, and or Emergency Assistance Explanation of Balance (EOB) or other data within six months from the date of service as stated in the LMHP Provider Manual or the LMHP Provider Bulletins.
  - (5) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, Contractor shall hold County

harmless from and against any loss to Contractor resulting from any such State denials, unresolved EOB claims, and/or Federal and/or State audit disallowances.

Further, 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.

- B. <u>Suspension of Payment</u>: County reserves the right to suspend or withhold payment if, at the sole discretion of Director, County determines that Contractor is in default under any of the provisions of this Agreement or if County does not receive State and/or Federal funding due to non-appropriation of funds.
- C. <u>Time Limit for Submitting Invoices</u>: Contractor shall submit Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) compliant electronic claims for the LMHP's electronic billing systems for services to County for payment in accordance with the provisions specified in the LMHP Provider Manual. County shall not be obligated to reimburse Contractor for the services covered by any claim if Contractor submits the claim to County more than one hundred eighty (180) days after the date Contractor renders the services, or more than ninety (90) days after this Agreement terminates, whichever is earlier. Additionally, County shall not be obligated to reimburse Contractor where the claim does not meet applicable SD/MC requirements.

Contractor shall be responsible to ensure claims are submitted in a timely manner and denied claims are promptly corrected and resubmitted in order to comply with all applicable statutes of limitations.

- D. <u>Liquidated Damages</u>: Contractor agrees to take full responsibility for submitting sufficient information to substantiate claim(s) for reimbursement. Contractor is solely responsible for all corrections and for timely return of denied or rejected claim(s) for reimbursement and for providing adequate justification for such claim(s). Should the same claim(s) be denied or rejected a second time for the same reason(s), Contractor agrees to offset liquidated damages of \$1 for each and every resubmitted claim that LMHP determines was denied or rejected twice for the same reason.
- E. <u>Recovery of Overpayments</u>: When based on State adjudication and approval of claims submitted by the Contractor, it is determined that the service was not payable from Short-Doyle/Medi-Cal and thus results in an overpayment to Contractor, or when an audit or review performed by County, State and/or Federal governments or by any other authorized agency discloses that Contractor has been overpaid for a Short-Doyle/Medi-Cal claim, the overpayment under this Agreement shall be due by Contractor to County.

For Federal audit exceptions, Federal audit appeal processes shall be followed. County recovery of Federal overpayment shall be made in accordance with all applicable Federal laws, regulations, manuals, guidelines, and directives.

For State, County and other authorized agency audit and/or review exceptions, County shall recover the payment from Contractor within sixty days of the date of the applicable audit report or other determination of overpayment. If the State recovers the overpayment from County before the end of such sixty days, then County shall immediately recover the overpayment from Contractor. Within ten days after written notification by County to Contractor of any overpayment due by Contractor to County, Contractor shall

notify County as to which of the following two payment options Contractor requests be used as the method by which the overpayment shall be recovered by County. Any overpayment shall be: (1) paid in one cash payment by Contractor to County or (2) paid by cash payment(s) by Contractor to County over a period not to exceed such sixty days. If Contractor does not so notify County within such ten days or if Contractor fails to make payment of any overpayment to County as required, then the total amount of the overpayment, as determined by Director, shall be immediately due and payable. In its sole discretion, County may withhold future payments to Contractor under this Agreement to recover overpayments in the event that Contractor fails to comply with the remedies set forth in this paragraph.

- F. <u>Claims Submission</u>: In accordance with the provisions specified in the LMHP Provider Manual, Contractor shall submit claims to County electronically and in a HIPAA-compliant format. The procedures for submitting electronic claims for the LMHP's electronic billing systems shall be as set forth in the current Trading Partner Agreement set forth in the DMH Provider Manual and said Terms and Conditions incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein. Contractor understands and agrees that if it uses the services of any 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 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. Contractors submitting claims electronically shall follow the data specifications and format established which may be updated as needed through the LMHP Provider Manual and/or Bulletins.
- G. <u>Six Months Notification of Agreement Expiration</u>: Contractor shall notify County when the Agreement is within six (6) months of expiration. Contractor shall send such notice to those persons and addresses which are set forth in Paragraph 52 (NOTICES).
- H. No Payment for Services Provided Following Expiration/Termination of Contract: 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 Contract. 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 Contract 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 Contract.
- 7. COUNTY'S OBLIGATION FOR CURRENT AND FUTURE FISCAL YEARS: Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, this Agreement shall not be effective and binding upon the parties unless and until County's Board of Supervisors appropriates funds for purposes hereof in County's Budget for County's current Fiscal Year. Further, County shall not be obligated for Contractor's performance hereunder or by any provision of this Agreement during any of the county's future Fiscal Years unless and until County's Board of Supervisors appropriates funds for purposes hereof in County's Budget for each such future Fiscal Year. In the event that funds are not appropriated for this Agreement, then this Agreement shall terminate as

of June 30 of the last Fiscal Year which funds were appropriated.

8. <u>PROVIDER RESPONSIBILITY FOR TREATMENT</u>: This Agreement shall not alter the Contractor's relationship with its patients/clients, nor interfere with Contractor's professional responsibility to those patients/clients, regardless of any determination that services delivered are or are not eligible and authorized for Medi-Cal payment.

#### 9. <u>INDEMNIFICATION AND INSURANCE</u>:

- A. <u>Indemnification</u>: The 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 Contractor's acts and/or omissions arising from and/or relating to this Contract.
- B. <u>General Provisions for all Insurance Coverage</u>: Without limiting Contractor's indemnification of County, and in the performance of this Contract and until all of its obligations pursuant to this Contract have been met, Contractor shall provide and maintain at its own expense insurance coverage satisfying the requirements specified in Section 9 of this Contract. 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 Contract. 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 Contract.

#### C. Evidence of Coverage and Notice to County:

- (1) 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 Contract.
- (2) 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 Sub-Contractor insurance policies at any time.
- (3) Certificates shall identify all Required Insurance coverage types and limits specified herein, reference this Contract 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 Contract. 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.
- (4) 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:

County of Los Angeles

Department of Mental Health, Contracts Development and Administration Division

550 South Vermont Avenue, 5th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90020

Attention: Chief of Contracts

Contractor also shall promptly report to County any injury or property damage accident or incident, including any injury to 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 Contract, and could result in the filing of a claim or lawsuit against Contractor and/or County.

- D. 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.
- E. <u>Cancellation of Insurance</u>: 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.
- F. <u>Failure to Maintain Insurance</u>: Contractor's failure to maintain or to provide acceptable evidence that it maintains the Required Insurance shall constitute a material breach of the Contract, upon which County immediately may withhold payments due to Contractor, and/or suspend or terminate this Contract. County, at its sole discretion, may obtain damages from Contractor resulting from said breach.
- G. <u>Insurer Financial Ratings</u>: Coverage shall be placed with insurers acceptable to the County with A.M. Best rating of not less than A:VII unless otherwise approved by County.
- H. <u>Contractor's Insurance Shall Be Primary</u>: Contractor's insurance policies, with respect to any claims related to this Contract, 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.

- I. <u>Waivers of Subrogation</u>: 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 Contract. The Contractor shall require its insurers to execute any waiver of subrogation endorsements which may be necessary to affect such waiver.
- J. <u>Sub-Contractor Insurance Coverage Requirements</u>: Contractor shall include all Sub-Contractors as insureds under Contractor's own policies, or shall provide County with each Sub-Contractor's separate evidence of insurance coverage. Contractor shall be responsible for verifying each Sub-Contractor complies with the Required Insurance provisions herein, and shall require that each Sub-Contractor name the County and Contractor as additional insureds on the Sub-Contractor's General Liability policy. Contractor shall obtain County's prior review and approval of any Sub-Contractor request for modification of the Required Insurance.
- K. <u>Deductibles and Self-Insured Retentions (SIR)</u>: Contractor's policies shall not obligate the County to pay any portion of Contractor deductible or SIR. The County retains the right to require Contractor to reduce or eliminate policy deductibles and SIR 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.
- L. <u>Claims Made Coverage</u>: 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 Contract. Contractor understands and agrees it shall maintain such coverage for a period of not less than three (3) years following Contract expiration, termination or cancellation.
- M. <u>Application of Excess Liability Coverage</u>: 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.
- N. <u>Separation of Insureds</u>: 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.
- O. <u>Alternative Risk Financing Programs</u>: The County reserves the right to review, and the 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 and approved program.
- P. <u>County Review and Approval of Insurance Requirements</u>: The County reserves the right to review and adjust the Required Insurance provisions, conditioned upon County's determination of changes in risk exposures.

#### Q. Insurance Coverage:

(1) <u>Commercial General Liability</u> insurance (providing scope 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: Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000)

Products/Completed Operations Aggregate: One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000)

Personal and Advertising Injury: One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000)

Each Occurrence: One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000)

(2) <u>Automobile Liability</u> 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 Contract, including owned, leased, hired, and/or non-owned autos, as each may be applicable.

(3) <u>Workers Compensation and Employers' Liability</u> 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 and 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) <u>Unique Insurance Coverage</u>:

- (a) <u>Sexual Misconduct Liability</u>: 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) <u>Professional Liability/Errors and Omissions</u>: Insurance covering Contractor's liability arising from or related to this Contract, with limits of not less than \$1 million per claim and \$2 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.
- 10. <u>INDEPENDENT STATUS OF CONTRACTOR</u>: Contractor understands and agrees that all persons performing services pursuant to this Agreement are the sole employees of Contractor, who is an independent Contractor, and not employees of County. Contractor shall be solely liable and responsible for

providing all persons performing work pursuant to this Agreement all compensation and benefits.

#### 11. DELEGATION, ASSIGNMENT AND SUBCONTRACTING:

A. <u>Delegation and Assignment</u>: Without the written consent of the Director of Mental Health or authorized designee, Contractor shall not delegate or assign its rights under this Agreement, or both, either in whole or in part. Any assignment or delegation by Contractor without the written consent of the Director of Mental Health or designee shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement upon which County may immediately terminate or suspend this Agreement. Any payments by County to any delegatee or assignee on any claim under this Agreement, in consequence of any such consent, shall be subject to offset, recoupment, or other reduction for any claim, which Contractor may have against County.

#### B. Subcontracting:

- (1) 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 10. Any attempt by Contractor to subcontract any performance, obligation, or responsibility under 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.
- (2) 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:
  - (a) The reasons for the particular subcontract.
  - (b) A detailed description of the services to be provided by the subcontract.
- (c) Identification of the proposed subcontractor and an explanation of why and how the proposed subcontractor was selected, including the degree of competition involved.
- (d) A description of the proposed subcontract amount and manner of compensation, together with Contractor's cost or price analysis thereof.
- (e) 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."
- (f) A copy of the proposed subcontract, if in excess of \$10,000 and utilizes State funds, shall also contain the following provision: "The contracting parties shall be subject to the examination and audit of the Auditor General for a period of three years after final payment under contract (Government Code, Section 8546.7)." The Contractor will also be subject to the examination and audit of the State Auditor General for a period of three years after final payment under contract (Government Code, Section 8546.87).
  - (g) Any other information and/or certifications requested by County.

- (3) 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.
- (4) Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless County, its officers, employees, agents, and the designated primary linkage and coordinating program 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 sub-contractor, including any officers, employees, or agents of any sub-contractor, in the same manner as required for Contractor, its officers, employees, and agents, under this Agreement.
- (5) 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 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 allow ability or appropriateness of any cost or payment under this Agreement.
- (6) 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.
- (7) 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.
- (8) 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.
- (9) 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 11 or a blanket consent to any further subcontracting.
- (10) In the event that County consents to any subcontracting, Contractor shall be solely liable and responsible for any and all payments or other compensation to all subcontractors and their officers,

employees, and agents.

- (11) 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 11, 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.
- (12) In the event that County consents to any subcontracting, Contractor shall obtain and maintain on file an executed Subcontractor Employee Acknowledgment of Employer, for each of the subcontractor's employees performing services under the subcontract. Such Acknowledgments shall be executed by each such employee 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.
- (13) County shall have no liability or responsibility whatsoever for any payment or other compensation for any subcontractor or its officers, employees, and agents.
- (14) Director is hereby authorized to act for and on behalf of County pursuant to this Paragraph 11, including, but not limited to, consenting to any subcontracting.
- C. Shareholders, partners, members, or other equity holders of Contractor may transfer, sell, exchange, assign, or divest themselves of any interest they may have therein. 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 legal entity other than the majority controlling interest therein at the time of execution of this Agreement, such disposition is an assignment requiring the prior written consent of County in accordance with applicable provisions of this Agreement.
- D. 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.
- 12. <u>ALTERATION OF TERMS</u>: 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.
- 13. <u>WAIVER</u>: 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 13 shall not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this Agreement.

#### 14. **CONFIDENTIALITY**:

- A. Contractor shall maintain the confidentiality of all records and information, including, but not limited to claims, County records, beneficiary records and information, and County Information System records, in accordance with WIC Sections 5328 through 5330 and Section 14100.2 of the Welfare and Institutions Code and Title 42, United States Code of Federal Regulations, Section 431.300 et seq., inclusive all other applicable County, State and Federal laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, manuals, guidelines, and directives, relating to confidentiality. 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 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.
- B. Contractor understands that county operates an informational website <a href="http://dmh.lacounty.info/">http://dmh.lacounty.info/</a> 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.
- C. Contractor shall not use identifying information for any purpose except for statistical information or carrying out the Contractor's obligations under this Agreement.
- 15. <u>PATIENTS'/CLIENTS' RIGHTS</u>: Contractor shall comply with all applicable patients'/clients' rights provisions, including, but not limited to, WIC Section 5325 et sec., 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 status, regulations, manuals and policies

#### 16. REPORTING OF PATIENT/CLIENT ABUSE AND RELATED PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS:

- A. <u>Elders and Dependent Adults Abuse</u>: Contractor, and all persons employed or subcontracted, by Contractor, shall comply with WIC Section 15630 <u>et seq</u>, 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, 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. <u>Minor Children Abuse</u>: Contractor, and all persons employed or subcontracted by Contractor, shall comply with California Penal Code (hereafter "PC") Section 11164 <u>et seq.</u> and shall report all known or suspected instances of child abuse to an appropriate child protective agency, as mandated by

California Penal Code 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 PC Sections 11166 and 11167.

#### C. Contractor Staff:

- (1) Although clerical and other nontreatment staff are not required to report suspected cases of abuse, they should consult with mandated reporters upon suspecting any abuse.
- (2) 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.
- (3) Contractor shall not employ or continue to employ, or shall take other appropriate action to fully protect all persons receiving services under this Agreement concerning, 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.

#### 17. MONITORING, QUALITY IMPROVEMENT, RECORDS, AND AUDITS:

- A. Contractor shall establish clinical records in accordance with the structure and content specified by DMH. All services provided to a beneficiary, for which Medi-Cal reimbursement is sought, must be documented in this record in a manner which complies with all applicable regulations and standards established by SDMH and DMH. Contractor shall make clinical records available upon request to other County DMH contract providers who participate in the consolidated Medi-Cal program.
- B. Contractor shall be responsible for complying with all SDMH and DMH quality improvement (QI) standards and requirements as specified in this Agreement, the LMHP Provider Manual, and all LMHP Provider Bulletins regarding QI.
- C. Contractor agrees to provide clinical records to County, and any Federal or State Department (e.g., CDMH, CDHS, State Department of Justice, United States Department of Health and Human Services, and the Controller General of the United States) having monitoring or reviewing authority, to County's authorized representatives and/or their appropriate audit agencies, at reasonable times during normal business hours. Contractor also agrees to provide access to and the right to monitor all work performed under this Agreement, evaluate the quality, appropriateness and timeliness of services performed, and examine and audit all records and documents necessary to determine compliance with relevant Federal, State, and local statutes, rules and regulations, and this Agreement.
- D. Contractor shall maintain and preserve all records relating to this Agreement at a location in Los Angeles County for a minimum period of seven (7) years following the expiration or termination date of this Agreement, the discharge of the beneficiary or termination of services (except that the records of minors at the time of discharge shall be kept at least one year after such minor has reached the age of eighteen

years and in any case not less than seven years), or until County, State and/or Federal audit findings applicable to such services are fully resolved, whichever is later. During such retention period, all such records shall be made available during County's normal business hours to authorized representatives of County, State, and/or Federal governments for purposes of inspection, program review, and/or audit.

- E. The contracting parties shall be subject to the examination and audit of the Auditor General for a period of three (3) years after final payment under contract (Government Code Section 8546.7).
- F. Contractor may be required to pay back reimbursement received for claimed services that do not, on subsequent review/audit, meet minimum State and County standards.
- 18. PROGRAM SUPERVISION: 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, amount of services, and the criteria for determining the persons to be served. Upon receipt of a DMH Contract Monitoring Report, Contractor shall respond in writing to the particular DMH Contract Monitor within the time specified in the Report either acknowledging the reported deficiencies or presenting contrary evidence, and, in addition, submitting a plan for immediate correction of all deficiencies. In the event of a State audit of this Agreement, If State auditors disagree with County's written instructions to Contractor in its performance of this Agreement, and if such disagreement results in a State Disallowance of any of Contractor's disallowed costs as determined by State.
- 19. <u>COUNTY'S QUALITY ASSURANCE PLAN</u>: The County or its agent will evaluate Contractor's performance under this Agreement on not less than an annual basis. Such evaluation will include assessing Contractor's compliance with all contract terms and performance standards. Contractor deficiencies which County determines are severe or continuing and that may place performance of the Agreement in jeopardy if not corrected will be reported to the Board of Supervisors. The report will 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 impose other penalties as specified in this Agreement.
- 20. <u>REPORTS AND DATA ENTRY</u>: Contractor shall submit reports and comply with data entry requirements of the LMHP.

#### 21. NONDISCRIMINATION IN SERVICES:

A. Contractor shall not discriminate in the provision of services to beneficiaries hereunder because of race, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, age, marital status, physical or mental handicap, or medical conditions, in accordance with requirements of Federal and State law. For the purpose of this Paragraph 21, 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 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 quota, 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 action to ensure that intended beneficiaries of this Agreement are provided services without regard to ability to pay or source of payment, race, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, age, marital status, 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.

#### 22. 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, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, age, marital status, physical or mental handicap, medical condition, or political affiliation, and in compliance with all applicable Federal and State anti-discrimination laws and regulations.
- B. Contractor shall take affirmative action to ensure that qualified applicants are employed, and that employees are treated equally during employment, without regard to race, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, age, marital status, physical or mental handicap, medical condition, or political affiliation. Such action shall include, but is not limited to, the following: employment, upgrading, demotion, transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff or termination, rates of pay or other forms of compensation, and selection for training, including apprenticeship.
- C. Contractor shall deal with its subcontractors, bidders, or vendors without regard to or because of race, religion, color, ancestry, national origin, sex, age, marital status, physical or mental handicap, medical conditions, or political affiliation. Further, Contractor shall give written notice of its obligation under this Paragraph 22 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 22 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. While 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 22, 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.
- 23. <u>FAIR LABOR STANDARDS</u>: 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.
- 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.

#### 25. <u>CONFLICT OF INTEREST</u>:

- 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. No employee, officer, or board member of Contractor who may financially benefit from the provision of services hereunder shall in any way participate in the County's review and/or approval/denial of service plans of beneficiaries treated by Contractor or by entities in which they has a financial interest.

- C. Contractor shall comply with all conflict of interest laws, ordinances and regulations now in effect or hereafter to be 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.
- 26. <u>UNLAWFUL SOLICITATION</u>: 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 service of all those bar associations within the County of Los Angeles that have such a service.
- 27. <u>CONSIDERATION OF HIRING COUNTY EMPLOYEES TARGETED FOR LAYOFF OR FORMER COUNTY EMPLOYEES ON A REEMPLOYMENT LIST</u>: 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.
- 28. CONSIDERATION OF GREATER AVENUES FOR INDEPENDENCE (GAIN) OR GENERAL RELIEF OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORK (GROW) PARTICIPANTS FOR EMPLOYMENT: 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' Greater Avenues for Independence (GAIN) Program or General Relief Opportunities for Work (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 GAIN/GROW@dpss.lacounty.gov. County will refer GAIN/GROW participants, by job category, to Contractor.

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

29. 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.

#### 30. COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAW:

A. Contractor shall comply with all Federal, including, but not limited to Title XIX of the Social Security Act, State, CCR Title 9, Chapter 11, Subchapter 1, Article 1, Section 1810 and local laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, manuals, guidelines, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards, and directives applicable to its performance hereunder and with contractual obligations of the LMHP under its contract with CDMH. Further, all provisions required thereby to be included in this Agreement are hereby incorporated herein by reference.

- B. Contractor shall comply with all Federal, State and local laws, and LMHP policies and procedures and guidelines regarding the confidentiality of mental health information. This includes, but may not be limited to, information obtained or released either directly by the Contractor or from or through DMH staff or its IS.
- C. 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.
- D. Contractor shall maintain in effect an active compliance program in accordance with the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Inspector General, Publication of the OIG Compliance Program for Individual and Small Group Physician Practices (2000).
- 31. <u>CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITY AND DEBARMENT</u>: The following requirements set forth in the County's Non-Responsibility and Debarment Ordinance (Title 2, Chapter 2.202) or 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, 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 terminates any or all existing contracts he 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 any 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, or 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 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 years, that Contractor may, after the debarment has been in effect for at least five 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 years: (2) the debarment has been in effect for at least five 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.

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 recommendations to the Board of Supervisors. The Board of Supervisors shall have the right to modify, deny or adopt the proposed decisions and recommendation of the Contractor Hearing Board.

- I. These terms shall also apply to subcontractor/subconsultants of Contractors.
- J. Contractor shall maintain in effect an active compliance program in accordance with the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Inspector General, Publication of the OIG Compliance Program for Individual and Small Group Physician Practices (2000).

#### 32. CHILD SUPPORT COMPLIANCE PROGRAM:

A. Contractor's Acknowledgement of County's Commitment to Child Support Enforcement: The Contractor acknowledges that the County places a high priority on the enforcement of child support laws and the apprehensive of child support evaders. The Contractor understands that it is the County's policy to encourage all County Contractors to voluntarily post the County's "LA's Most Wanted: Delinquent Parent's" poster in a prominent position at the Contractor's place of business. The County's Child Support Services Department will supply the Contractor with the poster to be used.

# B. <u>Contractor's Warranty of Adherence to County's Child Support Compliance Program:</u>

- (1) The Contractor acknowledges that the County has established a goal of ensuring that all individuals who benefit financially from the County through Purchase Order or Agreement are in compliance with their court-ordered child, family and spousal support obligations in order to mitigate the economic burden otherwise imposed upon the County and its taxpayers.
- (2) As required by the County's Child Support Compliance Program (County Code Chapter 2.200) and without limiting the Contractor's duty under this Agreement to comply with all applicable provisions of law, the Contractor warrants that it is now in compliance and shall, during the term of this Agreement, maintain compliance with employment and wage reporting requirements as required by the Federal Social Security Act (42 USC Section 653a) and California Unemployment Insurance Code Section 1088.5, and shall implement all lawfully served Wage and Earnings Withholding Orders or Child Support Services Department Notices of Wage and Earnings Assignment for child or spousal support, pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure Section 706.031 and Family Code Section 5246(b).
- 33. <u>LICENSES, PERMITS, REGISTRATIONS, ACCREDITATIONS, AND CERTIFICATES</u>: Contractor shall obtain and maintain in effect during the term of this Agreement, all licenses, permits, registrations, accreditations, credentials, and certificates 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. A copy of each such license, permit, registration, accreditation, credentials and certificates as required by all applicable Federal, State, and local laws, ordinances, rules, regulations,

manuals, guidelines and directives shall be provided, upon request, to DMH's Contracts Development and Administration Division.

- 34. <u>USE OF RECYCLED-CONTENT PAPER PRODUCTS</u>: Consistent with the Board of Supervisors' policy to reduce the amount of solid waste deposited at the County landfills, Contractor agrees to use recycled-content paper to the maximum extent possible on the Project.
- 35. 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.
- 36. <u>PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS AND LITERATURE</u>: 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.
- 37. <u>CERTIFICATION OF DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE</u>: Contractor certifies and agrees that it shall comply with the requirements of the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1990 (Government Code Section 8350 <u>et seq.</u>). 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 <u>nolo contendere</u> to any criminal drug statute violation occurring at any such facility or work site, then Contractor, within five days thereafter, shall notify Director in writing. Violation of this provision shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement upon which County may immediately terminate or suspend this Agreement.
- 38. <u>MAINTENANCE STANDARDS FOR SERVICE DELIVERY SITES</u>: 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.
- 39. <u>RESTRICTIONS ON LOBBYING</u>: 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.
- 40. <u>COUNTY LOBBYISTS</u>: 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.

41. CONTRACTOR'S EXCLUSION FROM PARTICIPATION IN A FEDERALLY FUNDED PROGRAM: Contractor hereby warrants that neither it nor any of its staff members is restricted or excluded 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 thirty (30) calendar days in writing of: (1) any event that would require Contractor or a staff member's mandatory exclusion from participation in a Federally funded health care program; and (2) any exclusionary action taken by any agency of the Federal government 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.

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 OIG has the discretion not to exclude.

The mandatory bases for 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 healthcare 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 healthcare 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.

Contractor shall indemnify and hold County harmless against any and all loss or damage County may suffer arising from any Federal exclusion 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 VI as part of its obligation under this Paragraph 39.

Failure by Contractor to meet the requirements of this Paragraph 39 shall constitute a material breach of Agreement upon which County may immediately terminate or suspend this Agreement.

#### 42. HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT:

- A. The parties acknowledge the existence of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 and its implementing regulations ('HIPAA'). Contractor understands and agrees that, as a *provider of medical treatment services*, 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 that such obligations relate to <u>transactions and code sets</u>, <u>privacy</u>, and <u>security</u>. Contractor understands and agrees that it is separately and independently responsible for compliance with HIPAA 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, 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 compliance and agree to take all necessary and reasonable actions to comply with the requirements of HIPAA law and implementing regulations related to <u>Transactions and Code Sets</u>, <u>Privacy</u>, and <u>Security</u>. 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.
- D. Contractor and County understand and agree that HIPAA has imposed additional requirements in regards to changes in DMH's Integrated System (IS).
- (1) County desires to clarify IS terminology under this Agreement as it relates to HIPAA, and accordingly, has set forth in Attachment IV (Crosswalk Fact Sheet) a "crosswalk" of technical terms, definitions and language to be used with this Agreement.
- E. Contractor understands that County operates an informational website <a href="http://dmh.lacounty.info/hipaa/index.html">http://dmh.lacounty.info/hipaa/index.html</a> 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.

# 43. COMPLIANCE WITH JURY SERVICE PROGRAM:

A. <u>Jury Service Program</u>: 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 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 County Contractor and has received or will receive an aggregate sum of \$50,000 or more in an 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 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 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.
- 44. 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 Exhibit C of this Agreement and is also available on the Internet at <a href="https://www.babysafela.org">www.babysafela.org</a>.

- 45. 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.
- 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.
- 47. 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. This is applicable whenever specific Federal or State funding, which has policies or procedures for performance standards and/or outcome measures has been included as part of the Contractor's contract and shall apply for all County policies, procedures, or departmental bulletins approved by the director of DMH for performance standards and/or outcome measures. DMH will notify Contractor whenever County policies or procedures are to apply to this contract provision (e.g., AB 2034 grant) at least, where feasible, 30 days prior to implementation.

These Federal, State or County performance standards and/or outcome measures will be used as part of the determination of the effectiveness of the services delivered by the Contractor.

48. <u>CONTRACTOR'S CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COMPLIANCE</u>: 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 <u>Attachment IX</u>, 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).

- 49. <u>AUTHORIZATION WARRANTY</u>: 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.
- 50. <u>SEVERABILITY</u>: 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.
- 51. <u>CAPTIONS AND PARAGRAPH HEADINGS</u>: 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.

#### 52. 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 the required performance schedule. 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 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.
- 53. <u>LOCAL SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PREFERENCE PROGRAM</u>: This Agreement 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 know, 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 Agreement to which it would not otherwise have been entitled, shall 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. In addition to the amount described, be assessed a penalty in an amount of not more than 10 percent (10%) of the amount of the Agreement; and 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.

54. <u>NOTICES</u>: All notices or demands required or permitted to be given under this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be hand 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, which may include, but not be limited to, changes in name or address, 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 days prior written notice thereof to the other party.

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

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
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APPROVED AS TO CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION:	
DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH	
By Chief, Contracts Development and Administration Division	

#### County of Los Angeles – Department of Mental Health Medi-Cal Professional Services Agreement

#### **DEFINITIONS**

The following terms, as used in this Agreement, shall have the following meanings:

- A. <u>Beneficiary</u> means any individual certified as eligible under the Medi-Cal Program according to California Code of Regulation (CCR), Title XXII, Section 51001.
- B. <u>Contractor</u> means any independent health/mental health provider or organization certified or credentialed to provide services to beneficiaries and to contract with the Local Mental Health Plan (LMHP).
- C. <u>Centers for Medicare and Medi-Cal Services (CMS)</u> formerly Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA).
- D. <u>Credentialing Review Committee (CRC)</u> means the confidential multi-disciplinary group that reviews and considers the applications of all mental health providers whose credentials do not clearly meet the standards for credentialing in the LMHP Provider Network.
- E. <u>Director</u> means the County's Director of Mental Health or authorized designee.
- F. <u>DMH</u> means the County's Department of Mental Health.
- G. <u>Electronic or electronically when used to describe a form of claims submission</u> means any claim submitted through any electronic means, such as telecommunications, or modem communications.
- H. <u>Fee-For-Service (FFS)</u> means a payment system in which providers are paid a specific amount for each service performed as it is rendered and identified by a claim for payment.
- I. <u>FFP</u> means the Federal Financial Participation for Fee-For-Service Medi-Cal services as authorized by Title XIX of the Social Security Act, Title 42, United States Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1396 <u>et seq.</u>
- J. <u>Fiscal Year</u> means the County's Fiscal Year which commences July 1 and ends the following June 30.
- K. <u>Group Provider</u> means an organization that provides specialty mental health services through two or more individual providers as defined in Title 9, CCR, Section 1810.218.2. Group providers may include entities such as independent practice associations, hospital outpatient departments, health care service plans, and clinics.

- L. <u>HCFA</u> Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA).
- M. <u>Individual Provider</u> means licensed mental health professional whose scope of practice permits the practice of psychotherapy without supervision who provides specialty mental health services directly to beneficiaries under the LMHP. Individual providers include licensed physicians, licensed psychologists, licensed social workers, licensed marriage family therapists and registered nurses with a master's degree within his/her scope of practice. Individual provider does not include licensed mental health professionals when they are acting as employees of any organizational provider or contractors of organizational providers other than the LMHP.
- N. <u>LMHP Medi-Cal Specialty Mental Health Services Network Provider Manual</u> (hereafter "LMHP Provider Manual") means the document which contains the formal requirements, policies, procedures and rates of reimbursement governing the provision of specialty mental health professional services by LMHP enrolled and contracted network providers. The LMHP Provider Manual is incorporated into this Agreement by reference. Contractor hereby acknowledges receipt of the LMHP Provider Manual upon execution of this Agreement.
- O. <u>LMHP Network Provider Bulletin</u> (hereafter "LMHP Provider Bulletin") means the publications periodically distributed by the LMHP to inform enrolled and contracted network providers of revisions and additions made to formal requirements, policies, procedures and rates of reimbursement outlined in the LMHP Provider Manual, that governs the provision of specialty mental health professional services to Los Angeles County Medi-Cal beneficiaries. All LMHP Provider Bulletins issued during the term of this Agreement shall be incorporated into this Agreement by reference.
- P. <u>Local Mental Health Plan (LMHP)</u> means the entity responsible for managing specialty mental health services. In Los Angeles County, the Department of Mental Health is the LMHP.
- Q. Medical Necessity means the criteria in Title 9, California Code of Regulations, Chapter 11, Section 1830.205 that must be met for LMHP reimbursement of specialty mental health services. Medical necessity requires the following three elements: 1) the presence of included diagnosis, 2) an impairment as a result of the mental disorder, and 3) intervention criteria that address the impairment.
- R. IS means DMH's Information System.
- S. <u>Monitoring</u> means the process by which the LMHP reserves the right to review services provided to beneficiaries being served by the LMHP through the review of documentation Including but not limited to, client outcomes, client satisfaction, claims and time allotted to each procedure code.

- T. <u>CDHS</u> means California Department of Health Services.
- U. <u>CDMH</u> means California Department of Mental Health.
- V. <u>Specialty Mental Health Services</u> means those mental health services provided pursuant to CCR, Title 9, Chapter 11, WIC Section 14680-14685 and covered by the Procedure Codes listed in the LMHP Provider Manual.
- W. State means the State of California.
- X. <u>Title XIX</u> means Title XIX of the Social Security Act, Title 42, United States Code Section 1396 et seq.
- Y. <u>Title IX</u> means the Title IX of the California Code of Regulations.
- Z. <u>WIC</u> means the California Welfare and Institutions Code.

## COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES - DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AGREEMENT MEDI-CAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

#### **EXHIBIT A - SERVICE PROVISIONS**

#### A. Services to be delivered:

- Contractor agrees to provide any or all of the following specialty mental health services which fall within the scope and practice of the professional license granted by the State of California, or granted by a State with reciprocal agreements with the State of California which recognizes the mental health treatment standards and requirements of the other:
  - mental health assessment and evaluation services
  - medication services for mental health treatment
  - mental health treatment services
  - psychological testing services

These services are described in the Department of Mental Health Policies and Procedures Manual, the County of Los Angeles Department of Mental Health Local Mental Health Plan (LMHP) Medi-Cal Specialty Mental Health Services Provider Manual (LMHP Provider Manual) and subsequent LMHP Provider Bulletins.

- 2. The prescribing and/or administration of psychotropic medications and reevaluations for the purpose of determining the course of medication treatment may only be reimbursed to a Board eligible or Board certified psychiatrist or a Psychiatric/Mental Health Nurse Practitioner. The dispensing and storage of medication must be in compliance with all pertinent State and Federal standards.
- 3. All psychological testing must be pre-approved and may only be reimbursed to a California licensed psychologist or a Board eligible or Board certified psychiatrist with the requisite training in psychological testing.
- B. Contractor shall be reimbursed under appropriate and specified circumstances for specialty mental health services provided to Medi-Cal beneficiaries of any age by:
  - Board eligible or Board certified Psychiatrists
  - Licensed Clinical Psychologists
  - Psychiatric/Mental Health Nurse Practitioners
- C. Contractor shall be reimbursed under appropriate and specified circumstances for specialty mental health services provided to Medi-Cal beneficiaries less than 21 years of age by:
  - Licensed Clinical Social Workers
  - Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists
  - Psychiatric/Mental Health Clinical Nurse Specialists certified to provide psychotherapy independently

- D. Medi-Cal beneficiaries shall be electronically enrolled in the Department's Integrated System as described in the LMHP Policies and Procedures Manual, the LMHP Provider Manual and subsequent LMHP Provider Bulletins.
- E. Contractor shall comply with all documentation requirements established by the State Department of Mental Health (SDMH) and according to the standards and guidelines established by the LMHP. Services shall not be reimbursed without the required documentation.
- F. Contractor agrees to provide specialty mental health services under this Agreement only to those beneficiaries who are Medi-Cal eligible and meet the medical necessity criteria established by the SDMH.
- G. Contractor agrees that only one claim for conjoint or family specialty mental health services is to be submitted regardless of the number of clients present.
- H Contractor agrees to refer beneficiaries to the LMHP ACCESS Center and to LMHP directly operated and contract providers when appropriate.
- I. Contractor agrees to refer beneficiaries to the primary care physician when appropriate.
- J. Contractor agrees to provide consultation services at the prevailing service rates provided in the LMHP Provider Manual and subsequent LMHP Provider Bulletins.
- K. Contractor agrees to maintain confidentiality as enumerated in all relevant laws, regulations, and statutes as apply to mental health services.
- L. Contractor shall follow established procedures as outlined in the LMHP Provider Manual and subsequent LMHP Provider Bulletins for beneficiary complaints and shall make records of beneficiary complaints available for authorized review by County and State.

#### **CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS CERTIFICATION**

Company Name	
Address	
Internal Revenue Ser	vice Employer Identification Number
California Registry of	Charitable Trusts "CT" number (if applicable)
Supervision of Truste	ty Act (SB 1262, Chapter 919) added requirements to California's sees and Fundraisers for Charitable Purposes Act which regulates aising charitable contributions.
Check the Certificati	on below that is applicable to your company.
now receive Supervision of engages in act it will timely co	ontractor has examined its activities and determined that it does not or raise charitable contributions regulated under California's Trustees and Fundraisers for Charitable Purposes Act. If Propose ivities subjecting it to those laws during the term of a County contract omply with them and provide County a copy of its initial registration is State Attorney General's Registry of Charitable Trusts when filed
	OR
under the CT reporting requi filing with the R	ontractor is registered with the California Registry of Charitable Trusts number listed above and is in compliance with its registration and rements under California law. Attached is a copy of its most recentlegistry of Charitable Trusts as required by Title 11 California Code of ections 300-301 and Government Code sections 12585-12586.
Signature	Date
Name and Title of Sig	ner (please print)

#### **ATTACHMENT IV**

#### **CROSSWALK FACT SHEET**

	Current Language	New Language
0	Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA)	Centers for Medicare and Medicaid     Services (CMS)
0	Explanation of Benefits (EOB)	Remittance Advice (RA)
0 0	Mode of Service and Service Function Code (SFC) Activity Code	<ul> <li>No parallel in IS, carried only in MIS</li> <li>HIPAA Compliant Procedure codes from the following HCPCS:</li> <li>CPT Codes: Current Procedural Terminology published by the American Medical Association is a list of codes representing procedures or services.</li> <li>HCPCS Codes (Level II): HCFA and other Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Codes are used and approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid to describe and accurately report procedures and services.</li> <li>UB92: Refers to coding standards designated by HIPAA.</li> </ul>
0	DSM IV	O IS converts DSM IV to ICD-9 for claiming:  ICD-9 Codes: (International Classification of Diseases), 9 <sup>th</sup> Revision Codes, issued and authorized by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid, to describe and accurately report health related procedures and Diagnoses.
0	Staff Code and Discipline Code	o Rendering Provider and Taxonomy
0	MHMIS or Mental Health Management Information System AND MIS Management Information System	o IS or Integrated System
0	References to entering data into the MIS	Entering data into the IS
0	RGMS	o IS

#### ATTESTATION REGARDING FEDERALLY FUNDED PROGRAMS

In accordance with the DMH Medi-Cal Professional Services Agreement's Paragraph 41 (CONTRACTOR'S EXCLUSION FROM PARTICIPATION IN A FEDERALLY FUNDED PROGRAM):

I, the undersigned certify that I am not presently excluded from participation in federally funded health care programs, nor is there an investigation presently pending or recently concluded of me which is likely to result in my exclusion from any federally funded health care program, nor am I otherwise likely to be found by a federal or state agency to be ineligible to provide goods or services under the federally funded health care programs.

I further certify as the network provider responsible for the administration of specialty mental health services, (hereafter "Contractor") that I am not presently excluded from participation in any federally funded health care programs, nor is there an investigation presently pending or recently concluded of Contractor which is likely to result in an exclusion from any federally funded health care program, nor is Contractor likely to be found by a federal or state agency to be ineligible to provide goods or services under the federally funded health care programs.

I understand and certify that I will notify DMH within thirty (30) calendar days, in writing of:

- Any event that would require Contractor exclusion or suspension under federally funded health care programs, or
- Any suspension or exclusionary action taken by an agency of the federal or state government against Contractor barring Contractor from providing goods or services for which federally funded healthcare program payment may be made.

Name of Network Provider		
	Please print name	
Signature of Network Provider	Date	<b>:</b>

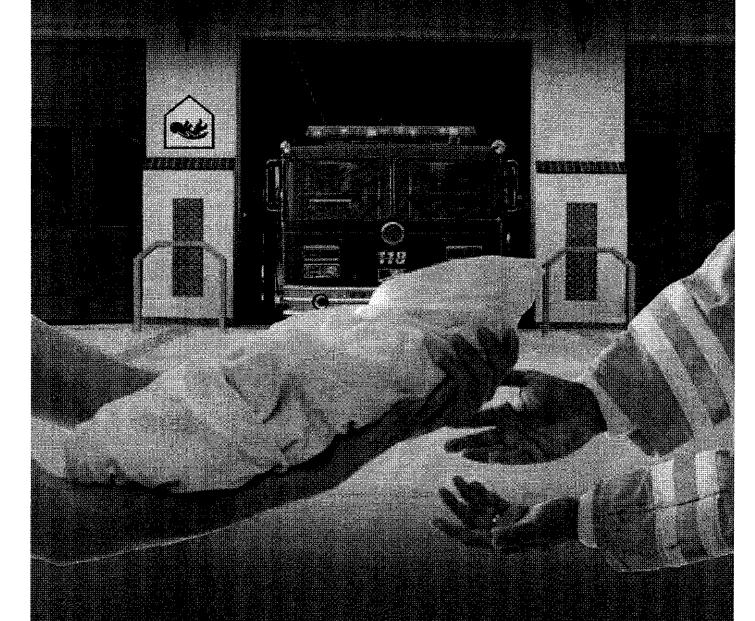
#### DMH FEE-FOR-SERVICE AGREEMENT

#### **SAFELY SURRENDERED BABY LAW**

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# Safely Surrendered Baby Law

What is the Safely Surrendered Baby Law?

#### How does it work?

A distressed parent who is unable or unwilling to care for a baby can legally. confidentially, and safely surrender a baby within three days (72 hours) of birth. The baby must be handed to an employee at a hospital or fire station in Los Angeles County. As long as the baby shows no sign of abuse or neglect, no name or other information is required. In case the parent changes his or her mind at a later date and wants the baby back, staff will use bracelets to help connect them to each other. One bracelet will be placed on the baby, and a matching bracelet will be given to the parent or other surrendering adult.

#### What if a parent wants the baby back?

Parents who change their minds can begin the process of reclaiming their baby within 14 days. These parents should call the Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services at 1-800-540-4000.

#### Can only a parent bring in the baby?

No. While in most cases a parent will bring in the baby, the Law allows other people to bring in the baby if they have lawful custody.

### Does the parent or surrendering adult have to call before bringing in the baby?

No. A parent or surrendering adult can bring in a baby anytime, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, as long as the parent or surrendering adult surrenders the baby to someone who works at the hospital or fire station.

## Does the parent or surrendering adult have to tell anything to the people taking the baby?

No. However, hospital or fire station personnel will ask the surrendering party to fill out a questionnaire designed to gather important medical history information, which is very useful in caring for the baby. The questionnaire includes a stamped return envelope and can be sent in at a later time.

#### What happens to the baby?

The baby will be examined and given medical treatment. Upon release from the hospital, social workers immediately place the baby in a safe and loving home and begin the adoption process.

#### What happens to the parent or surrendering adult?

Once the patent or surrendering adult surrenders the baby to hospital or fire station personnel, they may leave at any time.

#### Why is California doing this?

The purpose of the Safely Surrendered Baby Law is to protect babies from being abandoned, hurt or killed by their parents. You may have heard tragic stories of babies left in dumpsters or public bathrooms. Their parents may have been under severe emotional distress. The mothers may have hidden their pregnancies, fearful of what would happen if their families found out. Because they were afraid and had no one or nowhere to turn for help, they abandoned their babies. Abandoning a baby is illegal and places the baby in extreme danger. Too often, it results in the baby's death. The Safely Surrendered Baby Law prevents this tragedy from ever happening again in California.

#### A baby's story

Early in the morning on April 9, 2005, a healthy baby boy was safely surrendered to nurses at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center. The woman who brought the baby to the hospital identified herself as the haby's aunt and stated the baby's mother had asked her to bring the baby to the hospital on her behalf. The aunt was given a bracelet with a number matching the anklet placed on the baby; this would provide some identification in the event the mother changed her mind about surrendering the baby and wished to reclaim the baby in the 14-day period allowed by the Law. The aunt was also provided with a medical questionnaire and said she would have the mother complete and mail back in the stamped return envelope provided. The baby was examined by medical staff and pronounced healthy and full-term. He was placed with a loving family that had been approved to adopt him by the Department of Children and Family Services.

# Ley ale Entrega de Bebés Sin Peligro



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# Ley de Entrega de Bebés Sin Peligro

¿Qué es la Ley de Entrega de Bebés sin Peligro?

Cada recién nacido se merece la oportunidad de tener una vida saludable. Si alguien que usted conoce está pensando en abandonar a un recién nacido, infórmele que tiene otras opciones. Hasta tres días (72 horas) después del nacimiento, se puede entregar un recién nacido

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#### ¿Cómo funciona?

El padre/madre con dificultades que no pueda o no quiera cuidar de su recién nacido puede entregailo en forma legal, confidencial y segura dentro de los tres días (72 horas) del nacimiento. El bebé debe ser entregado a un empleado de cualquier hospital o cuartel de bomberos del Condado de Los Ángeles. Siempre que el bebé no presente signos de abuso o negligencia, no será necesario suministrar nombres ni información alguna. Si el padre/madre cambia de opinion posteriormente y desea recuperar a su bebé, los trabajadores utilizaran brazaletes para poder vincularlos. El bebé llevará un brazaleté y el padre/madre o el adulto que lo entregue recibirá un brazalete igual.

#### ¿Qué pasa si el padre/madre desea recuperar a su bebé?

Los padres que cambien de opinión pueden comenzar el proceso de reclamar a su recién nacido dentro de los 14 días. Estos padres deberán llamar al Departamento de Servicios para Niños y Familias (Department of Children and Family Services) del Condado de Los Ángeles al 1-800-540-4000.

#### ¿Sólo los padres podrán llevar al recién nacido?

No. Si bien en la mayoría de los casos son los padres los que llevan al bebé, la ley permite que otras personas lo hagan si tienen custodia legal.

#### ¿Los padres o el adulto que entrega al bebé deben llamar antes de llevar al bebé?

No. El padre/madre o adulto puede llevar al bebé en cualquier momento, las 24 horas del día, los 7 días de la semana, siempre y cuando entreguen a su bebé a un empleado del hospital o cuartel de bomberos.

#### ¿Es necesario que el padre/ madre o adulto diga algo a las personas que reciben al bebé?

No. Sin embargo, el personal del hospital o cuartel de bomberos le pedirá a la persona que entregue al bebé que llene un cuestionario con la finalidad de recabar antecedentes médicos importantes, que resultan de gran utilidad para cuidar bien del bebé. El cuestionario incluye un sobre con el sello postal pagado para enviarlo en otro momento.

#### ¿Qué pasará con el bebé?

El bebé será examinado y le brindarán atención médica. Cuando le den el alta del hospital, los trabajadores sociales inmediatamente ubicarán al bebé en un hogar seguro donde estará bien atendido, y se comenzará el proceso de adopción.

#### ¿Qué pasará con el padre/madre o adulto que entregue al bebé?

Una vez que los padres o adulto hayan entregado al bebé al personal del hospital o cuartel de bomberos, pueden irse en cualquier momento.

#### ¿Por qué se está haciendo esto en California? ?

La finalidad de la Ley de Entrega de Bebés sin Peligro es proteger a los bebés para que no sean abandonados, lastimados o muertos por sus padres. Ústed probablemente haya escuchado historias trágicas sobre bebés abandonados en basureros o en baños públicos. Los padres de esos bebés probablemente hayan estado pasando por dificultades emocionales graves. Las madres pueden haber ocultado su embarazo, por temor a lo que pasaría si sus familias se enteraran. Abandonaron a sus bebés porque tenían miedo y no tenían nadie a quien pedir ayuda. El abandono de un recién nacido es ilegal y pone al bebé en una situación de peligro extremo. Muy a menudo el abandono provoca la muerte del bebé. La Ley de Entrega de Bebés sin Peligro impide que vuelva a suceder esta tragedia en California.

#### Historia de un bebé

bomberos del condado de Los Angeles.

A la mañana temprano del día 9 de abril de 2005, se entregó un recién nacido saludable a las enfermeras del Harbor-UCLA Medical Center. La mujer que llevó el recién nacido al hospital se dio a conocer como la ría del bebé, y dijo que la madre le había pedido que llevara al bebé al hospital en su nombre. Le entregaron a la tía un brazalete con un número que coincidía con la pulsera del bebé, esto serviria como identificación en caso de que la madre cambiara de opinión con respecto a la entrega del bebé y decidiera recuperarlo dentro del período de 14 días que permite esta ley. También le dieron a la tía un cuestionario médico, y ella dijo que la madre lo lleraria y lo enviatía de vuelta dentro del sobre con franqueo pagado que le habían dado. El personal médico examinó al bebé y se determinó que estaba saludable y a término. El bebé fue ubicado con una buera familia que ya había sido aprobada para adoprado por el Departamento de Servicios para Niños y Familias.

# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES - DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH CERTIFICATION ON MEDI-CAL CLAIM (MH1982) for Fiscal Years 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13, AND 2013-14

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CONTRACTOR:	
	Contract Number
	Provider Number
Business Address:	·
	Reference Number
·	Supervisorial District

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# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES-DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH MEDI-CAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT GROUP PROVIDER

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entere	d into this day of, <u>20</u>	, by and
between the COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES (herea		
	(hereafter "Contractor")	
	Business Address:	
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WHEREAS, County finds it necessary to provide eligible beneficiaries in Los Angeles County with a continuum of professional services authorized by the California Welfare and Institutions Code Section 5775 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, County has determined that it has an insufficient workforce to perform these services; and

WHEREAS, County is authorized to contract with providers for culturally sensitive and linguistically appropriate professional services for beneficiaries who are in need of specialty mental health services pursuant to California Welfare and Institutions Code Section 5775 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, County desires to contract with an independent Contractor for the purpose of providing Medi-Cal reimbursable professional services to beneficiaries of Los Angeles County pursuant to Government Code Section 31000; and

WHEREAS, Contractor has the expertise and requisite licensure to practice as a mental health professional and is qualified to provide the desired professional services for County in accordance with the terms, conditions, and all applicable Federal, State and local laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, manuals, guidelines and directives.

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, business and communities. This philosophy of teamwork and collaboration is anchored in the shared values of:

Responsiveness

> Integrity

Professionalism

> Commitment

Accountability

> A Can-Do Attitude

Compassion

> 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, culturallycompetent, 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. <u>SERVICES TO BE PERFORMED</u>: In consideration of the payments hereafter set forth, Contractor, under the direction of the Director of Mental Health or authorized designee, shall perform specialty mental health services for County in accordance with the terms, conditions, and covenants set forth herein, requirements in the Local Mental Health Plan (LMHP) Provider Manual, LMHP Provider Bulletins, Attachment II (Service Provisions) attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference with the understanding that the County does not guarantee referrals.
- A. The following language applies only to Contractors found eligible to provide mental health services claimable under Mental Health Services Act (MHSA): Contractor has been found to be eligible to provide mental health services claimable as MHSA services. Contractor has demonstrated experience and training in its specialized field and 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, and 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. 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.

#### 2. TERM:

	A.	Period:	The	term	of	this Agreement	shall commence	on this	
day of				.,	_ ar	nd shall continue in	full force and effec	t through	June 30, 2014.

#### B. <u>Termination</u>:

- (1) Either party may terminate this Agreement at any time without cause by giving at least thirty (30) days prior written notice to the other party.
- (2) This Agreement may be terminated by County immediately if the County and/or the State determine that:
  - (a) There is an immediate threat to the health and safety of beneficiaries; or
- (b) Any Federal, State, and/or County funds are not available for this Agreement or any portion thereof; or
  - (c) Credentialing Review Committee (CRC) recommends termination;
- (d) Contractor is deemed to be insolvent and/or in default; has received or offered gratuities; has solicited unlawfully or improperly; or
- (e) Contractor has failed to comply with any of the provisions of Paragraphs 9 (Indemnification and Insurance), 11 (Delegation, Assignment and Subcontracting), 21 (Nondiscrimination in

- Services), 22 (Nondiscrimination in Employment), 25 (Conflict of Interest), 32 (Child Support Compliance Program), 33 (Licenses, Permits, Registrations, Accreditations, and Certificates), 38 (Certification of Drug-Free Workplace), and/or 41 (County Lobbyists).
- (3) In the event that this Agreement is terminated or expires, all obligations to provide covered services under this Agreement shall automatically terminate on the effective date of the termination or expiration of this Agreement.
- (a) Contractor shall be responsible for providing covered services to Contractor's current beneficiaries until the termination or expiration of this Agreement.
- (b) Contractor shall be responsible for notifying Contractor's current beneficiaries in writing of the termination or expiration of this agreement in accordance with the requirements in the LMHP Provider Manual or through Provider Bulletins.
- (c) Contractor shall remain liable for all costs related to all transfers of beneficiaries receiving services, shall not charge these costs to this Agreement, and shall not be reimbursed in any way.
- (d) Contractor shall remain liable for the processing and payment of invoices and statements for covered services provided to beneficiaries until such expiration or termination of this Agreement.
- 3. <u>ADMINISTRATION</u>: Director shall have the authority to administer this Agreement on behalf of County. Contractor shall designate in writing a Contract Manager who shall function as liaison with County regarding Contractor's performance hereunder.

#### 4. 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 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, 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 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 4 shall not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this Agreement.
- 5. 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 (213) 974-0914 or (800) 544-6861.

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

#### 6. PAYMENT:

#### A. Reimbursement:

- (1) Reimbursement shall be based on the Contractor's submission of a Short-Doyle/Medi-Cal claim for the prevailing rates shown in the Rate Schedule(s) in the LMHP Provider Manual, or through the LMHP Provider Bulletins, which are published and distributed to Contractor by DMH's Medi-Cal Professional Services. Contractor hereby acknowledges receipt of the LMHP Provider Manual.
- (2) DMH shall have the option to deny payment for services when documentation of clinical work does not meet minimum State and County standards.
- (3) Reimbursement shall only be made for Medi-Cal services on a properly submitted electronic claim and which meets medical necessity as defined in the California Code of Regulations (CCR) Title 9, Chapter 11, Sections 1820.205, 1830.205, and 1830.2010 (a) (1)-(2)-(3) and only to the extent that funds allocated by State for County are available specifically for Medi-Cal services. Reimbursement at rates listed in the LMHP Provider Manual or the LMHP Provider Bulletins shall be payment in full, subject to third party liability and beneficiary share of cost, for the specialty mental health services provided to a beneficiary.

Contractor shall be solely liable and responsible for the accuracy and veracity of all data and information provided by Contractor to County for submission to the State in support of all claims for Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment Program (EPSDT) Title XIX Medi-Cal services, and/or Title XIX Short-Doyle/Medi-Cal services, and/or Emergency Assistance services and for any subsequent State approvals or denials of such claims that are based on data and information provided by the Contractor.

- (4) Contractor shall process all EPSDT Title XIX Medi-Cal and/or Title XIX Short-Doyle/Medi-Cal, and or Emergency Assistance Explanation of Balance (EOB) or other data within six months from the date of service as stated in the LMHP Provider Manual or the LMHP Provider Bulletins.
- (5) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, Contractor shall hold County harmless from and against any loss to Contractor resulting from any such State denials, unresolved EOB claims, and/or Federal and/or State audit disallowances.

Further, 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.

- B. <u>Suspension of Payment</u>: County reserves the right to suspend or withhold payment if, at the sole discretion of Director, County determines that Contractor is in default under any of the provisions of this Agreement or if County does not receive State and/or Federal funding due to non-appropriation of funds.
- C. <u>Time Limit for Submitting Invoices</u>: Contractor shall submit Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) compliant electronic claims for the LMHP's electronic billing systems for services to County for payment in accordance with the provisions specified in the LMHP Provider Manual. County shall not be obligated to reimburse Contractor for the services covered by any claim if Contractor submits the claim to County more than one hundred eighty (180) days after the date Contractor renders the services, or more than ninety (90) days after this Agreement terminates, whichever is earlier. Additionally, County shall not be obligated to reimburse Contractor where the claim does not meet applicable SD/MC requirements.

Contractor shall be responsible to ensure claims are submitted in a timely manner and denied claims are promptly corrected and resubmitted in order to comply with all applicable statutes of limitations.

- D. <u>Liquidated Damages</u>: Contractor agrees to take full responsibility for submitting sufficient information to substantiate claim(s) for reimbursement. Contractor is solely responsible for all corrections and for timely return of denied or rejected claim(s) for reimbursement and for providing adequate justification for such claim(s). Should the same claim(s) be denied or rejected a second time for the same reason(s), Contractor agrees to offset liquidated damages of \$I for each and every resubmitted claim that LMHP determines was denied or rejected twice for the same reason.
- E. <u>Recovery of Overpayments</u>: When based on State adjudication and approval of claims submitted by the Contractor, it is determined that the service was not payable from Short-Doyle/Medica; and thus results in an overpayment to Contractor, or when an audit or review performed by County, State and/or Federal governments or by any other authorized agency discloses that Contractor has been overpaid for a Short-Doyle/Medi-Cal claim, the overpayment under this Agreement shall be due by Contractor to County.

For Federal audit exceptions, Federal audit appeal processes shall be followed. County recovery of Federal overpayment shall be made in accordance with all applicable Federal laws, regulations, manuals, guidelines, and directives.

For State, County and other authorized agency audit and/or review exceptions, County shall

recover the payment from Contractor within sixty days of the date of the applicable audit report or other determination of overpayment. If the State recovers the overpayment from County before the end of such sixty days, then County shall immediately recover the overpayment from Contractor. Within ten days after written notification by County to Contractor of any overpayment due by Contractor to County, Contractor shall notify County as to which of the following two payment options Contractor requests be used as the method by which the overpayment shall be recovered by County. Any overpayment shall be: (1) paid in one cash payment by Contractor to County or (2) paid by cash payment(s) by Contractor to County over a period not to exceed such sixty days. If Contractor does not so notify County within such ten days or if Contractor fails to make payment of any overpayment to County as required, then the total amount of the overpayment, as determined by Director, shall be immediately due and payable. In its sole discretion, County may withhold future payments to Contractor under this Agreement to recover overpayments in the event that Contractor fails to comply with the remedies set forth in this paragraph.

- Claims Submission: In accordance with the provisions specified in the LMHP Provider Manual, Contractor shall submit claims to County electronically and in a HIPAA-compliant format. The procedures for submitting electronic claims for the LMHP's electronic billing systems shall be as set forth in the current Trading Partner Agreement set forth in the DMH Provider Manual and said Terms and Conditions incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein. Contractor understands and agrees that if it uses the services of any 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 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. Contractors submitting claims electronically shall follow the data specifications and format established which may be updated as needed through the LMHP Provider Manual and/or Bulletins.
- G. <u>Six Months Notification of Agreement Expiration</u>: Contractor shall notify County when the Agreement is within six (6) months of expiration. Contractor shall send such notice to those persons and addresses which are set forth in Paragraph 53 (NOTICES).
- H. <u>No Payment for Services Provided Following Expiration/Termination of Contract</u>: 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 Contract. 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 Contract 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 Contract.
- 7. <u>PROVIDER RESPONSIBILITY FOR TREATMENT</u>: This Agreement shall not alter the Contractor's relationship with its patients/clients, nor interfere with Contractor's professional responsibility to those patients/clients, regardless of any determination that services delivered are or are not eligible and

authorized for Med-Cal payment.

8. <u>COUNTY'S OBLIGATION FOR CURRENT AND FUTURE FISCAL YEARS</u>: Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, this Agreement shall not be effective and binding upon the parties unless and until County's Board of Supervisors appropriates funds for purposes hereof in County's Budget for County's current Fiscal Year. Further, County shall not be obligated for Contractor's performance hereunder or by any provision of this Agreement during any of the county's future Fiscal Years unless and until County's Board of Supervisors appropriates funds for purposes hereof in County's Budget for each such future Fiscal Year. In the event that funds are not appropriated for this Agreement, then this Agreement shall terminate as of June 30 of the last Fiscal Year which funds were appropriated.

#### 9. INDEMNIFICATION AND INSURANCE:

A. <u>Indemnification</u>: The 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 Contractor's acts and/or omissions arising from and/or relating to this Contract.

B. <u>General Provisions for all Insurance Coverage:</u> Without limiting Contractor's indemnification of County, and in the performance of this Contract and until all of its obligations pursuant to this Contract have been met, Contractor shall provide and maintain at its own expense insurance coverage satisfying the requirements specified in Section 9 of this Contract. 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 Contract. 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 Contract.

#### (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 Contract.
- (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 Sub-Contractor insurance policies at any time.
- (c) Certificates shall identify all Required Insurance coverage types and limits specified herein, reference this Contract 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 Contract. 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 South Vermont Ave., 5th Floor Los Angeles, CA 90020

Contractor also shall promptly report to County any injury or property damage accident or incident, including any injury to 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 Contract, 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 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) <u>Cancellation of Insurance</u>

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 Contract, upon which County immediately

may withhold payments due to Contractor, and/or suspend or terminate this Contract. County, at its sole discretion, may obtain damages from Contractor resulting from said breach.

#### (5) <u>Insurer Financial Ratings</u>

Coverage shall be placed with insurers acceptable to the County with an A.M. Best rating 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 Contract, 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)' right of recovery against County under all the Required Insurance for any loss arising from or relating to this Contract. The Contractor shall require its insurers to execute any waiver of subrogation endorsements which may be necessary to affect such waiver.

#### (8) <u>Subcontractor Insurance Coverage Requirements</u>

Contractor shall include all Subcontractors as insurers 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 insurers 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 Contractor deductible or SIR. The County retains the right to require Contractor to reduce or eliminate policy deductibles and SIR 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) <u>Claims Made Coverage</u>

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

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

#### (13) Alternative Risk Financing Programs

The County reserves the right to review, and the 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 and 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. <u>Insurance Coverage:</u>

(1) <u>Commercial General Liability</u> insurance (providing scope 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) <u>Automobile Liability</u> insurance (providing <u>scope</u> 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 Contract, 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.

10. <u>INDEPENDENT STATUS OF CONTRACTOR</u>: Contractor understands and agrees that all persons performing services pursuant to this Agreement are the sole employees of Contractor, who is an independent Contractor, and not employees of County. Contractor shall be solely liable and responsible for providing all persons performing work pursuant to this Agreement all compensation and benefits.

#### 11. <u>DELEGATION, ASSIGNMENT AND SUBCONTRACTING:</u>

A. <u>Delegation and Assignment</u>: Without the written consent of the Director of Mental Health or authorized designee, Contractor shall not delegate or assign its rights under this Agreement, or both, either in whole or in part. Any assignment or delegation by Contractor without the written consent of the Director of Mental Health or designee shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement upon which County may immediately terminate or suspend this Agreement. Any payments by County to any delegatee or assignee on any claim under this Agreement, in consequence of any such consent, shall be subject to offset, recoupment, or other reduction for any claim, which Contractor may have against County.

#### B. <u>Subcontracting</u>:

- (1) 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 11. Any attempt by Contractor to subcontract any performance, obligation, or responsibility under 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.
- (2) 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:
  - (a) The reasons for the particular subcontract.

- (b) A detailed description of the services to be provided by the subcontract.
- (c) Identification of the proposed subcontractor and an explanation of why and how the proposed subcontractor was selected, including the degree of competition involved.
- (d) A description of the proposed subcontract amount and manner of compensation, together with Contractor's cost or price analysis thereof.
- (e) 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."
- (f) A copy of the proposed subcontract, if in excess of \$10,000 and utilizes State funds, shall also contain the following provision: "The contracting parties shall be subject to the examination and audit of the Auditor General for a period of three years after final payment under contract (Government Code, Section 8546.7)." The Contractor will also be subject to the examination and audit of the State Auditor General for a period of three years after final payment under contract (Government Code, Section 8546.87).
  - (g) Any other information and/or certifications requested by County.
- (3) 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.
- (4) Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless County, its officers, employees, agents, and the designated primary linkage and coordinating program 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 sub-contractor, including any officers, employees, or agents of any sub-contractor, in the same manner as required for Contractor, its officers, employees, and agents, under this Agreement.
- (5) 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 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 allow ability or appropriateness of any cost or payment under this Agreement.
- (6) 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.

- (7) 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.
- (8) 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.
- (9) 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 11 or a blanket consent to any further subcontracting.
- (10) In the event that County consents to any subcontracting, Contractor shall be solely liable and responsible for any and all payments or other compensation to all subcontractors and their officers, employees, and agents.
- (11) 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 11, 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.
- In the event that County consents to any subcontracting, Contractor shall obtain and maintain on file an executed Subcontractor Employee Acknowledgment of Employer, for each of the subcontractor's employees performing services under the subcontract. Such Acknowledgments shall be executed by each such employee 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.
- (13) County shall have no liability or responsibility whatsoever for any payment or other compensation for any subcontractor or its officers, employees, and agents.
- (14) Director is hereby authorized to act for and on behalf of County pursuant to this Paragraph 11, including, but not limited to, consenting to any subcontracting.
- C. Shareholders, partners, members, or other equity holders of Contractor may transfer, sell, exchange, assign, or divest themselves of any interest they may have therein. 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 legal entity other than the majority controlling interest therein at the time of execution of this Agreement, such disposition is an assignment

requiring the prior written consent of County in accordance with applicable provisions of this Agreement.

- D. 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.
- 12. <u>ALTERATION OF TERMS</u>: 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.
- 13. <u>WAIVER</u>: 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 13 shall not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this Agreement.

#### 14. <u>CONFIDENTIALITY</u>:

- A. Contractor shall maintain the confidentiality of all records and information, including, but not limited to claims, County records, beneficiary records and information, and County's Information System (IS) records, in accordance with WIC Sections 5328 through 5330 and Section 14100.2 of the Welfare and Institutions Code and Title 42, United States Code of Federal Regulations, Section 431.300 et seq., inclusive all other applicable County, State and Federal laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, manuals, guidelines, and directives, relating to confidentiality. 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 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.
- B. Contractor understands that county operates an informational website <a href="http://dmh.lacounty.info/">http://dmh.lacounty.info/</a> 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.
- C. Contractor shall not use identifying information for any purpose except for statistical information or carrying out the Contractor's obligations under this Agreement.

15. <u>PATIENTS'/CLIENTS' RIGHTS</u>: Contractor shall comply with all applicable patients'/clients' rights provisions, including, but not limited to, WIC Section 5325 et sec., 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 status, regulations, manuals and policies.

#### 16. REPORTING OF PATIENT/CLIENT ABUSE AND RELATED PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS:

A. <u>Elders and Dependent Adults Abuse</u>: Contractor, and all persons employed or subcontracted, by Contractor, shall comply with WIC Section 15630 <u>et seq</u>. 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, 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. <u>Minor Children Abuse</u>: Contractor, and all persons employed or subcontracted by Contractor, shall comply with California Penal Code (hereafter "PC") Section 11164 <u>et seq.</u> and shall report all known or suspected instances of child abuse to an appropriate child protective agency, as mandated by California Penal Code 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 PC Sections 11166 and 11167.

#### C. Contractor Staff:

- (1) Although clerical and other nontreatment staff are not required to report suspected cases of abuse, they should consult with mandated reporters upon suspecting any abuse.
- (2) 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.
- (3) Contractor shall not employ or continue to employ, or shall take other appropriate action to fully protect all persons receiving services under this Agreement concerning, 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.

#### 17. MONITORING, QUALITY IMPROVEMENT, RECORDS, AND AUDITS:

A. Contractor shall establish clinical records in accordance with the structure and content specified by DMH. All services provided to a beneficiary, for which Medi-Cal reimbursement is sought, must be documented in this record in a manner which complies with all applicable regulations and standards

established by CDMH and DMH. Contractor shall make clinical records available upon request to other County DMH contract providers who participate in the consolidated Medi-Cal program.

- B. Contractor shall be responsible for complying with all CDMH and DMH quality improvement (QI) standards and requirements as specified in this Agreement, the LMHP Provider Manual, and all LMHP Provider Bulletins regarding QI.
- C. Contractor agrees to provide clinical records to County, and any Federal or State Department (e.g., CDMH, CDHS, State Department of Justice, United States Department of Health and Human Services, and the Controller General of the United States) having monitoring or reviewing authority, to County's authorized representatives and/or their appropriate audit agencies, at reasonable times during normal business hours. Contractor also agrees to provide access to and the right to monitor all work performed under this Agreement, evaluate the quality, appropriateness and timeliness of services performed, and examine and audit all records and documents necessary to determine compliance with relevant Federal, State, and local statutes, rules and regulations, and this Agreement.
- D. Contractor shall maintain and preserve all records relating to this Agreement at a location in Los Angeles County for a minimum period of seven (7) years following the expiration or termination date of this Agreement, the discharge of the beneficiary or termination of services (except that the records of minors at the time of discharge shall be kept at least one year after such minor has reached the age of eighteen years and in any case not less than seven years), or until County, State and/or Federal audit findings applicable to such services are fully resolved, whichever is later. During such retention period, all such records shall be made available during County's normal business hours to authorized representatives of County, State, and/or Federal governments for purposes of inspection, program review, and/or audit.
- E. The contracting parties shall be subject to the examination and audit of the Auditor General for a period of three (3) years after final payment under contract (Government Code Section 8546.7).
- F. Contractor may be required to pay back reimbursement received for claimed services that do not, on subsequent review/audit, meet minimum State and County standards.
- 18. PROGRAM SUPERVISION: 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, amount of services, and the criteria for determining the persons to be served. Upon receipt of a DMH Contract Monitoring Report, Contractor shall respond in writing to the particular DMH Contract Monitor within the time specified in the Report either acknowledging the reported deficiencies or presenting contrary evidence, and, in addition, submitting a plan for immediate correction of all deficiencies. In the event of a State audit of this Agreement, If State auditors disagree with County's written instructions to Contractor in its performance of this Agreement, and if such disagreement results in a State Disallowance of any of Contractor's disallowed costs as determined by State.

- 19. <u>COUNTY'S QUALITY ASSURANCE PLAN</u>: The County or its agent will evaluate Contractor's performance under this Agreement on not less than an annual basis. Such evaluation will include assessing Contractor's compliance with all contract terms and performance standards. Contractor deficiencies which County determines are severe or continuing and that may place performance of the Agreement in jeopardy if not corrected will be reported to the Board of Supervisors. The report will 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 impose other penalties as specified in this Agreement.
- 20. <u>REPORTS AND DATA ENTRY</u>: Contractor shall submit reports and comply with data entry requirements of the LMHP.

#### 21. NONDISCRIMINATION IN SERVICES:

- A. Contractor shall not discriminate in the provision of services to beneficiaries hereunder because of race, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, age, marital status, physical or mental handicap, or medical conditions, in accordance with requirements of Federal and State law. For the purpose of this Paragraph 19, 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 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 quota, 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 action to ensure that intended beneficiaries of this Agreement are provided services without regard to ability to pay or source of payment, race, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, age, marital status, 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.

#### 22. 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, religion, color,

national origin, ancestry, sex, age, marital status, physical or mental handicap, medical condition, or political affiliation, and in compliance with all applicable Federal and State anti-discrimination laws and regulations.

- B. Contractor shall take affirmative action to ensure that qualified applicants are employed, and that employees are treated equally during employment, without regard to race, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, age, marital status, physical or mental handicap, medical condition, or political affiliation. Such action shall include, but is not limited to, the following: employment, upgrading, demotion, transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff or termination, rates of pay or other forms of compensation, and selection for training, including apprenticeship.
- C. Contractor shall deal with its subcontractors, bidders, or vendors without regard to or because of race, religion, color, ancestry, national origin, sex, age, marital status, physical or mental handicap, medical conditions, or political affiliation. Further, Contractor shall give written notice of its obligation under this Paragraph 22 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 22 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. While 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 22, 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.
- 23. <u>FAIR LABOR STANDARDS</u>: 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.
- 24. <u>EMPLOYMENT ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION</u>: 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.

#### 25. 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. No employee, officer, or board member of Contractor who may financially benefit from the provision of services hereunder shall in any way participate in the County's review and/or approval/denial of service plans of beneficiaries treated by Contractor or by entities in which they has a financial interest.
- C. Contractor shall comply with all conflict of interest laws, ordinances and regulations now in effect or hereafter to be 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.
- 26. <u>UNLAWFUL SOLICITATION</u>: 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 service of all those bar associations within the County of Los Angeles that have such a service.
- 27. 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.

28. CONSIDERATION OF GREATER AVENUES FOR INDEPENDENCE (GAIN) OR GENERAL RELIEF OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORK (GROW) PARTICIPANTS FOR EMPLOYMENT: 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' Greater Avenues for Independence (GAIN) Program or General Relief Opportunities for Work (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 GAIN/GROW@dpss.lacounty.gov. County will refer GAIN/GROW participants, by job category, to the Contractor.

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

29. 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.

#### 30. COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAW:

- A. Contractor shall comply with all Federal, including, but not limited to Title XIX of the Social Security Act, State, CCR Title 9, Chapter 11, Subchapter 1, Article 1, Section 1810 and local laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, manuals, guidelines, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards, and directives applicable to its performance hereunder and with contractual obligations of the LMHP under its contract with CDMH. Further, all provisions required thereby to be included in this Agreement are hereby incorporated herein by reference.
- B. Contractor shall comply with all Federal, State and local laws, and LMHP policies and procedures and guidelines regarding the confidentiality of mental health information. This includes, but may not be limited to, information obtained or released either directly by the Contractor or from or through DMH staff or its IS.
- C. 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.

- D. Contractor shall maintain in effect an active compliance program in accordance with the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Inspector General, Publication of the OIG Compliance Program for Individual and Small Group Physician Practices (2000).
- 31. <u>CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITY AND DEBARMENT</u>: The following requirements set forth in the County's Non-Responsibility and Debarment Ordinance (Title 2, Chapter 2.202) or 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, 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 terminates any or all existing contracts he 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 any 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, or 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 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 years, that Contractor may, after the debarment has been in effect for at least five 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 years: (2) the debarment has been in effect for at least five 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.

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 recommendations to the Board of Supervisors. The Board of Supervisors shall have the right to modify, deny or adopt the proposed decisions and recommendation of the Contractor Hearing Board.

- 1. These terms shall also apply to subcontractor/subconsultants of Contractors.
- J. Contractor shall maintain in effect an active compliance program in accordance with the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Inspector General, Publication of the OIG Compliance Program for Individual and Small Group Physician Practices (2000).

#### 32. CHILD SUPPORT COMPLIANCE PROGRAM:

A. <u>Contractor's Warranty of Adherence to County's Child Support Compliance Program:</u>
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 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 26 (TERMINATION FOR DEFAULT) and pursue debarment of Contractor, pursuant to County Code Chapter 2.202.
- 33. <u>LICENSES, PERMITS, REGISTRATIONS, ACCREDITATIONS, AND CERTIFICATES</u>: Contractor shall obtain and maintain in effect during the term of this Agreement, all licenses, permits, registrations, accreditations, credentials, and certificates 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. A copy of each such license, permit, registration, accreditation, credentials and certificates as required by all applicable Federal, State, and local laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, manuals, guidelines and directives shall be provided, upon request, to DMH's Contracts Development and Administration Division.
- 34. <u>USE OF RECYCLED-CONTENT PAPER PRODUCTS</u>: Consistent with the Board of Supervisors' policy to reduce the amount of solid waste deposited at the County landfills, Contractor agrees to use recycled-content paper to the maximum extent possible on the Project.
- 35. <u>AUTHORIZATON WARRANTY</u>: 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.
- 36. 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.
- 37. <u>PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS AND LITERATURE</u>: 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.

- 38. <u>CERTIFICATION OF DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE</u>: Contractor certifies and agrees that it shall comply with the requirements of the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1990 (Government Code Section 8350 <u>et seq.</u>). 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 <u>nolo contendere</u> to any criminal drug statute violation occurring at any such facility or work site, then Contractor, within five days thereafter, shall notify Director in writing. Violation of this provision shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement upon which County may immediately terminate or suspend this Agreement.
- 39. 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.
- 40. <u>RESTRICTIONS ON LOBBYING</u>: 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.
- 41. <u>COUNTY LOBBYISTS</u>: 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.
- 42. CONTRACTOR'S EXCLUSION FROM PARTICIPATION IN A FEDERALLY FUNDED PROGRAM: Contractor hereby warrants that neither it nor any of its staff members is restricted or excluded 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 thirty (30) calendar days in writing of: (1) any event that would require Contractor or a staff member's mandatory exclusion from participation in a Federally funded health care program; and (2) any exclusionary action taken by any agency of the Federal government 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.

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 OIG has the discretion not to exclude.

The mandatory bases for 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 healthcare 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 healthcare 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.

Contractor shall indemnify and hold County harmless against any and all loss or damage County may suffer arising from any Federal exclusion 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 IV as part of its obligation under this Paragraph 42.

Failure by Contractor to meet the requirements of this Paragraph 42 shall constitute a material breach of Agreement upon which County may immediately terminate or suspend this Agreement.

#### 43. HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT:

A. The parties acknowledge the existence of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 and its implementing regulations ('HIPAA'). Contractor understands and agrees that, as a provider of medical treatment services, 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 that such obligations relate to <u>transactions and code sets</u>, <u>privacy</u>, and <u>security</u>. Contractor understands and agrees that it is separately and independently responsible for compliance with HIPAA 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, 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 compliance and agree to take all necessary and reasonable actions to comply with the requirements of HIPAA law and implementing regulations related to <u>Transactions and Code Sets</u>, <u>Privacy</u>, and <u>Security</u>. 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.
- D. Contractor and County understand and agree that HIPAA has imposed additional requirements in regards to changes in DMH's IS.
- (1) County desires to clarify IS terminology under this Agreement as it relates to HIPAA, and, accordingly, has set forth in Attachment V (Crosswalk Fact Sheet) a "crosswalk" of technical terms, definitions and language to be used with this Agreement.
- E. Contractor understands that County operates an informational website <a href="http://dmh.lacounty.info/hipaa/index.html">http://dmh.lacounty.info/hipaa/index.html</a> 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.

#### 44. COMPLIANCE WITH JURY SERVICE PROGRAM:

A. <u>Jury Service Program</u>: 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 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 County Contractor and has received or will receive an aggregate sum of \$50,000 or more in an 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 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 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.

#### 45. 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 VI of this Agreement and is also available on the Internet at www.babysafela.org.

#### 46. <u>CONTRACTOR'S ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTY'S COMMITMENT TO THE SAFELY SURRENDERED BABY LAW</u>

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.

#### 47. 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

- 48. 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. This is applicable whenever specific Federal or State funding, which has policies or procedures for performance standards and/or outcome measures has been included as part of the Contractor's contract and shall apply for all County policies, procedures, or departmental bulletins approved by the Director or his designee for performance standards and/or outcome measures. DMH will notify Contractor whenever County policies or procedures are to apply to this contract provision at least, where feasible, 30 days prior to implementation.
- 49. <u>CONTRACTOR'S CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COMPLIANCE</u>: 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 <u>Attachment III</u>, 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).
- 50. <u>SEVERABILITY</u>: 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.
- 51. <u>CAPTIONS AND PARAGRAPH HEADINGS</u>: 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.
- 52. <u>LOCAL SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PREFERENCE PROGRAM</u>: 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."

#### 53. FOCE 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 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 forgoing, a default by a subcontractor of Contractor shall not constitute a 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 the required performance schedule. 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.
- NOTICES: All notices or demands required or permitted to be given under this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be hand 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, which may include, but not be limited to, changes in name or address, 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 days prior written notice thereof to the other party.

To Contractor:	
To County:	Department of Mental Health
	Contracts Development and Administration Division
	550 South Vermont Avenue, 5th Floor
	Los Angeles, CA 90020
Attention:	Chief of Contracts
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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 designees, 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
	CONTRACTOR
	By
	Name
	Title(AFFIX CORPORATE SEAL HERE IF APPLICABLE)
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	
Group Boilerplate 2009-2010	
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#### County of Los Angeles – Department of Mental Health Medi-Cal Professional Services Agreement

#### **DEFINITIONS**

The following terms, as used in this Agreement, shall have the following meanings:

- A. <u>Beneficiary</u> means any individual certified as eligible under the Medi-Cal Program according to California Code of Regulation (CCR), Title XXII, Section 51001.
- B. <u>Contractor</u> means any independent health/mental health provider or organization certified or credentialed to provide services to beneficiaries and to contract with the Local Mental Health Plan (LMHP).
- C. <u>Centers for Medicare and Medi-Cal Services (CMS)</u> formerly Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA).
- D. <u>Credentialing Review Committee (CRC)</u> means the confidential multi-disciplinary group that reviews and considers the applications of all mental health providers whose credentials do not clearly meet the standards for credentialing in the LMHP Provider Network.
- E. <u>Director</u> means the County's Director of Mental Health or authorized designee.
- F. <u>DMH</u> means the County's Department of Mental Health.
- G. <u>Electronic or electronically when used to describe a form of claims submission</u> means any claim submitted through any electronic means, such as telecommunications, or modern communications.
- H. <u>Fee-For-Service (FFS)</u> means a payment system in which providers are paid a specific amount for each service performed as it is rendered and identified by a claim for payment.
- <u>FFP</u> means the Federal Financial Participation for Fee-For-Service Medi-Cal services as authorized by Title XIX of the Social Security Act, Title 42, United States Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1396 <u>et seq</u>.
- J. <u>Fiscal Year</u> means the County's Fiscal Year which commences July 1 and ends the following June 30.
- K. <u>Group Provider</u> means an organization that provides specialty mental health services through two or more individual providers as defined in Title 9, CCR, Section 1810.218.2. Group providers may include entities such as independent practice associations, hospital outpatient departments, health care service plans, and clinics.
- L. <u>HCFA</u> Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA).

- M. <u>Individual Provider</u> means licensed mental health professional whose scope of practice permits the practice of psychotherapy without supervision who provides specialty mental health services directly to beneficiaries under the LMHP. Individual providers include licensed physicians, licensed psychologists, licensed social workers, licensed marriage family therapists and registered nurses with a master's degree within his/her scope of practice. Individual provider does not include licensed mental health professionals when they are acting as employees of any organizational provider or contractors of organization providers other than the LMHP.
- N. <u>LMHP Medi-Cal Specialty Mental Health Services Network Provider Manual</u> (hereafter "LMHP Provider Manual") means the document which contains the formal requirements, policies, procedures and rates of reimbursement governing the provision of specialty mental health professional services by LMHP enrolled and contracted network providers. The LMHP Provider Manual is incorporated into this Agreement by reference. Contractor hereby acknowledges receipt of the LMHP Provider Manual upon execution of this Agreement.
- O. <u>LMHP Network Provider Bulletin</u> (hereafter "LMHP Provider Bulletin") means the publications periodically distributed by the LMHP to inform enrolled and contracted network providers of revisions and additions made to formal requirements, policies, procedures and rates of reimbursement outlined in the LMHP Provider Manual, that governs the provision of specialty mental health professional services to Los Angeles County Medi-Cal beneficiaries. All LMHP Provider Bulletins issued during the term of this Agreement shall be incorporated into this Agreement by reference.
- P. <u>Local Mental Health Plan (LMHP)</u> means the entity responsible for managing specialty mental health services. In Los Angeles County, the Department of Mental Health is the LMHP.
- Q. Medical Necessity means the criteria in Title 9, California Code of Regulations, Chapter 11, Section 1830.205 that must be met for LMHP reimbursement of specialty mental health services. Medical necessity requires the following three elements: 1) the presence of and included diagnosis, 2) an impairment as a result of the mental disorder, and 3) intervention criteria that address the impairment.
- R. <u>IS</u> means DMH's Information System.
- S. <u>Monitoring</u> means the process by which the LMHP reserves the right to review services provided to beneficiaries being served by the LMHP through the review of documentation Including but not limited to, client outcomes, client satisfaction, claims and time allotted to each procedure code.

- T. <u>CDHS</u> means California Department of Health Services.
- U. <u>CDMH</u> means California Department of Mental Health.
- V. <u>Specialty Mental Health Services</u> means those mental health services provided pursuant to CCR, Title 9, Chapter 11, WIC Section 14680-14685 and covered by the Procedure Codes listed in the LMHP Provider Manual.
- W. State means the State of California.
- X. <u>Title XIX</u> means Title XIX of the Social Security Act, Title 42, United States Code Section 1396 et seq.
- Y. <u>Title IX</u> means the Title IX of the California Code of Regulations.
- Z. <u>WIC</u> means the California Welfare and Institutions Code.

### COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES - DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AGREEMENT MEDI-CAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

#### **EXHIBIT A - SERVICE PROVISIONS**

#### A. Services to be delivered:

- 1. Contractor agrees to provide any or all of the following specialty mental health services which fall within the scope and practice of the professional license granted by the State of California, or granted by a State with reciprocal agreements with the State of California which recognizes the mental health treatment standards and requirements of the other:
  - mental health assessment and evaluation services
  - medication services for mental health treatment
  - mental health treatment services
  - psychological testing services

These services are described in the Department of Mental Health Policies and Procedures Manual, the County of Los Angeles Department of Mental Health Local Mental Health Plan (LMHP) Medi-Cal Specialty Mental Health Services Provider Manual (LMHP Provider Manual) and subsequent LMHP Provider Bulletins.

- 2. The prescribing and/or administration of psychotropic medications and reevaluations for the purpose of determining the course of medication treatment may only be reimbursed to a Board eligible or Board certified psychiatrist or a Psychiatric/Mental Health Nurse Practitioner. The dispensing and storage of medication must be in compliance with all pertinent State and Federal standards.
- 3. All psychological testing must be pre-approved and may only be reimbursed to a California licensed psychologist or a Board eligible or Board certified psychiatrist with the requisite training in psychological testing.
- B. Contractor shall be reimbursed under appropriate and specified circumstances for specialty mental health services provided to Medi-Cal beneficiaries of any age by:
  - Board eligible or Board certified Psychiatrists
  - Licensed Clinical Psychologists
  - Psychiatric/Mental Health Nurse Practitioners
- C. Contractor shall be reimbursed under appropriate and specified circumstances for specialty mental health services provided to Medi-Cal beneficiaries less than 21 years of age by:
  - Licensed Clinical Social Workers
  - Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists
  - Psychiatric/Mental Health Clinical Nurse Specialists certified to provide psychotherapy independently
- D. Medi-Cal beneficiaries shall be electronically enrolled in the Department's Integrated System as described in the LMHP Policies and Procedures Manual, the LMHP Provider Manual and subsequent LMHP Provider Bulletins.

- E. Contractor shall comply with all documentation requirements established by the State Department of Mental Health (SDMH) and according to the standards and guidelines established by the LMHP. Services shall not be reimbursed without the required documentation.
- F. Contractor agrees to provide specialty mental health services under this Agreement only to those beneficiaries who are Medi-Cal eligible and meet the medical necessity criteria established by the SDMH.
- G. Contractor agrees that only one claim for conjoint or family specialty mental health services is to be submitted regardless of the number of clients present.
- H Contractor agrees to refer beneficiaries to the LMHP ACCESS Center and to LMHP directly operated and contract providers when appropriate.
- I. Contractor agrees to refer beneficiaries to the primary care physician when appropriate.
- J. Contractor agrees to provide consultation services at the prevailing service rates provided in the LMHP Provider Manual and subsequent LMHP Provider Bulletins.
- K. Contractor agrees to maintain confidentiality as enumerated in all relevant laws, regulations, and statutes as apply to mental health services.
- L. Contractor shall follow established procedures as outlined in the LMHP Provider Manual and subsequent LMHP Provider Bulletins for beneficiary complaints and shall make records of beneficiary complaints available for authorized review by County and State.

#### **CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS CERTIFICATION**

Com	pany Name
Addr	ess
Inter	nal Revenue Service Employer Identification Number
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Supe	Nonprofit Integrity Act (SB 1262, Chapter 919) added requirements to California's cryision of Trustees and Fundraisers for Charitable Purposes Act which regulates those ving and raising charitable contributions.
Ched	ck the Certification below that is applicable to your company.
	Proposer or Contractor has examined its activities and determined that it does not now receive or raise charitable contributions regulated under California's Supervision of Trustees and Fundraisers for Charitable Purposes Act. If Proposer engages in activities subjecting it to those laws during the term of a County contract, it will timely comply with them and provide County a copy of its initial registration with the California State Attorney General's Registry of Charitable Trusts when filed.
	OR
	Proposer or Contractor is registered with the California Registry of Charitable Trusts under the CT number listed above and is in compliance with its registration and reporting requirements under California law. Attached is a copy of its most recent filing with the Registry of Charitable Trusts as required by Title 11 California Code of Regulations, sections 300-301 and Government Code sections 12585-12586.
Sign	ature Date
Nam	e and Title of Signer (please print)

#### ATTESTATION REGARDING FEDERALLY FUNDED PROGRAMS

In accordance with the DMH Medi-Cal Professional Services Agreement's Paragraph 41 (CONTRACTOR'S EXCLUSION FROM PARTICIPATION IN A FEDERALLY FUNDED PROGRAM):

I, the undersigned certify that I am not presently excluded from participation in federally funded health care programs, nor is there an investigation presently pending or recently concluded of me which is likely to result in my exclusion from any federally funded health care program, nor am I otherwise likely to be found by a federal or state agency to be ineligible to provide goods or services under the federally funded health care programs.

I further certify as the official responsible for the administration of specialty mental health services, (hereafter "Contractor") that all of its officers, employees, agents and/or sub-contractors are not presently excluded from participation in any federally funded health care programs, nor is there an investigation presently pending or recently concluded of any such officers, employees, agents and/or sub-contractors which is likely to result in an exclusion from any federally funded health care program, nor are any of its officers, employees, agents and/or sub-contractors otherwise likely to be found by a federal or state agency to be ineligible to provide goods or services under the federally funded health care programs.

I understand and certify that I will notify DMH within thirty (30) calendar days, in writing of:

- Any event that would require Contractor or any of its officers, employees, agents and/or sub-contractors exclusion or suspension under federally funded health care programs, or
- Any suspension or exclusionary action taken by an agency of the federal or state government against Contractor, or one or more of its officers, employees, agents and/or sub-contractors, barring it or its officers, employees, agents and/or sub-contractors from providing goods or services for which federally funded healthcare program payment may be made.

Name of authorized official		
	Please print name	
Signature of authorized official		Date

2009-2010 Fee For Service Group Agreement-Attachment V Attestation Regarding Federally Funded Programs

#### **CROSSWALK FACT SHEET**

	Current Language	New Language		
0	Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA)		ters for Medicare and Medicaid vices (CMS)	
0	Explanation of Benefits (EOB)	o Rem	nittance Advice (RA)	
0	Mode of Service and Service Function Code (SFC)	o No p	parallel in IS, carried only in MIS	
0	Activity Code		AA Compliant Procedure codes from following HCPCS:	
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0	Staff Code and Discipline Code	o Reno	dering Provider and Taxonomy	
0	MHMIS <u>or</u> Mental Health Management Information System AND MIS Management Information System	o IS or	Integrated System	
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2009-2010 Fee For Service Group Agreement-Attachment IV Provider Crosswalk Fact Sheet

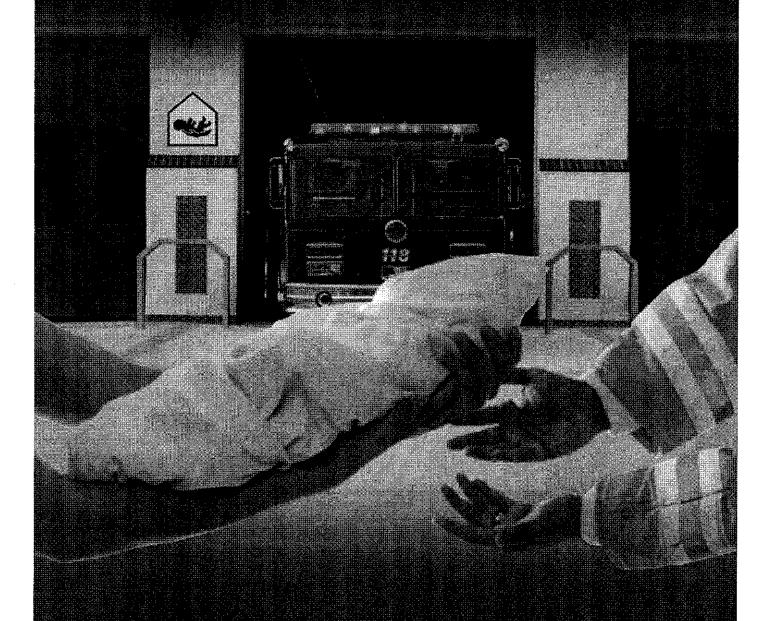
#### DMH FEE-FOR-SERVICE AGREEMENT

#### SAFELY SURRENDERED BABY LAW

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# Safely Surrendered Baby Law

What is the Safely
Surrendered Baby Law?

#### How does it work?

A distressed parent who is unable or unwilling to care for a baby can legally, confidentially, and safely surrender a baby within three days (72 hours) of birth. The baby must be handed to an employee at a hospital or fire station in Los Angeles County. As long as the baby shows no sign of abuse or neglect, no name or other information is required. In case the parent changes his or her mind at a later date and wants the baby back, staff will use bracelets to help connect them to each other. One bracelet will be placed on the baby, and a matching bracelet will be given to the parent or other surrendering adult.

#### What if a parent wants the baby back?

Parents who change their minds can begin the process of reclaiming their baby within 14 days. These parents should call the Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services at 1-800-540-4000.

#### Can only a parent bring in the baby?

No. While in most cases a parent will bring in the baby, the Law allows other people to bring in the baby if they have lawful custody.

#### Does the parent or surrendering adult have to call before bringing in the baby?

No. A parent or surrendering adult can bring in a baby anytime, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, as long as the parent or surrendering adult surrenders the baby to someone who works at the hospital or fire station.

#### Does the parent or surrendering adult have to tell anything to the people taking the baby?

No. However, hospital or fire station personnel will ask the surrendering party to fill out a questionnaire designed to gather important medical history information, which is very useful in caring for the baby. The questionnaire includes a stamped return envelope and can be sent in at a later time.

#### What happens to the baby?

The baby will be examined and given medical treatment. Upon release from the hospital, social workers immediately place the baby in a safe and loving home and begin the adoption process.

#### What happens to the parent or surrendering adult?

Once the parent or surrendering adult surrenders the baby to hospital or fire station personnel, they may leave at any time.

#### Why is California doing this?

The purpose of the Safety Surrendered Baby Law is to protect babies from being abandoned, hurt or killed by their parents. You may have heard tragic stories of babies left in dumpsters or public bathrooms. Their parents may have been under severe emotional distress. The mothers may have hidden their pregnancies, fearful of what would happen if their families found out. Because they were afraid and had no one or nowhere to turn for help, they abandoned their babies. Abandoning a baby is illegal and places the baby in extreme danger. Too often, it results in the baby's death. The Safely Surrendered Baby Law prevents this tragedy from ever happening again in California.

#### A baby's story

Early in the morning on April 9, 2005, a healthy baby boy was safely surrendered to nurses at Harbore
UCLA Medical Center. The woman who brought the baby to the hospital identified herself as the baby's aunt
and stated the baby's mother had asked her to bring the baby to the hospital on her behalf. The sunt was given a
bracelet with a number matching the ankler placed on the baby; this would provide some identification in the event the
mother changed her mind about surrendering the baby and wished to reclaim the baby in the 14-day period allowed by the
Law. The aunt was also provided with a medical questionnaire and said she would have the mother complete and mail back in
the stamped return envelope provided. The baby was examined by medical staff and pronounced healthy and full-term. He was placed
with a loving family that had been approved to adopt him by the Department of Children and Family Services.

# Ley al Entrega de Bebés Sin Peligro



Los recién nacidos pueden ser entregados en forma segura al personal de cualquier hospital o cuartel de bomberos del Condado de Los Ángeles

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# Ley de Entrega de Bebés Sin Peligro

¿Qué es la Ley de Entrega de Bebés sin Peligro?

Cada recién nacido se merece la oportunidad de tener una vida saludable. Si alguien que usted conoce está pensando en abandonar a un recién nacido, infórmele que tiene otras opciones. Hasta tres días (72 horas) después del nacimiento, se puede entregar un recién nacido al personal de cualquier hospital o cuartel de bomberos del condado de Los Angeles.

#### ¿Cómo funciona?

El padre/madre con dificultades que no pueda o no quiera cuidar de su recién nacido puede entregarlo en forma legal, confidencial y segura dentro de los tres días (72 horas) del nacimiento. El bebé debe ser entregado a un empleado de cualquier hospital o cuartel de bomberos del Condado de Los Ángeles. Siempre que el bebé no presente signos de abuso o negligencia, no será necesario suministrar nombres ni información alguna. Si el padre/madre cambia de opinión posteriormente y desea recuperar a su bebé, los trabajadores utilizarán brazaletes para poder vincularlos. El bebé llevará un brazalete y el padre/madre o el adulto que lo entregue recibirá un brazalete igual.

#### ¿Qué pasa si el padre/madre desea recuperar a su bebé?

Los padres que cambien de opinión pueden comenzar el proceso de reclamar a su recién nacido dentro de los 14 días. Estos padres deberán llamar al. Departamento de Servicios para Niños y Familias (Department of Children and Family Services) del Condado de Los Ángeles al 1-800-540-4000.

#### ¿Sólo los padres podrán llevar al recién nacido?

No. Si bien en la mayoría de los casos son los padres los que llevan al bebé, la ley permite que otras personas lo hagan si tienen custodia legal.

#### ¿Los padres o el adulto que entrega al bebé deben llamar antes de llevar al bebé?

No. El padre/madre o adulto puede llevar al bebé en cualquier momento, las 24 horas del día, los 7 días de la semana, siempre y cuando entreguen a su bebé a un empleado del hospital o cuartel de bomberos.

#### ¿Es necesario que el padre/ madre o adulto diga algo a las personas que reciben al bebé?

No. Sin embargo, el personal del hospital o cuartel de bomberos le pedirà a la persona que entregue al bebé que llene un cuestionario con la finalidad de recabar antecedentes médicos importantes, que resultan de gran utilidad para cuidar bien del bebé. El cuestionario induye un sobre con el sello postal pagado para enviarlo en otro momento.

#### ¿Qué pasará con el bebé?

El bebé será examinado y le brindarán atención médica. Cuando le den el alta del hospital, los trabajadores sociales inmediatamente ubicarán al bebé en un hogar seguro donde estará bien atendido, y se comenzará el proceso de adopción.

#### ¿Qué pasará con el padre/madre o adulto que entregue al bebé?

Una vez que los padres o adulto hayan entregado al bebé al personal del hospital o cuartel de bomberos, pueden irse en cualquier momento.

#### ¿Por qué se está haciendo esto en California? ?

La finalidad de la Ley de Entrega de Bebés sin Peligro es proteger a los bebés para que no scan abandonados, lastimados o muertos por sus padres. Usted probablemente haya escuchado historias trágicas sobre bebés abandonados en basureros o en baños públicos. Los padres de esos bebés probablemente hayan estado pasando por dificultades emocionales graves. Las madres pueden haber ocultado su embarazo, por temor a lo que pasaría si sus familias se enteraran. Abandonaron a sus bebés porque tenían miedo y no tenían nadie a quien pedir ayuda. El abandono de un recién nacido es ilegal y pone al bebé en una situación de peligro extremo. Muy a menudo el abandono provoca la muerte del bebé. La Ley de Entrega de Bebés sin Peligro impide que vuelva a suceder esta tragedia en California.

#### Historia de un bebé

A la mañana temprano del día 9 de abril de 2005, se entregó un recién nacido saludable a las enfermeras del Harbor-UCIA Medical Center. La mujer que llevó el recién nacido al hospital se dio a conocer como la tía del bebé, y dijo que la madre le había pedido que llevara al bebé al hospital en su nombre. Le entregaron a la tía un brazalete con un múnero que coincidía con la pulsera del bebé, esto serviría como identificación en caso de que la madre cambiara de opinión con respecto a la entrega del bebé y decidiera recuperario dentro del período de 14 días que permite esta ley. También le dieron a la tía un cuestionario médico, y ella dijo que la madre lo lleraría y lo enviaría de vuelta dentro del sobre con franqueo pagado que le habían dado. El personal médico examinó al bebé y se determinó que estaba saludable y a término. El bebé fue ubicado con una buena familia que ya había sido aprobada para adoptarlo por el Departamento de Servicios para Niños y Familias

# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES - DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH CERTIFICATION ON MEDI-CAL CLAIM (MH1982) for Fiscal Years 2009-2010, 2010-2011 AND 2011-2012

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ADDITIONAL GROUP PROVIDERS  The following providers provide specialty mental health services on behalf of the group and are covered under the required group insurance(s):				
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LIST OF PROVIDER(S) UNDER CONTRACT WITH	H GROUP:			
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PLEASE NOTE: You may only bill for services provided by individuals on this list and/or those

CONTRACTOR:\_

Send us a **copy** of your contract (following sub-contracting guidelines in the Agreement) with individuals(s) you contract with. Have these individual(s) complete the **Subcontractor Employee Acknowledgement** of **Employer Form** and retain in your files. Employees need to complete the **Contractor Employee Acknowledgement** of **Employer Form** and retain in your files.

Deletions/changes must be submitted in writing to Contracts Development and Administration Division, 550 S. Vermont, 5th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90020, Attention: Managed Care Section. Photocopy this form if you need additional space.

## COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH MEDI-CAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT UNIQUE GROUP PROVIDER

CONTRACTOR:	
UCLA Neuropsychiatric and Behavioral Services	
	Contract Number
	GR0053840, GPS000090
	Provider Number
Business Address:	MH6022
10920 Wilshire Blvd. #1010	Reference Number
Campus Mail Code 692346	
Los Angeles, CA 90024-6502	Supervisorial District 2

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# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES-DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH MEDI-CAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT UNIQUE GROUP PROVIDER

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	UCLA Neuropsychiatric and Behavioral Services
	(hereafter "Contractor") Business Address:
	10920 Wilshire Blvd. #1010
	Campus Mail Code 692346
	Los Angeles, CA 90024-6502

WHEREAS, County finds it necessary to provide eligible beneficiaries in Los Angeles County with a continuum of professional services authorized by the California Welfare and Institutions Code Section 5775 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, County has determined that it has an insufficient workforce to perform these services; and

WHEREAS, County is authorized to contract with providers for culturally sensitive and linguistically appropriate professional services for beneficiaries who are in need of specialty mental health services pursuant to California Welfare and Institutions Code Section 5775 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, County desires to contract with an independent Contractor for the purpose of providing Medi-Cal reimbursable professional services to beneficiaries of Los Angeles County pursuant to Government Code Section 31000; and

WHEREAS, Contractor has the expertise and requisite licensure to practice as a mental health professional and is qualified to provide the desired professional services for County in accordance with the terms, conditions, and all applicable Federal, State and local laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, manuals, guidelines and directives.

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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, business and communities. This philosophy of teamwork and collaboration is anchored in the shared values of:

Responsiveness
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> Integrity

Professionalism

> Commitment

> Accountability

> A Can-Do Attitude

> Compassion

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, culturallycompetent, 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. <u>SERVICES TO BE PERFORMED</u>: In consideration of the payments hereafter set forth, Contractor, under the direction of the Director of Mental Health or authorized designee, shall perform specialty mental health services for County in accordance with the terms, conditions, and covenants set forth herein, requirements in the Local Mental Health Plan (LMHP) Provider Manual, LMHP Provider Bulletins, Attachment II (Service Provisions) attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference with the understanding that the County does not guarantee referrals.

# 2. TERM:

A. <u>Period</u>: The term of this Agreement shall commence on this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_ and shall continue in full force and effect through <u>June 30, 2014</u>.

# B. Termination:

- (1) Either party may terminate this Agreement at any time without cause by giving at least thirty (30) days prior written notice to the other party.
- (2) This Agreement may be terminated by County immediately if the County and/or the State determine that:
  - (a) There is an immediate threat to the health and safety of beneficiaries; or
- (b) Any Federal, State, and/or County funds are not available for this Agreement or any portion thereof; or
- (c) Credentialing Review Committee (CRC) recommends termination in accordance with procedures in Section 18, "Alternate Dispute Resolution and over Threshold Resolution and Processes" in the LMPH Provider Manual: or The CRC does not recommend termination based on Section 18. Both the Alternate Dispute Resolution Process and the Appeal Process for Over Threshold Requests do not involve the CRC.
- (d) Contractor is deemed to be insolvent and/or in default; has received or offered gratuities; has solicited unlawfully or improperly; or
- (3) County may terminate this Agreement upon ninety (90) days' notice to Contractor in the event Contractor has failed to comply with any of the provisions of Paragraph 8 (Indemnification and Insurance), 10 (Delegation, Assignment and Subcontracting), 18 (Nondiscrimination in Services), 19 (Nondiscrimination in Employment), 22 (Conflict of Interest), 27 (Child Support Compliance Program), 28 (Licenses, Permits, Registrations, Accreditations and Certificates), 33 (Certification of Drug-Free Workplace), and/or 36 (County Lobbyists). During the ninety (90) day period, Contractor shall attempt to cure the alleged breach to County's reasonable satisfaction. If Contractor fails to cure the breach to County's reasonable satisfaction, then the County may terminate this Agreement effective at the end of

the ninety (90)-day period. The parties may agree to extend the time period in which Contractor may cure the alleged breach.

- (4) In the event that this Agreement is terminated or expires, all obligations to provide covered services under this Agreement shall automatically terminate on the effective date of the termination or expiration of this Agreement.
- (a) Contractor shall be responsible for providing covered services to Contractor's current beneficiaries until the termination or expiration of this Agreement.
- (b) Contractor shall be responsible for notifying Contractor's current beneficiaries in writing of the termination or expiration of this agreement in accordance with the requirements in the LMHP Provider Manual or through Provider Bulletins.
- (b) Contractor shall remain liable for all costs related to all transfers of beneficiaries receiving services, shall not charge these costs to this Agreement, and shall not be reimbursed in any way.
- (c) Contractor shall remain liable for the processing and payment of invoices and statements for covered services provided to beneficiaries until such expiration or termination of this Agreement.
- 3. <u>ADMINISTRATION</u>: Director shall have the authority to administer this Agreement on behalf of County. Contractor shall designate in writing James Rossie, Assistant Director, Contracting who shall function as liaison with County regarding Contractor's performance hereunder.

# 4. <u>TERMINATION FOR DEFAULT:</u>

- 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 other provisions of this Agreement, or so fails to make progress as to endanger performance 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 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 4 shall not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this Agreement.
- 5. 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 (213) 974-0914 or (800) 544-6861.

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

# 6. PAYMENT:

# A. Reimbursement:

- (1) Reimbursement shall be based on the Contractor's submission of a Short-Doyle/Medi-Cal claim for the prevailing rates shown in the Rate Schedule(s) in the LMHP Provider Manual, or through the LMHP Provider Bulletins, which are published and distributed to Contractor by DMH's Medi-Cal Professional Services. Contractor hereby acknowledges receipt of the LMHP Provider Manual.
- (2) DMH shall have the option to deny payment for services when documentation of clinical work does not meet minimum State and County standards.
- (3) Reimbursement shall only be made for Medi-Cal services on a properly submitted electronic claim and which meets medical necessity as defined in the California Code of Regulations (CCR) Title 9, Chapter 11, Sections 1820.205, 1830.205, and 1830.210(a) (1)-(2)-(3) and only to the extent that funds allocated by State for County are available specifically for Medi-Cal services. Reimbursement at rates listed in the LMHP Provider Manual or the LMHP Provider Bulletins shall be payment in full, subject to third party liability and beneficiary share of cost, for the specialty mental health services provided to a beneficiary.

Contractor shall be solely liable and responsible for the accuracy and veracity of all data and information provided by Contractor to County for submission to the State in support of all claims for Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment Program (EPSDT) Title XIX Medi-Cal services, and/or Title XIX Short-Doyle/Medi-Cal services, and/or Emergency Assistance services and for any subsequent State approvals or denials of such claims that are based on data and information provided by the Contractor.

- (4) Contractor shall process all EPSDT Title XIX Medi-Cal and/or Title XIX Short-Doyle/Medi-Cal, and or Emergency Assistance Explanation of Balance (EOB) or other data within six months from the date of service as stated in the LMHP Provider Manual or the LMHP Provider Bulletins.
- (5) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, Contractor shall hold County harmless from and against any loss to Contractor resulting from any such State denials, unresolved EOB claims, and/or Federal and/or State audit disallowances.

Further, 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.

- B. <u>Suspension of Payment</u>: County reserves the right to suspend or withhold payment if, at the sole discretion of Director, County determines that Contractor is in default under any of the provisions of this Agreement or if County does not receive State and/or Federal funding due to non-appropriation of funds.
- C. <u>Time Limit for Submitting Invoices</u>: Contractor shall submit Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) compliant electronic claims for the LMHP's electronic billing systems for services to County for payment in accordance with the provisions specified in the LMHP Provider Manual. County shall not be obligated to reimburse Contractor for the services covered by any claim if Contractor submits the claim to County more than one hundred eighty (180) days after the date Contractor renders the services, or more than ninety (90) days after this Agreement terminates, whichever is earlier. Additionally, County shall not be obligated to reimburse Contractor where the claim does not meet applicable SD/MC requirements.

Contractor shall be responsible to ensure claims are submitted in a timely manner and denied claims are promptly corrected and resubmitted in order to comply with all applicable statutes of limitations.

- D. <u>Liquidated Damages</u>: Contractor agrees to take full responsibility for submitting sufficient information to substantiate claim(s) for reimbursement. Contractor is solely responsible for all corrections and for timely return of denied or rejected claim(s) for reimbursement and for providing adequate justification for such claim(s). Should the same claim(s) be denied or rejected a second time for the same reason(s), Contractor agrees to offset liquidated damages of \$1 for each and every resubmitted claim that LMHP determines was denied or rejected twice for the same reason. Contractor will not be charged the \$1 liquidated damages due to County's errors.
- E. Recovery of Overpayments: When based on State adjudication and approval of claims submitted by the Contractor, it is determined that the services was not payable from Short-Doyle/Medi-Cal and thus results in an overpayment to Contractor, or when an audit or review performed by County, State and/or Federal governments or by any other authorized agency discloses that Contractor has been overpaid for a Short-Doyle/Medi-Cal claim, the overpayment under this Agreement shall be due by Contractor to County.

For Federal audit exceptions, Federal audit appeal processes shall be followed. County recovery of Federal overpayment shall be made in accordance with all applicable Federal laws, regulations,

manuals, guidelines, and directives.

For State, County and other authorized agency audit and/or review exceptions, County shall recover the payment from Contractor within sixty days of the date of the applicable audit report or other determination of overpayment. If the State recovers the overpayment from County before the end of such sixty days, then County shall immediately recover the overpayment from Contractor. Within ten days after written notification by County to Contractor of any overpayment due by Contractor to County, Contractor shall notify County as to which of the following two payment options Contractor requests be used as the method by which the overpayment shall be recovered by County. Any overpayment shall be: (1) paid in one cash payment by Contractor to County or (2) paid by cash payment(s) by Contractor to County over a period not to exceed such sixty days. If Contractor does not so notify County within such ten days or if Contractor fails to make payment of any overpayment to County as required, then the total amount of the overpayment, as determined by Director, shall be immediately due and payable. In its sole discretion, County may withhold future payments to Contractor under this Agreement to recover overpayments in the event that Contractor fails to comply with the remedies set forth in this paragraph.

- F. <u>Claims Submission</u>: In accordance with the provisions specified in the LMHP Provider Manual, Contractor shall submit claims to County electronically and in a HIPAA-compliant format. The procedures for submitting Electronic Data Interchange/Direct Data Entry (EDI/DDE) Selected and General Requirements Agreement for the LMHP's electronic billing systems shall be as set forth in the current Trading Partner Agreement set forth in the DMH Provider Manual and/or Bulletins and said Terms and Conditions incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein. Contractor understands and agrees that if it uses the services of any 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 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. Contractors submitting claims electronically shall follow the data specifications and format established which may be updated as needed through the LMHP Provider Manual and/or Bulletins.
- G. <u>Six Months Notification of Agreement Expiration</u>: Contractor shall notify County when the Agreement is within six (6) months of expiration. Contractor shall send such notice to those persons and addresses which are set forth in Paragraph 46 (NOTICES).
- H. <u>No Payment for Services Provided Following Expiration/Termination of Contract</u>
  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 Contract. 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 Contract 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 Contract.

7. PROVIDER RESPONSIBILITY FOR TREATMENT: This Agreement shall not alter the Contractor's relationship with its patients/clients, nor interfere with Contractor's professional responsibility to those patients/clients, regardless of any determination that services delivered are or are not eligible and authorized for Medi-Cal payment.

# 8. <u>INDEMNIFICATION AND INSURANCE</u>:

A. <u>Indemnification</u>: 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 Contract.

B. <u>General Provisions for all Insurance Coverage</u>: Without limiting Contractor's indemnification of County, and in the performance of this Contract and until all of its obligations pursuant to this Contract 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 8. 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 Contract. 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 Contract.

# 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 Contract.
- (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 Sub-Contractor insurance policies at any time.
- (c) Certificates shall identify all Required Insurance coverage types and limits specified herein, reference this Contract by name or number, and be signed by an authorized representative of the insurer(s). The Insured party name on the Certificate shall match the name of the Contractor identified as the contracting party in this Contract. 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:

County of Los Angeles – Department of Mental Health
Contracts Development and Administration Division
550 South 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 Contract, 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 endorsement form is acceptable providing it satisfies the Required Insurance provisions herein.

# 3) <u>Cancellation of Insurance</u>

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) <u>Failure to Maintain Insurance</u>

Contractor's failure to maintain or to provide acceptable evidence that it maintain the Required Insurance shall constitute a material breach of the Contract, upon which County immediately may withhold payments due to Contractor, and/or suspend or terminate this Contract. 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 Contract, 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 Contract. The Contractor shall require its insurers to execute any waiver of subrogation endorsements which may be necessary to effect such waiver.

# 8) <u>Subcontractor Insurance Coverage Requirements</u>

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) <u>Deductibles and Self-Insured Retentions (SIRs)</u>

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 Contract. Contractor understands and agrees it shall maintain such coverage for a period of not less than three (3) years following Contract 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) <u>Separation of Insureds</u>

All liability policies shall provide cross-liability coverage as would be afforded by the Standard ISO (Insurance Service Office, Inc.) separation of insureds provisions with no 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 Coverage 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) <u>Commercial General Liability</u> 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

- 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 Contract, including owned, leased, hired, and/or non-owned autos, as each may be applicable.
- 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) <u>Unique Insurance Coverage</u>

# (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 of a sexual nature.

# (b) <u>Professional Liability/Errors and Omissions</u>

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.

9. <u>INDEPENDENT STATUS OF CONTRACTOR</u>: Contractor understands and agrees that all persons performing services pursuant to this Agreement are the sole employees of Contractor, who is an independent Contractor, and not employees of County. Contractor shall be solely liable and responsible for providing all persons performing work pursuant to this Agreement all compensation and benefits.

# 10. <u>DELEGATION, ASSIGNMENT AND SUBCONTRACTING</u>:

- A. <u>Delegation and Assignment</u>: Without the written consent of the Director of Mental Health or authorized designee, Contractor shall not delegate or assign its rights under this Agreement, or both, either in whole or in part. Any assignment or delegation by Contractor without the written consent of the Director of Mental Health or designee shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement upon which County may immediately terminate or suspend this Agreement. Any payments by County to any delegatee or assignee on any claim under this Agreement, in consequence of any such consent, shall be subject to offset, recoupment, or other reduction for any claim, which Contractor may have against County.
- B. <u>Subcontracting</u>: County and Contractor agree there will be no subcontractor for the term of the Agreement.
- C. Shareholders, partners, members, or other equity holders of Contractor may transfer, sell, exchange, assign, or divest themselves of any interest they may have therein. 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 legal entity other than the majority controlling interest therein at the time of execution of this Agreement, such disposition is an assignment requiring the prior written consent of County in accordance with applicable provisions of this Agreement.

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.

11. <u>ALTERATION OF TERMS</u>: No addition to, or alteration of, the terms of the body of this Agreement and/or Attachments, 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.

12. <u>WAIVER</u>: 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 12 shall not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this Agreement.

# 13. <u>CONFIDENTIALITY</u>:

- A. Contractor shall comply with all applicable laws and regulations, including, but not limited to Sections 5328 through 5330, inclusive, and Section 14100.2 of the Welfare and Institutions Code Title 42 United States Code of Federal Regulations, Section 431.300 et seq., regarding the confidentiality of beneficiary information.
- B. Contractor shall not use identifying information for any purpose except for statistical information or carrying out the Contractor's obligations under this Agreement.

# 14. REPORTING OF PATIENT/CLIENT ABUSE AND RELATED PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS:

- A. <u>Elders and Dependent Adults Abuse</u>: Contractor, and all persons employed or subcontracted, by Contractor, shall comply with WIC Section 15630 <u>et seq.</u> 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, 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. <u>Minor Children Abuse</u>: Contractor, and all persons employed or subcontracted by Contractor, shall comply with California Penal Code (hereafter "PC") Section 11164 <u>et seq.</u> and shall report all known or suspected instances of child abuse to an appropriate child protective agency, as mandated by California Penal Code 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 PC Sections 11166 and 11167.

# C. Contractor Staff:

- (1) Although clerical and other nontreatment staff are not required to report suspected cases of abuse, they should consult with mandated reporters upon suspecting any abuse.
- (2) 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.
- (3) Contractor shall not employ or continue to employ, or shall take other appropriate action to fully protect all persons receiving services under this Agreement concerning, 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.

# 15. MONITORING, QUALITY IMPROVEMENT, RECORDS, AND AUDITS:

- A. Contractor shall establish clinical records in accordance with the structure and content specified by DMH. All services provided to a beneficiary, for which Medi-Cal reimbursement is sought, must be documented in this record in a manner which complies with all applicable regulations and standards established by CDMH and DMH. Contractor shall make clinical records available upon request to other County DMH contract providers who participate in the consolidated Medi-Cal program.
- B. Contractor shall be responsible for complying with all CDMH and DMH quality improvement (QI) standards and requirements as specified in this Agreement, the LMHP Provider Manual, and all LMHP Provider Bulletins regarding QI.
- C. Contractor agrees to provide clinical records to County, and any Federal or State Department (e.g., CDMH, CDHS, State Department of Justice, United States Department of Health and Human Services, and the Controller General of the United States) having monitoring or reviewing authority, to County's authorized representatives and/or their appropriate audit agencies, at reasonable times during normal business hours. Contractor also agrees to provide access to and the right to monitor all work performed under this Agreement, evaluate the quality, appropriateness and timeliness of services performed, and examine and audit all records and documents necessary to determine compliance with relevant Federal, State, and local statutes, rules and regulations, and this Agreement.
- D. Contractor shall maintain and preserve all records relating to this Agreement at a location in Los Angeles County for a minimum period of seven (7) years following the expiration or termination date of this Agreement, the discharge of the beneficiary or termination of services (except that the records of minors at the time of discharge shall be kept at least one year after such minor has reached the age of eighteen years and in any case not less than seven years), or until County, State and/or Federal audit findings applicable to such services are fully resolved, whichever is later. During such retention period, all such records shall be made available during County's normal business hours to authorized representatives of County, State, and/or Federal governments for purposes of inspection, program review, and/or audit.
- E. The contracting parties shall be subject to the examination and audit of the Auditor General for a period of three (3) years after final payment under contract (Government Code Section 8546.7).
- F. Contractor may be required to pay back reimbursement received for claimed services that do not, on subsequent review/audit, meet minimum State and County standards.
- 16. <u>COUNTY'S QUALITY ASSURANCE PLAN</u>: The County or its agent will evaluate Contractor's performance under this Agreement on not less than an annual basis. Such evaluation will include assessing Contractor's compliance with all contract terms and performance standards. Contractor deficiencies which County determines are severe or continuing and that may place performance of the Agreement in jeopardy if

not corrected will be reported to the Board of Supervisors. The report will 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 impose other penalties as specified in this Agreement.

17. <u>REPORTS AND DATA ENTRY</u>: Contractor shall submit reports and comply with data entry requirements of the LMHP.

# 18. NONDISCRIMINATION IN SERVICES:

A. Contractor shall not discriminate in the provision of services to beneficiaries hereunder because of race, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, age, marital status, physical or mental handicap, or medical conditions, 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 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 quota, 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 action to ensure that intended beneficiaries of this Agreement are provided services without regard to ability to pay or source of payment, race, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, age, marital status, 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.

# 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, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, age, marital status, physical or mental handicap, medical condition, or political affiliation, and in compliance with all applicable Federal and State anti-discrimination laws and regulations.
- B. Contractor shall take affirmative action to ensure that qualified applicants are employed, and that employees are treated equally during employment, without regard to race, religion, color, national origin,

ancestry, sex, age, marital status, physical or mental handicap, medical condition, or political affiliation. Such action shall include, but is not limited to, the following: employment, upgrading, demotion, transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff or termination, rates of pay or other forms of compensation, and selection for training, including apprenticeship.

- C. Contractor shall deal with its subcontractors, bidders, or vendors without regard to or because of race, religion, color, ancestry, national origin, sex, age, marital status, physical or mental handicap, medical conditions, or political affiliation. Further, Contractor shall give written notice of its obligation 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. While 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. <u>FAIR LABOR STANDARDS</u>: 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. <u>EMPLOYMENT ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION</u>: 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.

# 22. <u>CONFLICT OF INTEREST</u>:

- 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. No employee, officer, or board member of Contractor who may financially benefit from the provision of services hereunder shall in any way participate in the County's review and/or approval/denial of service plans of beneficiaries treated by Contractor or by entities in which they has a financial interest.
- C. Contractor shall comply with all conflict of interest laws, ordinances and regulations now in effect or hereafter to be 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.
- 23. <u>UNLAWFUL SOLICITATION</u>: 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 service of all those bar associations within the County of Los Angeles that have such a service.
- 24. 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.

# 25. COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAW:

A. Contractor shall comply with all Federal, including, but not limited to Title XIX of the Social Security Act, State, CCR Title 9, Chapter 11, Subchapter 1, Article 1, Section 1810 and local laws,

ordinances, rules, regulations, manuals, guidelines, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards, and directives applicable to its performance hereunder and with contractual obligations of the LMHP under its contract with CDMH. Further, all provisions required thereby to be included in this Agreement are hereby incorporated herein by reference.

- B. Contractor shall comply with all Federal, State and local laws, and LMHP policies and procedures and guidelines regarding the confidentiality of mental health information. This includes, but may not be limited to, information obtained or released either directly by the Contractor or from or through DMH staff or County's Information System (IS).
- C. 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.
- D. Contractor shall maintain in effect an active compliance program in accordance with the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Inspector General, Publication of the OIG Compliance Program for Individual and Small Group Physician Practices (2000).
- 26. <u>CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITY AND DEBARMENT</u>: The following requirements set forth in the County's Non-Responsibility and Debarment Ordinance (Title 2, Chapter 2.202) or 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, 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 terminates any or all existing contracts he 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 any 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, or 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 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 years, that Contractor may, after the debarment has been in effect for at least five 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 years: (2) the debarment has been in effect for at least five 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.

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 recommendations to the Board of Supervisors. The Board of Supervisors shall have the right to modify, deny or adopt the proposed decisions and recommendation of the Contractor Hearing Board.

- 1. These terms shall also apply to subcontractor/subconsultants of Contractors.
- J. Contractor shall maintain in effect an active compliance program in accordance with the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Inspector General, Publication of the OIG Compliance Program for Individual and Small Group Physician Practices (2000).

# 27. CHILD SUPPORT COMPLIANCE PROGRAM:

A. <u>Contractor's Warranty of Adherence to County's Child Support Compliance Program:</u>
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 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 4 (TERMINATION FOR DEFAULT) and pursue debarment of Contractor, pursuant to County Code Chapter 2.202.
- 28. <u>LICENSES, PERMITS, REGISTRATIONS, ACCREDITATIONS, AND CERTIFICATES</u>: Contractor shall obtain and maintain in effect during the term of this Agreement, all licenses, permits, registrations, accreditations, credentials, and certificates 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. A copy of each such license, permit, registration, accreditation, credentials and certificates as required by all applicable Federal, State, and local laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, manuals, guidelines and directives shall be provided, upon request, to DMH's Contracts Development and Administration Division.
- 29. <u>USE OF RECYCLED-CONTENT PAPER PRODUCTS</u>: Consistent with the Board of Supervisors' policy to reduce the amount of solid waste deposited at the County landfills, Contractor agrees to use

recycled-content paper to the maximum extent possible on the Project.

- 30. <u>AUTHORIZATION WARRANTY</u>: 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.
- 31. 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.
- 32. <u>PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS AND LITERATURE</u>: 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.
- 33. <u>CERTIFICATION OF DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE</u>: Contractor certifies and agrees that it shall comply with the requirements of the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1990 (Government Code Section 8350 <u>et seq.</u>). 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 <u>nolo contendere</u> to any criminal drug statute violation occurring at any such facility or work site, then Contractor, within five days thereafter, shall notify Director in writing. Violation of this provision shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement upon which County may immediately terminate or suspend this Agreement.
- 34. <u>MAINTENANCE STANDARDS FOR SERVICE DELIVERY SITES</u>: 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.
- 35. <u>RESTRICTIONS ON LOBBYING</u>: 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.
- 36. <u>COUNTY LOBBYISTS</u>: 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.

37. CONTRACTOR'S EXCLUSION FROM PARTICIPATION IN A FEDERALLY FUNDED PROGRAM: Contractor hereby warrants that neither it nor any of its staff members is restricted or excluded 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 thirty (30) calendar days in writing of: (1) any event that would require Contractor or a staff member's mandatory exclusion from participation in a Federally funded health care program; and (2) any exclusionary action taken by any agency of the Federal government 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.

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 OIG has the discretion not to exclude. The mandatory bases for 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 healthcare 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 healthcare 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.

Failure by Contractor to meet the requirements of this Paragraph 37 shall constitute a material breach of Agreement upon which County may immediately terminate or suspend this Agreement.

## 38. HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT:

A. The parties acknowledge the existence of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 and its implementing regulations ('HIPAA'). Contractor understands and agrees that, as a *provider of medical treatment services*, 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 that such obligations relate to <u>transactions and code sets</u>, <u>privacy</u>, and <u>security</u>. Contractor understands and agrees that it is separately and independently responsible for compliance with HIPAA 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, 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 compliance and agree to take all necessary and reasonable actions to comply with the requirements of HIPAA law and implementing regulations related to <u>Transactions and Code Sets</u>, <u>Privacy</u>, and <u>Security</u>. 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.
- D. Contractor and County understand and agree that HIPAA has imposed additional requirements in regards to changes in DMH's Integrated System (IS).
- (1) County desires to clarify IS terminology under this Agreement as it relates to HIPAA, and accordingly, has set forth in Attachment IV (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 LMHP Provider Manual and which are incorporated herein by reference as though full set forth.
- (a) County has added to the LMHP 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 LMHP Provider Manual an Electronic Data Interchange/Direct Data Entry (EDI/DDE) Selection and General Requirements Agreement, which includes the method in which Contractor or its Subcontractor(s) elects to submit HIPAA-compliant transactions and requirements for these transactions.
- (c) County has added to the LMHP 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 <a href="http://dmh.lacounty.info/hipaa/index.html">http://dmh.lacounty.info/hipaa/index.html</a> related to the services under this Agreement and the parties' HIPAA obligations, an agrees to undertake reasonable efforts to utilize said website to obtain updates, other information, and formds 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 LMHP Provider Manual shall apply to this Agreement and that said Terms and Conditions are incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.

# 39. COMPLIANCE WITH JURY SERVICE PROGRAM:

A. <u>Jury Service Program</u>: 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 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 County Contractor and has received or will receive an aggregate sum of \$50,000 or more in an 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 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 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.

# 40. 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 VI of this Agreement and is also available on the Internet at <a href="https://www.babysafela.org">www.babysafela.org</a>.

# 41. <u>CONTRACTOR'S ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTY'S COMMITMENT TO THE SAFELY SURRENDERED BABY LAW:</u>

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.

# 42. <u>CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, INELIGIBILITY AND VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION - LOWER TIER COVERED TRANSACTIONS (45 C.F.R. PART 76):</u>

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

43. <u>PERFORMANCE STANDARDS AND OUTCOME MEASURES</u>: The Contractor shall comply with all applicable Federal, State, and County policies and procedures relating to performance standards and outcome measures. This is applicable whenever specific Federal or State funding, which has policies or

procedures for performance standards and/or outcome measures has been included as part of the Contractor's contract and shall apply for all County policies, procedures, or departmental bulletins approved by the Director oh his designee for performance standards and/or outcome measures. County will notify Contractor whenever County policies or procedures are to apply to this contract provision at least, where feasible, 30 calendar days prior to implementation.

These Federal, State or County performance standards and/or outcome measures will be used as part of the determination of the effectiveness of the services delivered by the Contractor.

- 44. <u>CONTRACTOR'S CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COMPLIANCE</u>: 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 III, 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).
- 45. <u>LOCAL SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PREFERENCE PROGRAM</u>: 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:

- 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.

# 46. <u>FORCE MAJEURE</u>:

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 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 forgoing, a default by a subcontractor of Contractor shall not constitute a 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 the required performance schedule. 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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NOTICES: All notices or demands required or permitted to be given under this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be hand 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, which may include, but not be limited to, changes in name or address, 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 days prior written notice thereof to the other party.

To Contractor:	UCLA Neuropsychiatric and Behavioral Services		
	10920 Wilshire Blvd. #1010		
	Campus Mail Code 692346		
	Los Angeles, CA 90024-6502		
To County:	Department of Mental Health		
	Contracts Development and Administration Division		
	550 South Vermont Avenue, 5th Floor		
	Los Angeles, CA 90020		
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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
	UCLA Neuropsychiatric and Behavioral Services CONTRACTOR
	Ву
	Name
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	(AFFIX CORPORATE SEAL HERE IF APPLICABLE)
APPROVED AS TO FORM OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL	
APPROVED AS TO CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION:	
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# County of Los Angeles – Department of Mental Health Medi-Cal Professional Services Agreement

# **DEFINITIONS**

The following terms, as used in this Agreement, shall have the following meanings:

- A. <u>Beneficiary</u> means any individual certified as eligible under the Medi-Cal Program according to California Code of Regulation (CCR), Title XXII, Section 51001.
- B. <u>Contractor</u> means any independent health/mental health provider or organization certified or credentialed to provide services to beneficiaries and to contract with the Local Mental Health Plan (LMHP).
- C. <u>Centers for Medicare and Medi-Cal Services (CMS)</u> formerly Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA).
- D. <u>Credentialing Review Committee (CRC)</u> means the confidential multi-disciplinary group that reviews and considers the applications of all mental health providers whose credentials do not clearly meet the standards for credentialing in the LMHP Provider Network.
- E. <u>Director</u> means the County's Director of Mental Health or authorized designee.
- F. <u>DMH</u> means the County's Department of Mental Health.
- G. <u>Electronic or electronically when used to describe a form of claims submission</u> means any claim submitted through any electronic means, such as telecommunications, or modem communications.
- H. <u>Fee-For-Service (FFS)</u> means a payment system in which providers are paid a specific amount for each service performed as it is rendered and identified by a claim for payment.
- FFP means the Federal Financial Participation for Fee-For-Service Medi-Cal services as authorized by Title XIX of the Social Security Act, Title 42, United States Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1396 et seq.
- J. <u>Fiscal Year</u> means the County's Fiscal Year which commences July 1 and ends the following June 30.
- K. Group Provider means an organization that provides specialty mental health services through two or more individual providers as defined in Title 9, CCR, Section 1810.218.2. Group providers may include entities such as independent practice associations, hospital outpatient departments, health care service plans, and clinics.
- L. <u>HCFA</u> Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA).

- M. <u>Individual Provider</u> means licensed mental health professional whose scope of practice permits the practice of psychotherapy without supervision who provides specialty mental health services directly to beneficiaries under the LMHP. Individual providers include licensed physicians, licensed psychologists, licensed social workers, licensed marriage family therapists and registered nurses with a master's degree within his/her scope of practice. Individual provider does not include licensed mental health professionals when they are acting as employees of any organizational provider or contractors of organization providers other than the LMHP.
- N. <u>LMHP Medi-Cal Specialty Mental Health Services Network Provider Manual</u> (hereafter "LMHP Provider Manual") means the document which contains the formal requirements, policies, procedures and rates of reimbursement governing the provision of specialty mental health professional services by LMHP enrolled and contracted network providers. The LMHP Provider Manual is incorporated into this Agreement by reference. Contractor hereby acknowledges receipt of the LMHP Provider Manual upon execution of this Agreement.
- O. <u>LMHP Network Provider Bulletin</u> (hereafter "LMHP Provider Bulletin") means the publications periodically distributed by the LMHP to inform enrolled and contracted network providers of revisions and additions made to formal requirements, policies, procedures and rates of reimbursement outlined in the LMHP Provider Manual, that governs the provision of specialty mental health professional services to Los Angeles County Medi-Cal beneficiaries. All LMHP Provider Bulletins issued during the term of this Agreement shall be incorporated into this Agreement by reference.
- P. <u>Local Mental Health Plan (LMHP)</u> means the entity responsible for managing specialty mental health services. In Los Angeles County, the Department of Mental Health is the LMHP.
- Q. Medical Necessity means the criteria in Title 9, California Code of Regulations, Chapter 11, Section 1830.205 that must be met for LMHP reimbursement of specialty mental health services. Medical necessity requires the following three elements: 1) the presence of and included diagnosis, 2) an impairment as a result of the mental disorder, and 3) intervention criteria that address the impairment.
- R. <u>IS</u> means DMH's Information System.
- S. <u>Monitoring</u> means the process by which the LMHP reserves the right to review services provided to beneficiaries being served by the LMHP through the review of documentation Including but not limited to, client outcomes, client satisfaction, claims and time allotted to each procedure code.

- T. <u>CDHS</u> means California Department of Health Services.
- U. <u>CDMH</u> means California Department of Mental Health.
- V. <u>Specialty Mental Health Services</u> means those mental health services provided pursuant to CCR, Title 9, Chapter 11, WIC Section 14680-14685 and covered by the Procedure Codes listed in the LMHP Provider Manual.
- W. State means the State of California.
- X. <u>Title XIX</u> means Title XIX of the Social Security Act, Title 42, United States Code Section 1396 et seq.
- Y. <u>Title IX</u> means the Title IX of the California Code of Regulations.
- Z. <u>WIC</u> means the California Welfare and Institutions Code.

# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES - DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AGREEMENT MEDI-CAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

# **EXHIBIT A - SERVICE PROVISIONS**

# A. Services to be delivered:

- 1. Contractor agrees to provide any or all of the following specialty mental health services which fall within the scope and practice of the professional license granted by the State of California, or granted by a State with reciprocal agreements with the State of California which recognizes the mental health treatment standards and requirements of the other:
  - mental health assessment and evaluation services
  - medication services for mental health treatment
  - mental health treatment services
  - psychological testing services

These services are described in the Department of Mental Health Policies and Procedures Manual, the County of Los Angeles Department of Mental Health Local Mental Health Plan (LMHP) Medi-Cal Specialty Mental Health Services Provider Manual (LMHP Provider Manual) and subsequent LMHP Provider Bulletins.

- The prescribing and/or administration of psychotropic medications and reevaluations for the purpose of determining the course of medication treatment may only be reimbursed to a Board eligible or Board certified psychiatrist or a Psychiatric/Mental Health Nurse Practitioner. The dispensing and storage of medication must be in compliance with all pertinent State and Federal standards.
- 3. All psychological testing must be pre-approved and may only be reimbursed to a California licensed psychologist or a Board eligible or Board certified psychiatrist with the requisite training in psychological testing.
- B. Contractor shall be reimbursed under appropriate and specified circumstances for specialty mental health services provided to Medi-Cal beneficiaries of any age by:
  - Board eligible or Board certified Psychiatrists
  - Licensed Clinical Psychologists
  - Psychiatric/Mental Health Nurse Practitioners
- C. Contractor shall be reimbursed under appropriate and specified circumstances for specialty mental health services provided to Medi-Cal beneficiaries less than 21 years of age by:
  - Licensed Clinical Social Workers
  - Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists
  - Psychiatric/Mental Health Clinical Nurse Specialists certified to provide psychotherapy independently
- D. Medi-Cal beneficiaries shall be electronically enrolled in the Department's Integrated System as described in the LMHP Policies and Procedures Manual, the LMHP Provider Manual and subsequent LMHP Provider Bulletins.

- E. Contractor shall comply with all documentation requirements established by the State Department of Mental Health (SDMH) and according to the standards and guidelines established by the LMHP. Services shall not be reimbursed without the required documentation.
- F. Contractor agrees to provide specialty mental health services under this Agreement only to those beneficiaries who are Medi-Cal eligible and meet the medical necessity criteria established by the SDMH.
- G. Contractor agrees that only one claim for conjoint or family specialty mental health services is to be submitted regardless of the number of clients present.
- H Contractor agrees to refer beneficiaries to the LMHP ACCESS Center and to LMHP directly operated and contract providers when appropriate.
- I. Contractor agrees to refer beneficiaries to the primary care physician when appropriate.
- J. Contractor agrees to provide consultation services at the prevailing service rates provided in the LMHP Provider Manual and subsequent LMHP Provider Bulletins.
- K. Contractor agrees to maintain confidentiality as enumerated in all relevant laws, regulations, and statutes as apply to mental health services.
- L. Contractor shall follow established procedures as outlined in the LMHP Provider Manual and subsequent LMHP Provider Bulletins for beneficiary complaints and shall make records of beneficiary complaints available for authorized review by County and State.

# CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS CERTIFICATION

Com	pany Name
Addre	ess
Interr	nal Revenue Service Employer Identification Number
Califo	ornia Registry of Charitable Trusts "CT" number (if applicable)
Supe	Nonprofit Integrity Act (SB 1262, Chapter 919) added requirements to California's rvision of Trustees and Fundraisers for Charitable Purposes Act which regulates those ving and raising charitable contributions.
Chec	k the Certification below that is applicable to your company.
	Proposer or Contractor has examined its activities and determined that it does not now receive or raise charitable contributions regulated under California's Supervision of Trustees and Fundraisers for Charitable Purposes Act. If Proposer engages in activities subjecting it to those laws during the term of a County contract, it will timely comply with them and provide County a copy of its initial registration with the California State Attorney General's Registry of Charitable Trusts when filed.
	OR
	Proposer or Contractor is registered with the California Registry of Charitable Trusts under the CT number listed above and is in compliance with its registration and reporting requirements under California law. Attached is a copy of its most recent filing with the Registry of Charitable Trusts as required by Title 11 California Code of Regulations, sections 300-301 and Government Code sections 12585-12586.
Signa	ature Date
Name	e and Title of Signer (please print)

# ATTESTATION REGARDING FEDERALLY FUNDED PROGRAMS

In accordance with the DMH Medi-Cal Professional Services Agreement's Paragraph 41 (CONTRACTOR'S EXCLUSION FROM PARTICIPATION IN A FEDERALLY FUNDED PROGRAM):

I, the undersigned certify that I am not presently excluded from participation in federally funded health care programs, nor is there an investigation presently pending or recently concluded of me which is likely to result in my exclusion from any federally funded health care program, nor am I otherwise likely to be found by a federal or state agency to be ineligible to provide goods or services under the federally funded health care programs.

I further certify as the official responsible for the administration of specialty mental health services, (hereafter "Contractor") that all of its officers, employees, agents and/or sub-contractors are not presently excluded from participation in any federally funded health care programs, nor is there an investigation presently pending or recently concluded of any such officers, employees, agents and/or sub-contractors which is likely to result in an exclusion from any federally funded health care program, nor are any of its officers, employees, agents and/or sub-contractors otherwise likely to be found by a federal or state agency to be ineligible to provide goods or services under the federally funded health care programs.

I understand and certify that I will notify DMH within thirty (30) calendar days, in writing of:

- Any event that would require Contractor or any of its officers, employees, agents and/or sub-contractors exclusion or suspension under federally funded health care programs, or
- Any suspension or exclusionary action taken by an agency of the federal or state government against Contractor, or one or more of its officers, employees, agents and/or sub-contractors, barring it or its officers, employees, agents and/or sub-contractors from providing goods or services for which federally funded healthcare program payment may be made.

Name of authorized official	
	Please print name
Signature of authorized official	Date

2009-2010 Fee For Service Group Agreement-Attachment V Attestation Regarding Federally Funded Programs

# **CROSSWALK FACT SHEET**

Current Language		D. <u>New Language</u>		
0	Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA)	0	Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)	
0	Explanation of Benefits (EOB)	0	Remittance Advice (RA)	
0	Mode of Service and Service Function Code (SFC)	0	No parallel in IS, carried only in MIS	
0	Activity Code	0	HIPAA Compliant Procedure codes from the following HCPCS:	
			CPT Codes: Current Procedural Terminology published by the American Medical Association is a list of codes representing procedures or services.	
			HCPCS Codes (Level II): HCFA and other Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Codes are used and approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid to describe and accurately report procedures and services.	
			<b>UB92:</b> Refers to coding standards designated by HIPAA.	
0	DSM IV	0	IS converts DSM IV to ICD-9 for claiming:	
			ICD-9 Codes: (International Classification of Diseases), 9 <sup>th</sup> Revision Codes, issued and authorized by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid, to describe and accurately report health related procedures and Diagnoses.	
0	Staff Code and Discipline Code	0	Rendering Provider and Taxonomy	
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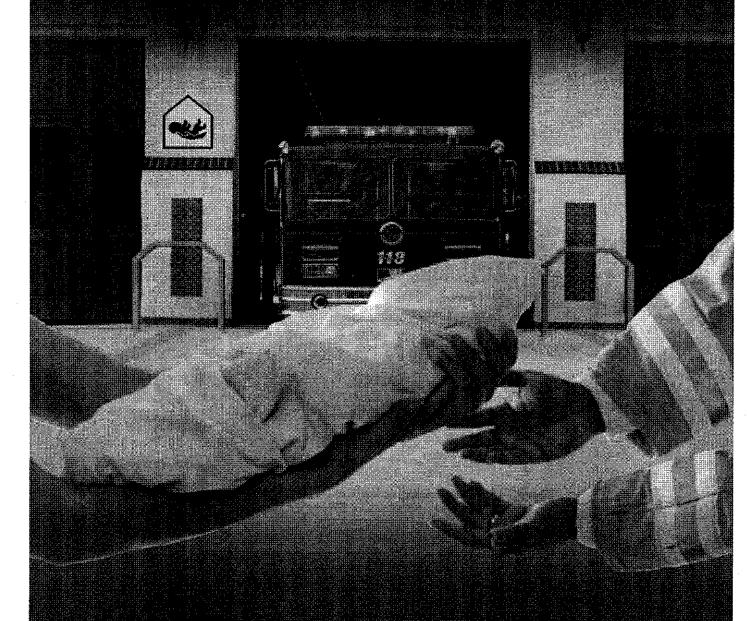
# DMH FEE-FOR-SERVICE AGREEMENT

# SAFELY SURRENDERED BABY LAW

Posters and Fact Sheets are available in English and Spanish for printing purposes at the following website:

www.babysafela.org

# Safelysurrendered



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In Los Angeles County: 1-877-BABY SAFE • 1-877-222-9723

www.babysafela.org



# Safely Surrendered Baby Law

What is the Safely Surrendered Baby Law?

# How does it work?

A distressed parent who is unable or unwilling to care for a baby can legally, confidentially, and safely surrender a baby within three days (72 hours) of birth. The baby must be handed to an employee at a hospital or fire station in Los Angeles County. As long as the baby shows no sign of abuse or neglect, no name or other information is required. In case the parent changes his or her mind at a later date and wants the baby back, staff will use bracelets to help connect them to each other. One: bracelet will be placed on the baby, and a matching bracelet will be given to the parent or other surrendering adult.

# What if a parent wants the baby back?

Parents who change their minds can begin the process of reclaiming their baby within 14 days. These parents should call the Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services at 1-800-540-4000.

# Can only a parent bring in the baby?

No. While in most cases a parent will bring in the baby, the Law allows other people to bring in the baby if they have lawful custody.

# Does the parent or surrendering adult have to call before bringing in the baby?

No. A parent or surrendering adult can bring in a baby anytime, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, as long as the parent or surrendering adult surrenders the baby to someone who works at the hospital or fire station.

# Does the parent or surrendering adult have to tell anything to the people taking the baby?

No. However, hospital or fire station personnel will ask the surrendering party to fill out a questionnaire designed to gather important medical history information, which is very useful in caring for the baby. The questionnaire includes a stamped return envelope and can be sent in at a later time.

# What happens to the baby?

The baby will be examined and given medical treatment. Upon release from the hospital, social workers immediately place the baby in a safe and loving home and begin the adoption process.

# What happens to the parent or surrendering adult?

Once the parent or surrendering adult surrenders the baby to hospital or fire station personnel, they may leave at any time.

## Why is California doing this?

The purpose of the Safely Surrendered Baby Law is to protect babies from being abandoned, hurt or killed by their parents. You may have heard tragic stories of babies left in dumpsters or public bathrooms. Their parents may have been under severe emotional distress. The mothers may have hidden their pregnancies, fearful of what would happen if their families found out. Because they were afraid and had no one or nowhere to turn for help, they abandoned their babies. Abandoning a baby is illegal and places the baby in extreme danger. Too often, it results in the baby's death. The Safely Surrendered Baby Law prevents this tragedy from ever happening again in California

# A baby's story

Early in the morning on April 9, 2005, a healthy baby boy was safely surrendered to nurses at Harbore
UCLA Medical Center. The woman who brought the baby to the hospital identified herself as the baby's aunt
and stated the baby's mother had asked her to bring the baby to the hospital on her behalf. The aunt was given a
bracelet with a number enarching the anklet placed on the baby; this would provide some identification in the event the
mother changed her mind about surrendering the baby and wished to reclaim the baby in the I4-day period allowed by the
Law. The aunt was also provided with a medical questionnaire and said she would have the mother complete and mail back in
the stamped return envelope provided. The baby was examined by medical staff and pronounced healthy and full-term. He was placed
with a loving family that had been approved to adopt him by the Department of Children and Family Services.

# Ley de Entrega de Bebés Sin Peligro



Los recién nacidos pueden ser entregados en forma segura al personal de cualquier hospital o cuartel de bomberos del Condado de Los Ángeles

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# Ley de Entrega de Bebés Sin Peligro

¿Qué es la Ley de Entrega de Bebés sin Peligro?

Cada recién nacido se merece la oportunidad de tener una vida saludable. Si alguien que usted conoce está pensando en abandonar a un recién nacido, infórmele que tiene otras opciones. Hasta tres días (72 horas) después del nacimiento, se puede entregar un recién nacido al personal de cualquier hospital o cuartel de bomberos del condado de Los Angeles.

## ¿Cómo funciona?

El padre/madre con dificultades que no pueda o no quiera cuidar de su recién nacido puede entregarlo en forma legal, confidencial y segura dentro de los tres días (72 horas) del nacimiento. El bebé debe ser entregado a un empleado de cualquier hospital o cuartel de bomberos del Condado de Los Angeles. Siempre que el bebé no presente signos de abuso o negligencia, no será necesario suministrar nombres ni información alguna. Si el padre/madre cambia de opinión posteriormente y desea recuperar a su bebé, los trabajadores utilizarán brazaletes para poder vincularlos. El bebé llevará un brazalete y el padre/madre o el adulto que lo entregue recibirá un brazalete igual.

# ¿Qué pasa si el padre/madre desea recuperar a su bebé?

Los padres que cambien de opinión pueden comenzar el proceso de reclamar a su recién nacido dentro de los 14 días. Estos padres deberán llamar al Departamento de Servicios para Niños y Familias (Department of Children and Family Services) del Condado de Los Ángeles al 1-800-540-4000.

# ¿Sólo los padres podrán llevar al recién nacido?

No. Si bien en la mayoría de los casos son los padres los que llevan al bebé, la ley permite que otras personas lo hagan si tienen custodia legal.

### ¿Los padres o el adulto que entrega al bebé deben llamar antes de llevar al bebé?

No. El padre/madre o adulto puede llevar al bebé en cualquier momento, las 24 horas del día, los 7 días de la semana, siempre y cuando entreguen a su bebé a un empleado del hospital o cuartel de bomberos.

### ¿Es necesario que el padre/ madre o adulto diga algo a las personas que reciben al bebé?

No. Sin embargo, el personal del hospital o cuartel de bomberos le pedirá a la persona que entregue al bebé que llene un cuestionario con la finalidad de recabar antecedentes médicos importantes, que resultan de gran utilidad para cuidar bien del bebé. El cuestionario incluye un sobre con el sello postal pagado para enviarlo en otro momento.

# ¿Qué pasará con el bebé?

El bebé será examinado y le brindarán atención médica. Cuando le den el alta del hospital, los trabajadores sociales inmediatamente ubicarán al bebé en un hogar seguro donde estará bien atendido, y se comenzará el proceso de adopción.

# ¿Qué pasará con el padre/madre o adulto que entregue al bebé?

Una vez que los padres o adulto hayan entregado al bebé al personal del hospital o cuartel de bomberos, pueden irse en cualquier momento.

# ¿Por qué se está haciendo esto en California? ?

La finalidad de la Ley de Entrega de Bebés sin Peligro es proteger a los bebés para que no sean abandonados, lastimados o muertos por sus padres. Usted probablemente haya escuchado historias trágicas sobre bebés abandonados en basureros o en baños públicos. Los padres de esos bebés probablemente hayan estado pasando por dificultades emocionales graves. Las madres pueden haber ocultado su embarazo, por temor a lo que pasaría si sus familias se enteraran. Abandonaron a sus bebés porque tenían miedo y no tenían nadie a quien pedir ayuda. El abandono de un recién nacido es ilegal y pone al bebé en una situación de peligro extremo. Muy a menudo el abandono provoca la muerte del bebé. La Ley de Entrega de Bebés sin Peligro impide que vuelva a suceder esta tragedia en California.

# Historia de un bebé

A la mañana temprano del día 9 de abril de 2005, se entregó un recién nacido saludable a las enfermeras del Harbor-UCLA Medical Center. La mujer que llevó el recién nacido al hospital se dio a conocer como la tía del bebé, y dijo que la madre le había pedicio que llevara al bebé al hospital en su nombre. Le entregaron a la tía un brazalete con un número que coincidía con la pulsera del bebé; esto servirla como identificación en caso de que la madre cambiam de opinión con respecto a la entrega del bebé y decidiera recuperario dentro del período de 14 días que permite esta ley. También le dicron a la tía un cuestionario médico, y ella dijo que la madre lo llenaria y lo enviaria de vuelta dentro del sobre con franqueo pagado que le habían dado. El personal médico examinó al hebé y se determinó que estaba saludable y a término. El bebé fue ubicado con una buena familia que ya había sido aprobada para adoptarlo por el Deparamento de Servicios para Niños y Familias.

# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES - DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH CERTIFICATION ON MEDI-CAL CLAIM (MH1982) for Fiscal Years 2009-2010, 2010-2011 AND 2011-2012

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PROVIDER NUMBER(S):					
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ADDITIONAL GROUP PROVIDERS				
The following providers provide specialty mental health services on behalf of the group and are covered under the required group insurance(s):				
LIST OF PROVIDER(S) EMPLOYED BY GROUP:				
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CONTRACTOR:\_

Send us a **copy** of your contract (following sub-contracting guidelines in the Agreement) with individuals(s) you contract with. Have these individual(s) complete the **Subcontractor Employee Acknowledgement of Employer Form** and retain in your files. Employees need to complete the **Contractor Employee Acknowledgement of Employer Form** and retain in your files.

Deletions/changes must be submitted in writing to Contracts Development and Administration Division, 550 S. Vermont, 5th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90020, Attention: Managed Care Section. Photocopy this form if you need additional space.