

**CONTRACT FOR SERVICES
PLACER COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**

DESCRIPTION: Intensive Services Foster Care
CONTRACT NO.
BEGINS: July 1, 2020
ENDS: June 30, 2021
ADMINISTERING AGENCY: Health and Human Services, Children's System of Care

This is an Agreement made and operative as of the 1st day of July, 2020, between the COUNTY OF PLACER, through its Health and Human Services Department, a political subdivision of the State of California, hereinafter referred to as "COUNTY", and **Name of Contractor, a nonprofit corporation**, hereinafter referred to as "CONTRACTOR."

WHEREAS, COUNTY offers children's health and social services programs, and

WHEREAS, the COUNTY has recognized the work of the CONTRACTOR, and believes it is in the best interests of its program to provide these services by contracting for such services and facilities with CONTRACTOR, and

WHEREAS, CONTRACTOR is willing and able to perform duties and render services which are determined by the Board of Supervisors to be necessary or appropriate to the welfare of residents of COUNTY, and

WHEREAS, it is understood and agreed by and between the parties of this Agreement that they wish to enter into this Agreement in order to provide a full and complete statement of their respective responsibilities in connection with this venture during the term of this Agreement,

Therefore, in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements of this Agreement, it is understood and agreed by and between the parties as follows:

1. **SERVICES:** CONTRACTOR agrees to provide COUNTY with Intensive Services Foster Care, as set forth in Exhibit A, titled Scope of Services, attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference.
2. **AMENDMENTS:** This Agreement constitutes the entire Agreement between the parties. Any amendments or changes to this Agreement, including attachments, shall be agreed to in writing, specifying the change(s) and the effective date(s) and shall be executed by duly authorized representatives of both parties. However, in no event shall such amendments create additional liability to COUNTY or provide additional payment to CONTRACTOR except as expressly set forth in this or the amended Agreement.
3. **PAYMENT:** COUNTY will pay to CONTRACTOR as full payment for all services rendered pursuant to this Agreement for Intensive Services Foster Care at the rates as set forth in Exhibit B, titled Payment Provisions. The payment specified in Exhibit B shall be the only payment made to CONTRACTOR for services rendered pursuant to this Agreement. This rate shall be inclusive of all CONTRACTOR costs, including, but not limited to travel, transportation, lodging, meals, supplies, and incidental expenses except as otherwise might be specifically set forth in this Agreement. CONTRACTOR shall charge for travel according to the Federal General Services Administration (GSA) guidelines.
4. **OMB 2 CFR Part 200:** Except for agreements that are straight hourly rate or fee for services contracts not built on a submitted Budget, all components of payment billed to COUNTY will be calculated in accordance with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) 2 CFR Part 200.
5. **INVOICES:**

- 5.1. CONTRACTOR shall submit placement paperwork through CalWIN and COUNTY will review and approve payment as deemed appropriate, within 30 days of receipt, in accordance with Exhibit B, titled Payment Provisions.
- 5.2. Payment Delay. Notwithstanding any other terms of this Agreement, no payments will be made to CONTRACTOR until COUNTY is satisfied that work of such value has been rendered pursuant to this Agreement. However, COUNTY will not unreasonably withhold payment and, if a dispute exists, the withheld payment shall be proportional only to the item in dispute.
6. **EXHIBITS:** All exhibits referred to in this Agreement, and/or identified in the list of exhibits following the signature page, and / or otherwise attached to the Agreement are hereby incorporated herein by this reference and collectively, along with this base document, form the Agreement. In the event of any conflict or inconsistency between provisions contained in the base agreement or exhibits such conflict or inconsistency shall be resolved by giving precedence according to the following priorities: Exhibit A, Exhibit B, base agreement, then followed by any remaining exhibits. Responsibilities and obligations mandated by federal or state regulations or otherwise at law shall be liberally construed to meet legal requirements. Responsibilities and services of CONTRACTOR identified in more than one location will be construed such that the provisions mandating the greater obligations shall control.
7. **FACILITIES, EQUIPMENT AND OTHER MATERIALS:** Except as otherwise specifically provided in this Agreement, CONTRACTOR shall, at its sole cost and expense, furnish all facilities, equipment, and other materials which may be required for furnishing services pursuant to this Agreement. At COUNTY'S discretion, COUNTY may make equipment or facilities available to CONTRACTOR for CONTRACTOR'S use in furtherance of this Agreement only where a COUNTY Facility or Equipment exhibit is attached to this Agreement identifying the equipment or facilities to be used by CONTRACTOR'S personnel. If COUNTY funds equipment as part of this contract, COUNTY will retain Equipment.
8. **ACCOUNTING REQUIREMENTS:** CONTRACTOR shall comply with all applicable COUNTY, State, and Federal accounting laws, rules and regulations. CONTRACTOR shall be required to establish and maintain accounting systems and financial records that accurately account for and reflect all Federal funds received, including all matching funds from the State, COUNTY and any other local or private organizations. CONTRACTOR'S records shall reflect the expenditure and accounting of said funds in accordance with all State laws and procedures for expending and accounting for all funds and receivables, as well as meet the financial management standards in 45 CFR Part 92 and in the Office of Management and Budget 2 CFR Part 200 "Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards."
9. **RIGHT TO MONITOR AND AUDIT:** COUNTY, State and Federal Governments shall have the right to monitor all work performed under this Agreement to assure that all-applicable State and Federal regulations are met. COUNTY, State and Federal Governments shall have the right to audit all work, records and procedures related to this Agreement to determine the extent to which the program is achieving its purposes and performance goals. COUNTY will have the right to review financial and programmatic reports and will notify CONTRACTOR of any potential Federal and/or State exception(s) discovered during such examination. COUNTY will follow-up and ensure that the CONTRACTOR takes timely and appropriate action on all deficiencies.
10. **LIMITATION OF COUNTY LIABILITY FOR DISALLOWANCES:**
 - 10.1. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Agreement, COUNTY will be held harmless by CONTRACTOR from any Federal or State audit disallowance and interest resulting from payments made to CONTRACTOR pursuant to this Agreement, less the amounts already submitted to the State for the disallowed claim.

- 10.2. To the extent that a Federal or State audit disallowance and interest results from a claim or claims for which CONTRACTOR has received reimbursement for services provided, COUNTY will recoup within 30 days from CONTRACTOR through offsets to pending and future claims or by direct billing, amounts equal to the amount of the disallowance plus interest in that fiscal year, less the amounts already remitted to the State for the disallowed claim. All subsequent claims submitted to COUNTY applicable to any previously disallowed claim may be held in abeyance, with no payment made, until the Federal or State disallowance issue is resolved.
- 10.3. CONTRACTOR shall reply in a timely manner, to any request for information or to audit exceptions by COUNTY, State and Federal audit agencies that directly relate to the services to be performed under this Agreement.
- 10.4. CONTRACTOR will cooperate with COUNTY in any challenge of a disallowance by a Federal or State agency.
11. **CONTRACT TERM:** This Agreement shall remain in full force and effect from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. Contract provisions that contain report deadlines or record obligations which occur after contract termination survive as enforceable continuing obligations.
12. **CONTINGENCY OF FUNDING:**
- 12.1. Funding or portions of funding for this Agreement may be directly contingent upon state or federal budget approval; receipt of funds from, and/or obligation of funds by, the State of California or the United States Government to COUNTY; and inclusion of sufficient funding for the services hereunder in the budget approved by COUNTY'S Board of Supervisors for each fiscal year covered by this Agreement. If such approval, funding or appropriations are not forthcoming, or are otherwise limited, COUNTY may immediately terminate or modify this CONTRACT without penalty. Except in COUNTY'S sole discretion, which discretion may be limited at law, CONTRACTOR agrees and understands that in no event will any of COUNTY'S obligations under this Agreement be funded from any other COUNTY funding source.
- 12.2. Any adjustments in funding shall be made through a written contract amendment, and shall include any changes required to the Scope of Services in response to modifications in funding. The amount of such adjustment shall not exceed any augmentation or reduction in funding to COUNTY by the County of Placer Board of Supervisors, State and/or the United States government. Amendments issued in response to adjustments in funding shall be considered fully executed when approved by the CONTRACTOR and COUNTY. CONTRACTOR understands that any such amendments to this Agreement may not reflect the entire amount of any augmentation or reduction in funding provided to COUNTY for the subject services.
13. **TERMINATION:**
- 13.1. COUNTY will have the right to terminate this Agreement at any time without cause by giving thirty (30) days' notice, in writing, of such termination to CONTRACTOR. If the COUNTY gives notice of termination for cause, CONTRACTOR shall immediately cease rendering service upon receipt of such written notice. Such notice shall be personally served or given by United States Mail.
- 13.2. In the event COUNTY terminates this Agreement, CONTRACTOR shall be paid for all work performed and all reasonable allowable expenses incurred to date of termination. Should there be a dispute regarding the work performed by CONTRACTOR under this Agreement, COUNTY will pay CONTRACTOR the reasonable value of services rendered by CONTRACTOR to the date of termination pursuant to this Agreement not to exceed the amount documented by CONTRACTOR and approved by COUNTY as work accomplished to date; provided, however, that in no event shall any payment hereunder exceed the amount of

the Agreement specified in the Payment section herein, and further provided, however, COUNTY will not in any manner be liable for lost profits which might have been made by CONTRACTOR had CONTRACTOR completed the services required by this Agreement. In this regard, CONTRACTOR shall furnish to COUNTY such financial and other information as in the judgment of the COUNTY is necessary to determine the reasonable value of the services rendered by CONTRACTOR. The foregoing is cumulative and does not affect any right or remedy which COUNTY may have in law or equity.

13.3. CONTRACTOR may terminate its services under this Agreement upon sixty (60) calendar days' advance written notice to the COUNTY.

14. **STANDARD OF PERFORMANCE:** CONTRACTOR shall perform all services required pursuant to this Agreement in the manner and according to the standards observed by a competent practitioner of the profession in which CONTRACTOR is engaged in the geographical area in which CONTRACTOR practices its profession. All products or services of whatsoever nature which CONTRACTOR delivers to COUNTY pursuant to this Agreement shall be prepared in a substantial first class and workmanlike manner and conform to the standards or quality normally observed by a person practicing in CONTRACTOR'S profession. CONTRACTOR shall assign only competent personnel to perform services pursuant to this Agreement. In the event that COUNTY, in its sole discretion, desires the removal of any person or persons assigned by CONTRACTOR to perform services pursuant to this Agreement, CONTRACTOR shall remove any such person immediately upon receiving notice from COUNTY.
15. **LICENSES, PERMITS, ETC.:** CONTRACTOR represents and warrants to COUNTY that it has all licenses, permits, qualifications, and approvals of whatsoever nature which are legally required for CONTRACTOR and/or its employees to practice its/their profession. CONTRACTOR represents and warrants to COUNTY that CONTRACTOR shall, at its sole cost and expense, keep in effect or obtain at all times during the term of this Agreement, any licenses, permits, and approvals which are legally required for CONTRACTOR and/or its employees to practice its/their profession at the time the services are performed.
16. **RECORDS:**
- 16.1. This provision is intended to provide the minimum obligations with respect to records. If provisions contained elsewhere in this Agreement, or at law, provide greater obligations with respect to records or information, those obligations control. For purposes of this provision "records" is defined to mean any and all writings, as further defined in California Evidence Code section 250, whether maintained in paper or electronic form, prepared by or received by CONTRACTOR, in relation to this Agreement.
- 16.2. CONTRACTOR shall maintain, at all times, complete detailed records with regard to work performed under this Agreement in a form acceptable to COUNTY. CONTRACTOR agrees to provide documentation or reports, compile data, or make its internal practices and records available to COUNTY or personnel of authorized state or federal agencies, for purpose of determining compliance with this Agreement or other applicable legal obligations. COUNTY will have the right to inspect or obtain copies of such records during usual business hours upon reasonable notice.
- 16.3. Upon completion or termination of this Agreement, COUNTY may request CONTRACTOR deliver originals or copies of all records to COUNTY. COUNTY will have full ownership and control of all such records. If COUNTY does not request all records from CONTRACTOR, then CONTRACTOR shall maintain them for a minimum of four (4) years after completion or termination of the Agreement. If for some reason CONTRACTOR is unable to continue its maintenance obligations, CONTRACTOR shall give notice to COUNTY in sufficient time for COUNTY to take steps to ensure proper continued maintenance of records.

16.4. If Agreement is state or federally funded, CONTRACTOR shall be subject to the examination and audit of the California State Auditor for a period of three years after final payment under contract (Government Code, Section 8546.7). Should COUNTY or any outside governmental entity require or request a post-contract audit, record review, report, or similar activity that would require CONTRACTOR to expend staff time and/or resources to comply, CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for all such costs incurred as a result of this activity.

17. **BACKGROUND CHECK:** CONTRACTOR accepts responsibility for determining and approving the character and fitness of its employees (including volunteers, agents or representatives). Completion of a satisfactory livescan will also be needed if legally required. CONTRACTOR further agrees to hold COUNTY harmless from any liability for injuries or damages (as outlined in the hold harmless clause contained herein) resulting from a breach of this provision or CONTRACTOR'S actions in this regard.
18. **INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR:** In the performance of this Agreement, CONTRACTOR, its agents and employees are, at all times, acting and performing as independent contractors, and this Agreement creates no relationship of employer and employee as between COUNTY and CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTOR agrees neither it nor its agents and employees have any rights, entitlement or claim against COUNTY for any type of employment benefits or workers' compensation or other programs afforded to COUNTY employees. CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for all applicable State and Federal income, payroll and taxes and agrees to provide any workers' compensation coverage as required by California State laws.
19. **INSURANCE and INDEMNIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:** See Exhibit C for insurance requirements for this Agreement. The COUNTY'S insurance requirements are a material provision to this Agreement.
20. **CONFIDENTIALITY of RECORDS and INFORMATION:**
- 20.1. CONTRACTOR agrees to maintain confidentiality of information and records as required by applicable Federal, State and local laws, regulations and rules. CONTRACTOR shall not use or disclose confidential information other than as permitted or required by this Agreement and will notify COUNTY of any discovered instances of breaches of confidentiality. CONTRACTOR shall ensure that any subcontractors' agents receiving confidential information related to this Agreement agree to the same restrictions and conditions that apply to CONTRACTOR with respect to such information. CONTRACTOR agrees to hold COUNTY harmless from any breach of confidentiality, as set forth in the hold harmless provisions contained herein.
- 20.1.1. HIPAA/ Protected Health Information. If CONTRACTOR is a covered entity under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) or the HIPAA Business Associate Agreement (BAA) Addendum is included as part of this Agreement, it is obliged to comply with applicable requirements of law and subsequent amendments relating to any protected health information, as well as any task or activity CONTRACTOR performs on behalf of COUNTY, to the extent COUNTY would be required to comply with such requirements. If this Agreement has been determined to constitute a business associate relationship under HIPAA and the HIPAA regulations, CONTRACTOR is the Business Associate of COUNTY and agrees to the HIPAA Business Associate Agreement (BAA) Addendum exhibit attached to this Agreement.
- 20.1.2. 42 C.F.R. Part 2/ Drug and Alcohol Abuse Records. If CONTRACTOR is a covered program under the Confidentiality of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Patient Records Act, 42 C.F.R. Part 2 or signs the Qualified Service Organization Agreement (QSOA), it is obliged to comply with applicable requirements of law and subsequent amendments relating to any protected health information and patient identifying information, as well as any task or activity CONTRACTOR performs on behalf of COUNTY, to the extent COUNTY would be required to comply with such requirements. If this Agreement has

been determined to constitute a qualified service organization relationship under 42 C.F.R. Part 2 and the 42 C.F.R. Part 2 regulations, CONTRACTOR is the Qualified Service Organization of COUNTY and agrees to enter into the Qualified Service Organization Agreement (QSOA) Addendum contained as an exhibit to this Agreement.

21. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** CONTRACTOR certifies that it has no current business or financial relationship with any COUNTY employee or official, or other COUNTY contract provider that could create a conflict with this Agreement and will not enter into any such business or financial relationships during the period of this Agreement. CONTRACTOR attests that its employees and the officers of its governing body shall avoid any actual or potential conflicts of interest, and that no officer or employee who exercises any functions or responsibilities in connection with this Agreement shall have any legally prohibited personal financial interest or benefit which either directly or indirectly arises out of this Agreement. CONTRACTOR shall establish safeguards to prohibit employees or officers from using their positions for a purpose which could result in legally prohibited private gain, or gives the appearance of being motivated for legally prohibited private gain for themselves or others, particularly those with whom they have family, business, or other ties. CONTRACTOR certifies that no official or employee of the COUNTY, nor any business entity in which an official of the COUNTY has an interest, has been employed or retained to solicit or aid in the procuring of this Agreement. In addition, CONTRACTOR agrees that no such person will be employed in the performance of this Agreement without immediately notifying the COUNTY.

22. **CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR:**

22.1. ADMINISTRATOR will provide consultation and technical assistance in monitoring the terms of this Agreement

22.2. ADMINISTRATOR is responsible for monitoring the performance of the CONTRACTOR in meeting the terms of this Agreement, for reviewing the quality of CONTRACTOR services, notifying CONTRACTOR of performance deficiencies, and pursuing corrective action to assure compliance with contract requirements.

22.3. ADMINISTRATOR may be revised from time to time, at the discretion of the COUNTY. Any change in ADMINISTRATOR will be provided to CONTRACTOR by written notice. At contract commencement, the ADMINISTRATOR will be:

Alissa Sykes, Client Services Program Manager
Placer County Children's System of Care
11716 Enterprise Drive
Auburn, CA 95603
530/889-6752

23. **NOTICES:** All notices required or authorized by this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been served if delivered personally or deposited in the United States Mail, postage prepaid and properly addressed as follows. Changes in contact person or address information shall be made by notice, in writing, to the other party.

If to COUNTY: Jeffrey S. Brown, Director
Placer County Dept. of Health and Human Services
3091 County Center Drive, Suite 290
Auburn, CA 95603

If to CONTRACTOR: **Contact Name, Title**
Organization
Address
City/ST/ZIP
Phone

24. **NONDISCRIMINATION:** During the performance of this Agreement, CONTRACTOR shall comply with all applicable Federal, State and local laws, rules, regulations and ordinances, including the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, and Fair Employment and Housing Act, and will not unlawfully discriminate against employees, applicants or clients because of race, sex, sexual orientation, color, ancestry, religion or religious creed, national origin or ethnic group identification, mental disability, physical disability, medical condition (including cancer, HIV and AIDS), age (over 40), marital status, or use of Family and Medical Care Leave and/or Pregnancy Disability Leave in regard to any position for which the employee or applicant is qualified.
25. **ASSIGNMENT:** CONTRACTOR shall not assign or sub-contract, in whole or part, any of its rights, duties, services or obligations arising under this Agreement without written consent of COUNTY. The terms of this Agreement shall also apply to any subcontractor(s) of CONTRACTOR.
26. **NON-EXCLUSIVITY:** Nothing herein is intended nor shall be construed as creating any exclusive arrangement with CONTRACTOR. This Agreement shall not restrict COUNTY from acquiring similar, equal or like goods and/or services from other entities or sources. CONTRACTOR shall only provide those services as requested by COUNTY and COUNTY may cancel any service request.
27. **TIME OF PERFORMANCE:** CONTRACTOR agrees to complete all work and services in a timely fashion.
28. **ENTIRETY OF AGREEMENT:** This Agreement contains the entire agreement of COUNTY and CONTRACTOR with respect to the subject matter hereof, and no other agreement, statement, or promise made by any party, or to any employee, officer, or agent of any party which is not contained in this Agreement shall be binding or valid.
29. **GOVERNING LAW AND VENUE:** The parties enter into this Agreement in the County of Placer, California and agree to comply with all applicable laws and regulations therein. The laws of the State of California shall govern its interpretation and effect. For litigation purposes, the parties agree that the proper venue for any dispute related to the Agreement shall be the Placer County Superior Court or the United States District Court, Eastern District of California.
30. **CONTRACTOR NOT AGENT:** Except as COUNTY may specify in writing CONTRACTOR shall have no authority, express or implied, to act on behalf of COUNTY in any capacity whatsoever as an agent. CONTRACTOR shall have no authority, express or implied pursuant to this Agreement to Bind COUNTY to any obligation whatsoever.

//Signatures on following page

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused their duly authorized representatives to execute this Agreement as of the day first above stated:

CONTRACTOR NAME

("CONTRACTOR")*

Signature

Print Name

Chair of the Board, President, or

Vice President

Date: _____

Signature

Print Name

Secretary, Asst. Secretary,

Chief Financial Officer, or Asst. Treasurer

Date: _____

COUNTY OF PLACER

("COUNTY")

Jeffrey S. Brown, Director,
Department of Health & Human Services

Date: _____

Approved as to Form
Office of Placer County Counsel

Date: _____

EXHIBITS:

Exhibit A – Scope of Services

Exhibit B – Payment Provisions

Exhibit C – Insurance and Indemnification Requirements

Exhibit D – HIPAA Business Associate Agreement-Addendum

Exhibit E – Reporting Exhibit

Exhibit F – Federally Funded Contracts

Exhibit G – Certification Regarding Lobbying

Exhibit H – Assurance of Compliance Agreement

*Agreement must have two signatures, one in each of the two categories of corporate offices indicated above. Check the box indicating the corporate office of the signing party. The same person may sign the contract twice if that person holds an office in each of the two categories. (California Corporations Code § 313) One signature will suffice, if the corporation's board of directors has passed a resolution that gives one person authority to sign. A copy of the most recent resolution must be sent with the signed contract, even if it is the same as the previous year.

SCOPE OF SERVICES

Intensive Services Foster Care

The California Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) section 18360.10 requires that each foster family agency or county operating a public delivery model Intensive Services Foster Care (ISFC) program shall engage in the requirements as specified below:

1. CONTRACTOR shall pay special attention to the selection and training of ISFC foster parents.
 - 1.1. All participating intensive services foster care (ISFC) parents shall be provided with at least 40 hours of training relating to working with children who have experienced trauma, behavior deescalation techniques, and cardiopulmonary resuscitation and first aid. The preplacement training may be customized to each ESFC resource family based on the populations of children the family intends to serve, before becoming an ISFC foster parent, and before placement of a child pursuant to this program, 24 hours of ongoing in-service training within the first 12 months after becoming a certified ISFC foster parent, and 12 hours of ongoing in-service training each year thereafter. Training shall include, but not be limited to, any training required to become a resource parent and specialized training providing care and supervision to youth with intensive medical, therapeutic, or behavioral needs. All training shall be completed within 120 day of placement in home. In two-parent homes, placement may be made after one parent has completed 40 hours of training, provided that an additional 24 hours of ongoing in-service training are completed within 12 months after becoming an ISFC foster parent, and provided that the second parent has completed 20 hours of training and completes an additional 20 hours of training within the first twelve months of certification of the foster parent as an ISFC foster parent. Both parents must complete 12 hours of ongoing in-service training each year thereafter. Training requirements are subject to current regulatory conditions.
 - 1.2. CONTRACTOR shall inform COUNTY when they intend to waive the training requirements specified in paragraph 1.1 for a participating ISFC foster parent in this program if the initial 40 ISFC training hours are completed within 120 days and 12 annual training hours completed within 12 months. In two-parent homes, the second parent has to complete the initial 20 hours within 180 days and 12 annual training hours completed within 12 months.
 - 1.3. ISFC Foster parents shall be provided with all necessary support services.
 - 1.4. CONTRACTOR shall comply with state law in offering the training to ISFC foster parents including those set forth in California Welfare and Institutions Code Section 18360.10.
2. The specific assignment to each certified family home of a client support staff with experience working with children, youth, and families with special needs.
 - 2.1. The client support staff shall have one of the following:
 - 2.1.1. A bachelor's degree in a social science related field and at least six months of experience in working with children who have serious emotional or behavioral needs, or children who have special needs, including, but not limited to, intensive medical needs.
 - 2.1.2. An associate degree in a social science related field and have at least one year's experience in working with emotionally disturbed children or children who have a serious behavioral problem.
 - 2.1.3. The department may waive the educational requirements described in 2.1.1 and 2.1.2 for client support staff who have direct client supervision with at least two years of experience working with children who have serious emotional or behavioral needs, or children who have special needs, including, but not limited to, intensive medical needs, and who have demonstrated a combination of education, skills, and experience that

meets the specific needs of the target population, including but not limited to, cultural and linguistic needs.

- 2.2. Client support staff shall receive at least 40 hours of training that includes, but is not limited to, information relating to working with children who have experienced trauma, behavior de-escalation techniques, cardiopulmonary resuscitation and first aid, and implementing needs and services plans for children who have serious emotional or behavioral needs, or children who have special needs, including, but not limited to, intensive medical needs. A client support staff shall complete all training prior to an eligible child being placed in an intensive services foster care resource family home for which the client support staff is assigned responsibility. An additional 20 hours of ongoing in-service training is required within the first 12 months after becoming an ISFC client support staff.
- 2.3. Each client support staff shall do all of the following:
 - 2.3.1. Provide support service to the child and the intensive services foster care resource family to implement the child's individual needs and services plan that is appropriate. The client support staff shall review the child's individual needs and services plan with the intensive services foster care resource parents and the child and family team, as needed.
 - 2.3.2. Arrange for coordination services with local education agencies and the service provider's nonpublic school, where applicable.
3. A 24-hour on call administrator who is available to respond to emergency situations.
4. The WIC Section 18360.15 requires:
 - 4.1. Each foster family agency participating in the program shall provide or arrange for all the following services for children placed in foster care:
 - 4.1.1. Individualized needs and services plans that ensure continuity and stability in the placement of participating children in certified family homes that meet the needs of eligible children, including children making the transition from institutional placement to non-institutional placement. The needs and services plan for each eligible child in placement shall be developed in coordination with the child case worker, intensive services foster care resource family, and child and family team, if available.
5. Education and mental health services for children.
 - 5.1. Therapists for the provision of therapy to the child, the biological parents of the child, and the ISFC foster parents of the child.
 - 5.1.1. Therapeutic after-school programs for children.
 - 5.1.2. In-home and support services necessary to implement the case plan.
 - 5.1.3. Other necessary services for children in placement, including medical and dental services.
 - 5.2. No more than one eligible child shall be placed in a certified ISFC family home unless the participating foster family agency provides the county welfare department with a written assessment of the risk and compatibility of placing two eligible children together. However, there shall be no more than a total of five children living in a certified family home.
6. An effective 24 hours a day, seven days a week social work emergency response service. The plan shall include the criteria for an in-person response and define the time frame in which in-person response will be made.
7. Mental health coverage available as needed for mental health emergencies.

8. Foster Family Agency operating an Intensive Service Foster Care program may adopt and utilize, and adapt as appropriate, evidence based approaches and models of care that meet the specific needs of the children and families served by the program.
9. A system of record keeping that documents the delivery of services and supports to each child. This documentation shall be summarized and submitted on an annual basis to the county. Each agency shall report the type and cost of the services delivered.
10. Written policies and procedures on how the program will be structured to ensure the safety of the child, how suicide attempts, runaways, sexual acting out or, violent and assaultive behavior will be handled, and what will occur to reduce or eliminate future episodes.
11. Written procedures on frequency of treatment plan review, modifications of treatment plans, and the role of the foster family and the child's parents in development of the treatment plan.
12. A process for recruitment, selection and training of ISFC foster parents, including respite ISFC foster parents. The training curriculum shall include the following areas, at a minimum:
 - 12.1. Alternative forms of discipline.
 - 12.2. Child growth and development.
 - 12.3. Behavior management techniques.
 - 12.4. Differential needs and treatment of children.
 - 12.5. Behavior de-escalation techniques.
13. Arranging for the provision of respite care services and frequency of respite care.
14. Social work staffing. Social workers shall have a master's degree consistent with subdivision (e) of Section 1506 of the Health and Safety Code, and shall have at least one year of experience working with seriously emotionally disturbed children or children who have a serious behavioral problem.
15. Other staff or contract services to be utilized in service delivery, the tasks and responsibilities of those individuals, and the training they will receive.
16. An evaluation component that includes quarterly reporting to the department of the following data, by age group. The department shall publish the data annually.
 - 16.1. Number of children placed under this chapter.
 - 16.2. Number of prior foster care placements for each child prior to entering the ISFC program.
 - 16.3. Outcomes for children referred to the program, including:
 - 16.3.1. Percentage of children discharged to a more intensive program.
 - 16.3.2. Percentage of children discharged to a less restrictive program, short of permanency.
 - 16.3.3. Percentage of children who drop down an ISFC level.
 - 16.3.4. Percentage of children discharged to reunification with a parent or guardian.
 - 16.3.5. Percentage of children discharged to adoption.
 - 16.3.6. Percentage of children discharged to kin guardianship.
 - 16.3.7. Percentage of children discharged to other permanent outcome.
 - 16.3.8. Percentage of children hospitalized.
 - 16.3.9. Number of ISFC families in which a child was placed.
 - 16.3.10. Percentage of children continuing in placement.

17. A plan for surveying placing counties annually to ascertain and report to the department on the following:
- 17.1. Quality of services provided.
 - 17.2. Progress toward treatment goals.

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PAYMENT PROVISIONS

This is a fee for services contract. CONTRACTOR will be paid for services at the rates set forth below. All rates are per month unless otherwise noted. Rates may change within 10% of rate listed in this agreement with approval of the County Contract Administrator and the Revenue and Budget Program Manager.

Rates

Rates for children placed in this program will be determined by the level of need of each child and the services provided by the CONTRACTOR in accordance with ACL 17-11 and ACL 17-75. For children placed from a residential treatment program, the rate will not exceed that of the residential placement. For children assessed by the County inter-agency review team (FRCC) as at imminent risk of residential placement or hospitalization, the appropriate rate level will be determined by the review team at placement.

ISFC Rate Schedule

Service and Client Support Staff

Rate per Month: \$6,092.00

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PLACER COUNTY INSURANCE AND INDEMNITY REQUIREMENTS

CONTRACTOR shall file with COUNTY concurrently herewith a Certificate of Insurance, in companies acceptable to COUNTY, with a Best's Rating of no less than A-:VII evidencing all coverages, limits, and endorsements listed below:

1. **HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT**

The CONTRACTOR hereby agrees to protect, defend, indemnify, and hold PLACER COUNTY free and harmless from any and all losses, claims, liens, demands, and causes of action of every kind and character including, but not limited to, the amounts of judgments, penalties, interest, court costs, legal fees, and all other expenses incurred by PLACER COUNTY arising in favor of any party, including claims, liens, debts, personal injuries, death, or damages to property (including employees or property of the COUNTY) and without limitation by enumeration, all other claims or demands of every character occurring or in any way incident to, in connection with or arising directly or indirectly out of, the contract or agreement. CONTRACTOR agrees to investigate, handle, respond to, provide defense for, and defend any such claims, demand, or suit at the sole expense of the CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTOR also agrees to bear all other costs and expenses related thereto, even if the claim or claims alleged are groundless, false, or fraudulent. This provision is not intended to create any cause of action in favor of any third party against CONTRACTOR or the COUNTY or to enlarge in any way the CONTRACTOR'S liability but is intended solely to provide for indemnification of PLACER COUNTY from liability for damages or injuries to third persons or property arising from CONTRACTOR'S performance pursuant to this contract or agreement.

As used above, the term PLACER COUNTY means Placer County or its officers, agents, employees, and volunteers.

2. **INSURANCE:**

CONTRACTOR shall file with COUNTY concurrently herewith a Certificate of Insurance, in companies acceptable to COUNTY, with a Best's Rating of no less than A-:VII showing.

3. **WORKER'S COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYERS LIABILITY INSURANCE:**

Worker's Compensation Insurance shall be provided as required by any applicable law or regulation. Employer's liability insurance shall be provided in amounts not less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000) each accident for bodily injury by accident, one million dollars (\$1,000,000) policy limit for bodily injury by disease, and one million dollars (\$1,000,000) each employee for bodily injury by disease.

If there is an exposure of injury to CONTRACTOR'S employees under the U.S. Longshoremen's and Harbor Worker's Compensation Act, the Jones Act, or under laws, regulations, or statutes applicable to maritime employees, coverage shall be included for such injuries or claims.

Each Worker's Compensation policy shall be endorsed with the following specific language:

Cancellation Notice - "This policy shall not be changed without first giving thirty (30) days prior written notice and ten (10) days prior written notice of cancellation for non-payment of premium to the County of Placer".

Waiver of Subrogation - The workers' compensation policy shall be endorsed to state that the workers' compensation carrier waives its right of subrogation against the County, its officers, directors, officials,

employees, agents or volunteers, which might arise by reason of payment under such policy in connection with performance under this agreement by the CONTRACTOR.

CONTRACTOR shall require all SUBCONTRACTORS to maintain adequate Workers' Compensation insurance. Certificates of Workers' Compensation shall be filed forthwith with the County upon demand.

4. GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE:

A. Comprehensive General Liability or Commercial General Liability insurance covering all operations by or on behalf of CONTRACTOR, providing insurance for bodily injury liability and property damage liability for the limits of liability indicated below and including coverage for:

(1) Contractual liability insuring the obligations assumed by CONTRACTOR in this Agreement.

B. One of the following forms is required:

- (1) Comprehensive General Liability;
- (2) Commercial General Liability (Occurrence); or
- (3) Commercial General Liability (Claims Made).

C. If CONTRACTOR carries a Comprehensive General Liability policy, the limits of liability shall not be less than a Combined Single Limit for bodily injury, property damage, and Personal Injury Liability of:

- One million dollars (\$1,000,000) each occurrence
- Two million dollars (\$2,000,000) aggregate

D. If CONTRACTOR carries a Commercial General Liability (Occurrence) policy:

(1) The limits of liability shall not be less than:

- One million dollars (\$1,000,000) each occurrence (combined single limit for bodily injury and property damage)
- One million dollars (\$1,000,000) for Products-Completed Operations
- Two million dollars (\$2,000,000) General Aggregate

(2) If the policy does not have an endorsement providing that the General Aggregate Limit applies separately, or if defense costs are included in the aggregate limits, then the required aggregate limits shall be two million dollars (\$2,000,000).

E. Special Claims Made Policy Form Provisions:

CONTRACTOR shall not provide a Commercial General Liability (Claims Made) policy without the express prior written consent of COUNTY, which consent, if given, shall be subject to the following conditions:

(1) The limits of liability shall not be less than:

- One million dollars (\$1,000,000) each occurrence (combined single limit for bodily injury and property damage)
- One million dollars (\$1,000,000) aggregate for Products Completed Operations

→Two million dollars (\$2,000,000) General Aggregate

- (2) The insurance coverage provided by CONTRACTOR shall contain language providing coverage up to one (1) year following the completion of the contract in order to provide insurance coverage for the hold harmless provisions herein if the policy is a claims-made policy.

Conformity of Coverages - If more than one policy is used to meet the required coverages, such as a separate umbrella policy, such policies shall be consistent with all other applicable policies used to meet these minimum requirements. For example, all policies shall be Occurrence Liability policies or all shall be Claims Made Liability policies, if approved by the County as noted above. In no cases shall the types of polices be different.

5. ENDORSEMENTS:

Each Comprehensive or Commercial General Liability policy shall be endorsed with the following specific language:

- A. "The County of Placer, its officers, agents, employees, and volunteers are to be covered as an additional insured for all liability arising out of the operations by or on behalf of the named insured in the performance of this Agreement."
- B. "The insurance provided by the Contractor, including any excess liability or umbrella form coverage, is primary coverage to the County of Placer with respect to any insurance or self-insurance programs maintained by the County of Placer and no insurance held or owned by the County of Placer shall be called upon to contribute to a loss."
- C. "This policy shall not be changed without first giving thirty (30) days prior written notice and ten (10) days prior written notice of cancellation for non-payment of premium to the County of Placer."

6. AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY INSURANCE:

Automobile Liability insurance covering bodily injury and property damage in an amount no less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000) combined single limit for each occurrence.

Covered vehicles shall include owned, non-owned, and hired automobiles/trucks.

7. PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY INSURANCE (ERRORS & OMISSIONS):

Professional Liability Insurance for Errors and Omissions coverage in the amount of not less than (\$1,000,000).

If CONTRACTOR sub-contracts in support of CONTRACTOR'S work provided for in the agreement, Professional Liability Insurance for Errors shall be provided by the sub-contractor in an amount not less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000) in aggregate.

The insurance coverage provided by the CONTRACTOR shall contain language providing coverage up to one (1) year following completion of the contract in order to provide insurance coverage for the hold harmless provisions herein if the policy is a claims-made policy.

8. ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS:

Premium Payments - The insurance companies shall have no recourse against the COUNTY and funding agencies, its officers and employees or any of them for payment of any premiums or assessments under any policy issued by a mutual insurance company.

Policy Deductibles - The CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for all deductibles in all of the CONTRACTOR'S insurance policies. The maximum amount of allowable deductible for insurance coverage required herein shall be \$25,000.

CONTRACTOR'S Obligations - CONTRACTOR'S indemnity and other obligations shall not be limited by the foregoing insurance requirements and shall survive the expiration of this agreement.

Verification of Coverage - CONTRACTOR shall furnish the County with original certificates and amendatory endorsements or copies of the applicable policy language effecting coverage required by this clause. All certificates and endorsements are to be received and approved by the County before work commences. However, failure to obtain the required documents prior to the work beginning shall not waive the CONTRACTOR'S obligation to provide them. The County reserves the right to require complete, certified copies of all required insurance policies, including endorsements required by these specifications, at any time.

Material Breach - Failure of the CONTRACTOR to maintain the insurance required by this agreement, or to comply with any of the requirements of this section, shall constitute a material breach of the entire agreement.

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HIPAA BUSINESS ASSOCIATE AGREEMENT-ADDENDUM

Whereas "COUNTY/Covered Entity" ("CE") wishes to disclose certain information to "CONTRACTOR/Business Associate" ("BA") pursuant to the terms of the Contract, some of which may constitute Protected Health Information ("PHI") (defined below), and

Whereas CE and BA intend to protect the privacy and provide for the security of PHI disclosed to BA pursuant to the Contract in compliance with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, Public Law 104-191 ("HIPAA"), the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act, Public Law 111-005 ("the HITECH Act"), and regulations promulgated thereunder by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services ("the HIPAA Regulations") and other applicable laws, and

Whereas BA shall comply with the Business Associate Provisions of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) and the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health (HITECH) Act (Section 13001 of Public Law 111-5, the HITECH Act regulations located in 45 CFR 160 & 164), including but not limited to Title 42, United States Code, Section 1320d et seq. and its implementing regulations (including but not limited to Title 45, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Parts 160, 162, and 164), and

Whereas BA shall comply with the State of California regulations regarding the reporting of unauthorized releases of protected health information (PHI). The regulations are found in: Health and Safety Code Sections 1280.15, and Section 1280.18; and Civil Code Section 56.05, and

Whereas as part of the HIPAA Regulations, the Privacy Rule and the Security Rule (defined below) require CE to enter into a contract containing specific requirements with BA prior to the disclosure of PHI, as set forth in, but not limited to, Title 45, Sections 164.314(a), 164.502(a) and (e) and 164.504(e) of the Code of Federal Regulations ("C.F.R.") and contained in this Addendum, and

Whereas CE will make available and/or be transferring to BA certain information, in conjunction with goods and services to be provided by BA as outlined in the Contract, that is confidential and must be afforded special treatment and protection, and

Whereas BA will have access to and/or receive from CE certain information that can be used or disclosed only in accordance with this Business Associate Agreement-Addendum and the HHS privacy regulations, and

Whereas BA does hereby assure CE that BA will appropriately safeguard protected health information made available to BA, in implementation of such assurance and without otherwise limiting the obligations of BA as set forth in the Contract.

In consideration of the mutual promises below and the exchange of information pursuant to this Addendum, **COUNTY/Covered Entity and CONTRACTOR/Business Associate agree as follows:**

1. DEFINITIONS

The following terms shall have the meaning ascribed to them in this section. Other terms shall have the meaning ascribed to them in the context in which they first appear.

- 1.1 **CONTRACT** - shall refer to the separate agreement between CE and BA of which this agreement is an Addendum and Exhibit to.
- 1.2 **BREACH** - shall have the meaning given to such term under HITECH Act and HIPAA Regulations [42 U.S.C. Section 17921 and 45 C.F.R. Section 164.402].
- 1.3 **BREACH NOTIFICATION RULE** - shall mean the HIPAA Regulation that is codified at 45 C.F.R. Parts 160 and 164, Subparts A and D.

- 1.4 BUSINESS ASSOCIATE - shall have the meaning given to such term under the Privacy Rule, the Security Rule, and the HITECH Act, including, but not limited to, 42 U.S.C. Section 17938 and 45 C.F.R. Section 160.103.
- 1.5 COVERED ENTITY - shall have the meaning given to such term under the Privacy Rule and the Security Rule, including, but not limited to, 45 C.F.R. Section 160.103.
- 1.6 COUNTY - shall mean the entity providing/making available the information.
- 1.7 DATA AGGREGATION - shall have the meaning given to such term under the Privacy Rule, including, but not limited to, 45 C.F.R. Section 164.501.
- 1.8 DESIGNATED RECORD SET - shall have the meaning given to such term under the Privacy Rule, including, but not limited to, 45 C.F.R. Section 164.501.
- 1.9 ELECTRONIC PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION - means Protected Health Information that is maintained in or transmitted by electronic media.
- 1.10 ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORD - shall have the meaning given to such term in the HITECH Act, including, but not limited to 42 U.S.C. Section 17921.
- 1.11 HEALTH CARE OPERATIONS - shall have the meaning given to such term under the Privacy Rule, including but not limited to, 45 C.F.R. Section 164.501.
- 1.12 INDIVIDUAL - shall mean any person/client/patient who is the subject of the information, is a third-party beneficiary to this Business Associate Agreement - Addendum, and has the same meaning as the term "individual" as defined by 45 CFR 164.501.
- 1.13 INFORMATION - shall mean any "health information" provided to and/or made available by COUNTY to CONTRACTOR, and has the same meaning as the term "health information" as defined by 45 CFR 160.102.
- 1.14 PARTIES - shall mean COUNTY/Covered Entity and CONTRACTOR/Business Associate.
- 1.15 PRIVACY RULE - shall mean the HIPAA Regulation that is codified at 45 C.F.R. Parts 160 and 164, Subparts A and E.
- 1.16 PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION or PHI - means any information, whether oral or recorded in any form or medium: (i) that relates to the past, present or future physical or mental condition of an individual; the provision of health care to an individual; and (ii) that identifies the individual or with respect to which there is a reasonable basis to believe the information can be used to identify the individual, and shall have the meaning given to such term under the Privacy Rule, including, but not limited to, 45 C.F.R. Section 164.501. Protected Health Information includes Electronic Protected Health Information [45 C.F.R. Sections 160.103, 164.501].
- 1.17 PROTECTED INFORMATION - shall mean PHI provided by CE to BA or created, maintained, received or transmitted by BA on CE's behalf.
- 1.18 SECRETARY - shall mean the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services ("HHS") and any other officer or employee of HHS to whom the authority involved has been delegated.
- 1.19 SECURITY INCIDENT - shall have the meaning given to such term under the Security Rule, including, but not limited to, 45 C.F.R. Section 164.304.
- 1.20 SECURITY RULE - shall mean the HIPAA Regulation that is codified at 45 C.F.R. Parts 160 and 164, Subparts A and C.
- 1.21 UNSECURED PHI - shall have the meaning given to such term under the HITECH ACT and any guidance issued pursuant to such Act including, but not limited to, 42 U.S.C. Section 17932(h) and 45 C.F.R. Section 164.402.

2. TERM

The term of this agreement shall expire when all of the information provided by CE to BA is destroyed or returned to CE pursuant to the remaining Contract provisions. BA agrees to return or destroy all information received or created by BA on behalf of CE and agrees not to retain any copies of information after termination of the Contract. If BA elects to destroy some or all of the information retained, it shall certify to CE that the information has been destroyed. This provision survives termination of the Contract.

3. OBLIGATIONS OF CONTRACTOR/BUSINESS ASSOCIATE

The HIPAA Business Associate Agreement (BAA) is required for all contracts in which an individual's protected health information is included in the contract between CE (a covered entity for HIPAA purposes) and a private individual or private business entity (Business Associate for HIPAA purposes). The purpose of the HIPAA Business Agreement is to ensure that the BA, during the performance of its contractual obligations with CE, protects the health information of individuals in accordance with State and Federal regulations.

- 3.1 **Permitted Uses.** BA shall use Protected Information only for the purpose of performing BA's obligations under the Contract and as permitted or required under the Contract and Addendum, or as required by law. Further, BA shall not use Protected Information in any manner that would constitute a violation of the Privacy Rule or the HITECH Act if so used by CE. However, BA may use Protected Information as necessary (i) for the proper management and administration of BA; (ii) to carry out the legal responsibilities of BA; (iii) as required by law; or (iv) for Data Aggregation purposes relating to the Health Care Operations of CE [45 C.F.R. Sections 164.504(e)(2) and 164.504(e)(4)(i)].
- 3.2 **Permitted Disclosures.** BA shall disclose Protected Information only for the purpose of performing BA's obligations under the Contract and as permitted or required under the Contract and Addendum, or as required by law. BA shall not disclose Protected Information in any manner that would constitute a violation of the Privacy Rule or the HITECH Act if so disclosed by CE. However, BA may disclose Protected Information as necessary (i) for the proper management and administration of BA; (ii) to carry out the legal responsibilities of BA; (iii) as required by law; or (iv), for Data Aggregation purposes relating to the Health Care Operations of CE. If BA discloses Protected Information to a third party, BA must obtain, prior to making any such disclosure, (i) reasonable written assurances from such third party that such Protected Information will be held confidential as provided pursuant to this Addendum and used or disclosed only as required by law or for the purposes for which it was disclosed to such third party, and (ii) a written agreement from such third party to immediately notify BA of any breaches, suspected breaches, security incidents, or unauthorized uses or disclosures of the Protected Information in accordance with the Notification of Possible Breach requirements set forth in this Addendum (subparagraph 3.12), to the extent it has obtained knowledge of such occurrences [42 U.S.C. Section 17932; 45 C.F.R. Section 164.504(e)].
- 3.3. **Prohibited Uses and Disclosures.** BA shall not use or disclose PHI other than as permitted or required by the Contract and Addendum, or as required by law. BA shall not use or disclose Protected Information for fundraising or marketing purposes. BA shall not disclose Protected Information to a health plan for payment or health care operation purposes if the patient has requested this special restriction, and has paid out of pocket in full for the health care item or service to which the PHI solely relates [42 U.S.C. Section 17935(a) and 45 C.F.R. Section 164.522(a)(vi)]. BA shall not directly or indirectly receive remuneration in exchange for Protected Information, except with the prior written consent of CE and as permitted by the HITECH Act, 42 U.S.C. Section 17935(d)(2), and the HIPAA regulations, 45 C.F.R. Section 164.502(a)(5)(ii); however, this prohibition shall not affect payment by CE to BA for services provided pursuant to the Contract.
- 3.4 **Appropriate Safeguards.** BA shall implement appropriate safeguards to prevent the use or disclosure of Protected Information other than as permitted by the Contract or Addendum, including, but not limited to, administrative, physical and technical safeguards in accordance with the Security Rule, including, but not limited to, 45 C.F.R. Sections 164.308, 164.310, and 164.312.

[45 C.F.R. Section 164.504(e)(2)(ii)(B); 45 C.F.R. Section 164.308(b)]. BA shall comply with the policies and procedures and documentation requirements of the Security rule, including, but not limited to, 45 C.F.R. Section 164.316 [42 U.S.C. Section 17931].

- 3.5 **Business Associate's Subcontractors and Agents.** BA shall ensure that any agents and subcontractors that create, receive, maintain or transmit Protected Information on behalf of BA, agree in writing to the same restrictions and conditions that apply to BA with respect to such Protected Information and implement the safeguards required by paragraph 3.4 above with respect to Electronic PHI [45 C.F.R. Section 164.504(e)(2)(ii)(D); 45 C.F.R. Section 164.308(b)] BA shall implement and maintain sanctions against agents and subcontractors that violate such restrictions and conditions and shall mitigate the effects of any such violation [45 C.F.R. Sections 164.530(f) and 164.530(e)(1)].
- 3.6 **Access to Protected Information.** If BA maintains a designated record set on behalf of CE, BA shall make Protected Information maintained by BA or its agents or subcontractors in Designated Record Sets available to CE for inspection and copying within five (5) days of a request by CE to enable CE to fulfill its obligations under state law [Health and Safety Code Section 123110] and the Privacy Rule, including, but not limited to, 45 C.F.R. Section 164.524 [45 C.F.R. Section 164.504(e)(2)(ii)(E)]. If BA maintains Protected Information in electronic format, BA shall provide such information in electronic format as necessary to enable CE to fulfill its obligations under the HITECH Act and HIPAA Regulations, including, but not limited to, 42 U.S.C. Section 17935(e) and 45 C.F.R. Section 164.524.
- 3.7 **Amendment of PHI.** If BA maintains a designated record set on behalf of CE, within ten (10) days of a request by CE for an amendment of Protected Information or a record about an individual contained in a Designated Record Set, BA and its agents and subcontractors shall make such Protected Information available to CE to fulfill its obligations under the Privacy Rule, including, but not limited to, 45 C.F.R. Section 164.526. If an individual requests an amendment of Protected Information directly from BA or its agents or subcontractors, BA must notify CE in writing within five (5) days of the request and of any approval or denial of amendment of Protected Information maintained by BA or its agents or subcontractors [45 C.F.R. Section 164.504(e)(2)(ii)(F)].
- 3.8 **Accounting Disclosures.** Promptly upon any disclosure of Protected Information for which CE is required to account to an individual, BA and its agents and subcontractors shall make available to CE the information required to provide an accounting of disclosures which would allow CE to fulfill its obligations under the Privacy Rule, including, but not limited to, 45 C.F.R. Section 164.528, and the HITECH Act, including but not limited to 42 U.S.C. Section 17935(c), as determined by CE. BA agrees to implement a process that allows for an accounting to be collected and maintained by BA and its agents and subcontractors for at least six (6) years prior to the request. However, accounting of disclosures from an Electronic Health Record for treatment, payment or health care operations purposes are required to be collected and maintained for only three (3) years prior to the request, and only to the extent that BA maintains an Electronic Health Record. At a minimum, the information collected and maintained shall include: (i) the date of disclosure; (ii) the name of the entity or person who received Protected Information and, if known, the address of the entity or person; (iii) a brief description of Protected Information disclosed; and (iv) a brief statement of purpose of the disclosure that reasonably informs the individual of the basis for the disclosure, or a copy of the individual's authorization, or a copy of the written request for disclosure. If a patient submits a request for an accounting directly to BA or its agents or subcontractors, BA shall within five (5) days of the request forward it to CE in writing.
- 3.9 **Governmental Access to Records.** BA shall make its internal practices, books and records relating to the use and disclosure of Protected Information available to CE and to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (the "Secretary") for purposes of determining BA's compliance with HIPAA [45 C.F.R. Section 164.504(A)(2)(ii)(I)]. BA shall provide CE a copy of any Protected Information and other documents and records that BA provides to the Secretary concurrently with providing such Protected Information to the Secretary.

- 3.10 **Minimum Necessary.** BA, its agents and subcontractors shall request, use and disclose only the minimum amount of Protected Information necessary to accomplish the purpose of the request, use or disclosure. [42 U.S.C. Section 17935(b); 45 C.F.R. Section 164.514(d)] BA understands and agrees that the definition of “minimum necessary” is in flux and shall keep itself informed of guidance issued by the Secretary with respect to what constitutes “minimum necessary.”
- 3.11 **Data Ownership.** BA acknowledges that BA has no ownership rights with respect to the Protected Information.
- 3.12 **Notification of Possible Breach.** BA shall notify CE within twenty-four (24) hours of any suspected or actual breach of Protected Information; any use or disclosure of Protected Information not permitted by the Contract or Addendum; any security incident (i.e., any attempted or successful unauthorized access, use, disclosure, modification, or destruction of information or interference with system operations in and information system) related to Protected Information, and any actual or suspected use or disclosure of data in violation of any applicable federal or state laws by BA or its agents or subcontractors. The notification shall include, to the extent possible, the identification of each individual whose unsecured Protected Information has been, or is reasonably believed by the BA to have been, accessed, acquired, used, or disclosed, as well as any other available information that CE is required to include in notification to the individual, the media, the Secretary, and any other entity under the Breach Notification Rule and any other applicable state or federal laws, including, but not limited to, 45 C.F.R. Section 164.404 through 45 C.F.R. Section 164.408, at the time of the notification required by this paragraph or promptly thereafter as information becomes available. BA shall take (i) prompt corrective action to cure any deficiencies and (ii) any action pertaining to unauthorized uses or disclosures required by applicable federal and state laws [42 U.S.C. Section 17921; 45 C.F.R. Section 164.504(e)(2)(ii)(c); 45 C.F.R. Section 164.308(b)].
- 3.13 **Breach Pattern or Practice by Business Associate’s Subcontractors and Agents.** Pursuant to 42 U.S.C. Section 17934(b) and 45 C.F.R. Section 164.504(e)(1)(ii), if the BA knows of a pattern of activity or practice of a subcontractor or agent that constitutes a material breach or violation of the subcontractor or agent’s obligations under the Contract or Addendum or other arrangement, the BA must take reasonable steps to cure the breach or end the violation. If steps are unsuccessful, the BA must terminate the Contract or other arrangement if feasible. BA shall provide written notice to CE of any pattern of activity or practice of a subcontractor or agent that BA believes constitutes a material breach or violation of the subcontractor or agent’s obligations under the Contract or Addendum or other arrangement within five (5) days of discovery and shall meet with CE to discuss and attempt to resolve the problem as one of the reasonable steps to cure the breach or end the violation.
- 3.14 **Audits, Inspection and Enforcement.** Within ten (10) days of a request by CE, BA and its agents and subcontractors shall allow CE or its agents or subcontractors to conduct a reasonable inspection of the facilities, systems, books, records, agreements, policies and procedures relating to the use or disclosure of Protected Information pursuant to this Addendum for the purpose of determining whether BA has complied with this Addendum or maintains adequate security safeguards; provided, however, that (i) BA and CE shall mutually agree in advance upon the scope, timing, and location of such an inspection, (ii) CE shall protect the confidentiality of all confidential and proprietary information of BA to which CE has access during the course of such inspection; and (iii) CE shall execute a nondisclosure agreement, upon terms mutually agreed upon by the parties, if requested by BA. The fact that CE inspects, or fails to inspect, or has the right to inspect, BA’s facilities, systems, books, records, agreements, policies, and procedures does not relieve BA of its responsibility to comply with this Addendum, nor does CE’s (i) failure to detect or (ii) detection, but failure to notify BA or require BA’s remediation of any unsatisfactory practices, constitute acceptance of such practice or a waiver of CE’s enforcement rights under the Contract or Addendum. BA shall notify CE within five (5) days of learning that BA has become the subject of an audit, compliance review, or complaint investigation by the Office of Civil Rights or other state or federal government entity.

4. HIPAA COMPLIANCE PLAN REQUIREMENT

In order to ensure that the BA complies with Federal and State regulations regarding protected health information, the BA shall submit a "HIPAA Compliance Plan" to the CE describing:

- 4.1 The training of staff and any subcontractors regarding HIPAA and State regulations.
- 4.2 A process for tracking the training of staff and subcontractors.
- 4.3 A process for staff and subcontractors to report any breaches of protected health information. This shall include employee disciplinary procedures for employees who violate HIPAA guidelines, and whistle blower protection for staff reporting breaches.
- 4.4 A description of how the BA plans to secure and safeguard electronically stored health information. This shall include at a minimum, descriptions of passwords, encryption, and any other technology designed to prevent unauthorized access to protected health information.
- 4.5 A process for reviewing security measures and identifying areas of potential risk for a breach, a plan for mitigating identified risks, and assurance that such risk evaluation shall be conducted annually.

5. DATA AGGREGATION SERVICES

BA is also permitted to use or disclose information to provide data aggregation services as that term is defined by 45 CFR 164.501, relating to the health care operations of CE.

6. TERMINATION

A breach by BA of any provision of this Addendum, as determined by CE shall constitute a material breach of the Contract and shall provide grounds for immediate termination of the Contract, any provision in the Contract to the contrary notwithstanding. [45 C.F.R. Section 164.504(e)(2)(iii)]. CE may terminate the Contract, effective immediately, if (i) BA is named as a defendant in a criminal proceeding for a violation of HIPAA, the HITECH Act, the HIPAA Regulations or other security or privacy laws or (ii) a finding or stipulation that the BA has violated any standard or requirement of HIPAA, the HITECH Act, the HIPAA Regulations or other security or privacy laws is made in any administrative or civil proceeding in which the party has joined. Upon termination of the Contract for any reason, BA shall, at the option of CE, return or destroy all Protected Information that BA and its agents and subcontractors still maintain in any form, and shall retain no copies of such Protected Information. If return or destruction is not feasible, as determined by CE, BA shall continue to extend the protections and satisfy the obligations of this Addendum to such information, and limit further use and disclosure of such PHI to those persons that make the return or destruction of the information infeasible [45 C.F.R. Section 164.504(e)(ii)(2)(J)]. If CE elects destruction of the PHI, BA shall certify in writing to CE that such PHI has been destroyed in accordance with the Secretary's guidance regarding proper destruction of PHI.

7. ADDITIONAL BREACH GROUNDS

Any non-compliance by BA with the provisions of this Business Associate Agreement Addendum or the HHS privacy regulations will automatically be considered grounds for breach if BA knew or reasonably should have known of such non-compliance and failed to immediately take reasonable steps to cure the non-compliance.

8. INJUNCTIVE RELIEF

Notwithstanding any rights or remedies provided for in the Contract, CE retains all rights to seek injunctive relief to prevent or stop unauthorized use or disclosure of information by BA or any agent, subcontractor or third party recipient of information from BA.

9. AMENDMENTS

The parties acknowledge that state and federal laws relating to data security and privacy are rapidly evolving and that amendment of the Contract or Addendum may be required to provide for procedures to

ensure compliance with such developments. The parties specifically agree to take such action as is necessary to implement the standards and requirements of HIPAA, the HITECH Act, the HIPAA regulations and other applicable state or federal laws relating to the security or confidentiality of PHI. The parties understand and agree that CE must receive satisfactory written assurance from BA that BA will adequately safeguard all Protected Information. Upon the request of either party, the other party agrees to promptly enter into negotiations concerning the terms of the amendment to this Addendum embodying written assurances consistent with the standards and requirements of HIPAA, the HITECH Act, the HIPAA regulations or other applicable laws. CE may terminate the Contract upon thirty (30) days written notice in the event (i) BA does not promptly enter into negotiations to amend the Contract or Addendum when requested by CE pursuant to this section or (ii) BA does not enter into an amendment to the Contract or Addendum providing assurances regarding the safeguarding of PHI that CE, in its sole discretion, deems sufficient to satisfy the standards and requirements of applicable laws.

10. DISCLAIMER

CE makes no warranty or representation that compliance by BA with this Addendum, HIPAA, the HITECH Act, or the HIPAA Regulations will be adequate or satisfactory for BA's own purposes. BA is solely responsible for all decisions made by BA regarding the safeguarding of PHI.

11. LITIGATION OR ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS

BA shall notify CE within forty-eight (48) hours of any litigation or administrative proceedings commenced against BA or its agents or subcontractors. In addition, BA shall make itself, and any subcontractors, employees and agents assisting BA in the performance of its obligations under the Contract or Addendum, available to CE, at no cost to CE, to testify as witnesses, or otherwise, in the event of litigation or administrative proceedings being commenced against CE, its supervisors, directors, officers, managers or employees based upon a claimed violation of HIPAA, the HITECH Act, the HIPAA regulations, or other state or federal laws relating to security and privacy, except where the BA or its subcontractors, employees or agents are a named adverse parties.

12. NO THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARIES

Nothing express or implied in the Contract or Addendum is intended to confer, nor shall anything herein confer, upon any person other than CE, BA and their respective successors or assigns, any rights, remedies, obligations or liabilities whatsoever.

13. EFFECT ON CONTRACT

Except as specifically required to implement the purposes of this Addendum, or to the extent inconsistent with this Addendum, all other terms of the Contract shall remain in force and effect.

14. INTERPRETATION

The provisions of this Addendum shall prevail over any provisions in the Contract that may conflict or appear inconsistent with any provision in this Addendum. This Addendum and the Contract shall be interpreted as broadly as necessary to implement and comply with HIPAA, the HITECH Act, the HIPAA regulations, and other state and federal laws related to security and privacy. The parties agree that any ambiguity in this Addendum shall be resolved in favor of a meaning that complies and is consistent with HIPAA, the HITECH Act, the HIPAA regulations, and other state and federal laws related to security and privacy.

15. SOFTWARE SECURITY

If applicable, BA warrants that software security features will be compatible with the CE's HIPAA compliance requirements.

This HIPAA Business Associate Agreement-Addendum shall supersede any prior HIPAA Business Associate Agreements between CE and BA.

Reporting Exhibit

1. CONTRACTOR agrees to provide COUNTY with reports that may be required by County, State or Federal agencies for compliance with this Agreement including and not limited to:
 - 1.1. CONTRACTOR shall submit quarterly status reports and a final annual report to COUNTY which reflect progress made in implementing the services and achieving any outcomes set forth in the Scope of Services exhibit, and to assure CONTRACTOR'S compliance with contract terms. Said annual report shall be submitted by August 31 for the preceding fiscal year.
 - 1.2. CONTRACTOR shall make annual client outcome information available to COUNTY within 60 days of fiscal year end. Outcome data will be based upon the full array of services provided and how those services advanced the functional improvement of the client. Functional improvement will be measured by the disposition of the client at discharge.

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Federally Funded Contracts

2. **SINGLE AUDIT OF FEDERAL FUNDS:** CONTRACTOR acknowledges that this Agreement is funded in whole or in part with federal funds. The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number for the federal program funding this Agreement in whole or in part is CFDA Number 93.658, (Foster Care Title IV-E). Local governments and non-profit organizations that expend a combined total of more than \$750,000 in federal financial assistance (from all sources including CFDA Program Name expenditures) in any fiscal year must have a single audit for that year. A letter confirming that an audit will be conducted must be provided to COUNTY stating that CONTRACTOR has expended more than \$750,000 in total federal funds and will comply with the federal Single Audit Act and the requirements of OMB 2 CFR Part 200. CONTRACTOR also agrees to provide a copy of the Single Audit to the COUNTY no later than 30 days following receipt to the address below:

Placer County Health and Human Services
Attn: Contract Compliance
3091 County Center Drive, Suite 290
Auburn, CA 95603

1. **FEDERAL AWARD IDENTIFICATION:** Per OMB 2 CFR 200.331 all pass-through entities must ensure that every sub-award is clearly identified to the sub-recipient as a sub-award and include the following information:

Sub-recipient Name: Contractor Name
Sub-recipient DUNS Number: Contractor DUNS
Federal Funds Obligated to the Sub-recipient: \$ _____
Federal Awarding Agency: Dept. of Health and Human Services
Pass Through Entity: County of Placer, Health and Human Services Department
CFDA Name: Foster Care Title IV-E
CFDA Number: 93.658
Research and Development Grant: No
Indirect Cost Rate: Not Applicable

Certification Regarding Lobbying

CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING AND DISCLOSURE OF LOBBYING ACTIVITIES:

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

(1) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the making, awarding or entering into of this Federal contract, Federal grant, or cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of this Federal contract, grant, or cooperative agreement.

(2) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency of the United States Government, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form LLL, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities" in accordance with its instructions.

(3) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontractors, subgrants, and contracts under grants and cooperative agreements) of \$100,000 or more, and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by Section 1352, Title 31, U.S.C., any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

Name of Contractor

Printed Name of Person Signing for Contractor

Contract/Grant Number

Signature of Person Signing for Contractor

Date

Title

Complete this form to disclose lobbying activities pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1352

Approved by OMB 0348-0046

<p>1. Type of Federal Action:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> a. contract</p> <p>b. grant</p> <p>c. cooperative agreement</p> <p>d. loan</p> <p>e. loan guarantee</p> <p>f. loan insurance</p>	<p>2. Status of Federal Action:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> a. bid/offer/application</p> <p>b. initial award</p> <p>c. post-award</p>	<p>3. Report Type:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> a. initial filing</p> <p>b. material change</p> <p>For Material Change Only:</p> <p>Year _____ quarter _____</p> <p>date of last report _____</p>
<p>4. Name and Address of Reporting Entity:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Prime <input type="checkbox"/> Subawardee</p> <p>Tier _____, if known:</p> <p>Congressional District, If known:</p>	<p>5. If Reporting Entity in No. 4 is Subawardee, Enter Name and Address of Prime:</p> <p>Congressional District, If known:</p>	
<p>6. Federal Department/Agency</p>	<p>7. Federal Program Name/Description:</p> <p>CFDA Number, if applicable: _____</p>	
<p>8. Federal Action Number, if known:</p>	<p>9. Award Amount, if known:</p> <p>\$ _____</p>	
<p>10.a. Name and Address of Lobbying Registrant (If individual, last name, first name, MI):</p>	<p>b. Individuals Performing Services (including address if different from 10a. (Last name, First name, MI):</p>	
<p>11. Information requested through this form is authorized by title 31 U.S.C. section 1352. This disclosure of lobbying activities is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed by the tier above when this transaction was made or entered into. This disclosure is required pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1352. This information will be available for public inspection. Any person that fails to file the required disclosure shall be subject to a not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.</p>	<p>Signature: _____</p>	
	<p>Print Name: _____</p>	
	<p>Title: _____</p>	
	<p>Telephone No.: _____ Date: _____</p>	
<p>Federal Use Only</p>		<p>Authorized for Local Reproduction Standard Form-LLL (Rev. 7-97)</p>

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETION OF SF-LLL, DISCLOSURE OF LOBBYING ACTIVITIES

This disclosure form shall be completed by the reporting entity, whether subawardee or prime Federal recipient, at the initiation or receipt of a covered Federal action, or a material change to a previous filing, pursuant to title 31 U.S.C. section 1352. The filing of a form is required for each payment or agreement to make payment to any lobbying entity for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with a covered Federal action. Complete all items that apply for both the initial filing and material change report. Refer to the implementing guidance published by the Office of Management and Budget for additional information.

1. Identify the type of covered Federal action for which lobbying activity is and/or has been secured to influence the outcome of a covered Federal action.
2. Identify the status of the covered Federal action.
3. Identify the appropriate classification of this report. If this is a follow-up report caused by a material change to the information previously reported, enter the year and quarter in which the change occurred. Enter the date of the last previously submitted report by this reporting entity for this covered Federal action.
4. Enter the full name, address, city, State and zip code of the reporting entity. Include Congressional District, if known. Check the appropriate classification of the reporting entity that designates if it is, or expects to be a prime or subaward recipient. Identify the tier of the subawardee, e.g., the first subawardee of the prime is the 1st tier. Subawards include but are not limited to subcontracts, subgrants and contract awards under grants.
5. If the organization filing the report in item 4 checks "Subawardee," then enter the full name, address, city, State and zip code of the prime Federal recipient. Include Congressional District, if known.
6. Enter the name of the Federal agency making the award or loan commitment. Include at least one organizational level below agency name, if known. For example, Department of Transportation, United States Coast Guard.
7. Enter the Federal program name or description for the covered Federal action (item 1). If known, enter the full Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number for grants, cooperative agreements, loans, and loan commitments.
8. Enter the most appropriate Federal identifying number available for the Federal action identified in item 1 (e.g., Request for Proposal (RFP) number; Invitation for Bid (IFB) number; grant announcement number; the contract, grant, or loan award number; the application/proposal control number assigned by the Federal agency). Include prefixes, e.g., "RFP-DE-90-001".
9. For a covered Federal action where there has been an award or loan commitment by the Federal agency, enter the Federal amount of the award/loan commitment for the prime entity identified in item 4 or 5.
10.
 - (a) Enter the full name, address, city, State and zip code of the lobbying registrant under the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 engaged by the reporting entity identified in item 4 to influence the covered Federal action.
 - (b) Enter the full names of the individual(s) performing services, and include full address if different from 10 (a). Enter Last Name, First Name, and Middle Initial (MI).
11. The certifying official shall sign and date the form, print his/her name, title, and telephone number.

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act, as amended, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB Control Number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is OMB No. 0348-0046. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 10 minutes per response, including time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project (0348-0046), Washington, DC 20503.

**ASSURANCE OF COMPLIANCE AGREEMENT
NONDISCRIMINATION IN STATE AND FEDERALLY-ASSISTED PROGRAMS**
(Per CDSS All County Information Notice No. I-44-00)

In accordance with the California Department of Social Services (CDSS), all contractors providing services funded through CDSS are required to comply with the requirements of CDSS Manual of Policies and Procedures, Division 21. CONTRACTOR shall, concurrent with this Agreement, execute and comply with all requirements contained herein. CONTRACTOR and CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR shall, with oversight from the COUNTY Civil Rights Coordinator, develop and implement a plan to allow COUNTY to monitor CONTRACTOR'S non-discrimination and civil rights policies and procedures, as required by CDSS. Monitoring shall include, but is not limited to: accommodation of individuals with hearing impairments, visual impairments and other disabilities; appropriate language services, including bilingual interpreters available to provide services and how written information is effectively communicated to non-English-speaking and limited-English-proficient individuals; adequate CONTRACTOR staff training in the civil rights and cultural awareness requirements of Division 21; and procedures on informing participants of their civil rights.

CONTRACTOR hereby agrees that it will comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended; the Food Stamp Act of 1977, as amended, and in particular Section 272.6; Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990; California Civil Code, Section 51 et seq., as amended; California Government Code, Section 11135-11139.5, as amended; California Government Code, Section 12940(c), (h)(1), (i), and (j); California Government Code, Section 4450; 2 CCR §11140 – 11200; the Dymally-Alatorre Bilingual Services Act; Section 1808 of the Removal of Barriers to Inter Ethnic Adoption Act of 1996, and other applicable federal and state laws, as well as their implementing regulations [including 45 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Parts 80, 84, and 91; 7 CFR Part 15; and 28 CFR Part 35], by ensuring that employment practices and the administration of public assistance and social services programs are nondiscriminatory, to the effect that no person shall because of age, sex, color, disability, national origin, race, marital status, religion or political affiliation be excluded from participation in or be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subject to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal or state financial assistance; and hereby gives assurance that it will immediately take any measures necessary to effectuate this Agreement.

This assurance is given in consideration of and for the purpose of obtaining any and all federal and state assistance; and the CONTRACTOR hereby gives assurance that administrative methods/procedures which have the effect of subjecting individuals to discrimination or defeating the objectives of the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) Manual of Policies and Procedures (MPP) Chapter 21, will be prohibited.

By accepting this assurance, the CONTRACTOR agrees to compile data, maintain records and submit reports as required, to permit effective enforcement of the aforementioned laws, rules and regulations and permit authorized CDSS and/or federal government personnel, during normal working hours, to review such records, books and accounts as needed to ascertain compliance. If there are any violations of this assurance, CDSS shall have the right to invoke fiscal sanctions or other legal remedies in accordance with Welfare and Institutions Code Section 10605, or Government Code Section 11135-11139.5, or any other laws, or the issue may be referred to the appropriate federal agency for further compliance action and enforcement of this assurance.

This assurance is binding on the CONTRACTOR directly or through contract, license, or other provider services, as long as it receives federal or state assistance.