



State of Nevada
Department of Health and Human Services
Division of Public & Behavioral Health
(Hereinafter referred to as the Department)

Agency Ref, #: SG-2026-00202
Budget Account: 3170

NOTICE OF SUBAWARD

Program Name: Overdose Data to Action Office of Behavioral Health Wellness and Prevention Chyna Parker / c.parker@health.nv.gov	Subrecipient's Name: Washoe County Regional Medical Examiner Justin Norton / jnorton@washoecounty.gov
Address: 4126 Technology Way Carson City, Nevada 89706	Address: 990 E 9Th St Reno, Nevada, 89512-2809
Subaward Period: 2025-09-01 through 2026-08-31	Subrecipient's: EIN: 88-6000138 Vendor #: T40283400D UEI #: GPR1NY74XPQ5
Purpose of Award: To abstract standardized case-level data from the Medical Examiner/Coroner (ME/C) reports and emergency room data on fatal drug overdoses and submit to SUDORS/DOSE to develop routine reports surrounding drug overdoses and conduct timely enhanced toxicology testing of suspected overdose deaths.	
Region(s) to be served: X Statewide Æ Specific county or counties:	
Approved Budget Categories	
1. Personnel	\$74,967.00
2. Travel	\$0.00
3. Operating	\$0.00
4. Equipment	\$0.00
5. Contractual/Consultant	\$0.00
6. Training	\$0.00
7. Other	\$67,896.00
TOTAL DIRECT COSTS	\$142,863.00
8. Indirect Costs	\$0.00
TOTAL APPROVED BUDGET	\$142,863.00

Terms and Conditions:

In accepting these grant funds, it is understood that:

1. This award is subject to the availability of appropriated funds.
2. Expenditures must comply with any statutory guidelines, the DHHS Grant Instructions and Requirements, and the State Administrative Manual.
3. Expenditures must be consistent with the narrative, goals and objectives, and budget as approved and documented.
4. Subrecipient must comply with all applicable Federal regulations.
5. Quarterly progress reports are due by the 15th of each month following the end of the quarter, unless specific exceptions are provided in writing by the grant administrator.
6. Financial Status Reports and Requests for Funds must be submitted monthly, unless specific exceptions are provided in writing by the grant administrator.

Incorporated Documents:

Section A: Grant Conditions and Assurances;
Section B: Descriptions of Services, Scope of Work and Deliverables;
Section C: Budget and Financial Reporting Requirements;
Section D: Request for Reimbursement;
Section E: Audit Information Request;

Section F: Current or Former State Employee Disclaimer
Section G: Business Associate Addendum
Section H: Matching Funds Agreement (optional: only if matching funds are required)

Name	Signature	Date
Dr. Laura Knight, Washoe County Chief Medical Officer		
Shannon Bennett, Bureau Chief		
for Dena Schmidt Administrator, DPBH		

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Federal Award Computation			Match		
Total Obligated by this Action:	\$142,863.00		Match Required Æ Y X N		0.00%
Cumulative Prior Awards this Budget Period:	\$0.00		Amount Required this Action:		\$0.00
Total Federal Funds Awarded to Date:	\$142,863.00		Amount Required Prior Awards:		\$0.00
			Total Match Amount Required:		\$0.00
Research and Development Æ Y X N					
Federal Budget Period			Federal Project Period		
9/1/2025 through 8/31/2026			9/1/2025 through 8/31/2026		
FOR AGENCY USE ONLY					
FEDERAL GRANT #: 5 NU17CE010224-03-00	Source of Funds: Overdose Data to Action- Nevada		% Funds: 100.00	CFDA: 93.136	FAIN: NU17CE010224
					Federal Grant Award Date by Federal Agency: 8/28/2025
Budget Account	Category	GL	Function	Sub-org	Job Number
3170	32	8516	0815	S3/S4/S5	9313625D

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Scope of work is an attached document shown below

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SECTION B

Description of Services, Scope of Work and Deliverables

*In some instances, it may be helpful / useful to provide a brief summary of the project or its intent. This is at the discretion of the author of the subaward. This section should be written in complete sentences.

Washoe County Regional Medical Examiner, hereinafter referred to as Subrecipient, agrees to provide the following services and reports according to the identified timeframes:

Scope of Work for Washoe County Regional Medical Examiner

Primary Goal: Scope of work attached.

<u>Objective</u>	<u>Activities</u>	<u>Due Date</u>	<u>Documentation Needed</u>
1. Scope of work attached.	Scope of work attached.	08/31/2026	Scope of work attached.

Compliance with this section is acknowledged by signing the subaward cover page of this packet.

WASHOE COUNTY REGIONAL MEDICAL EXAMINER'S OFFICE SCOPE OF WORK

OVERDOSE DATA TO ACTION

FROM SEPTEMBER 2025 – AUGUST 2026

Template Date: 08/1/2025 Version: 1.0

Baseline Narrative:		<i>The Medical Examiner's Office conducts systematic abstraction of non-hospital drug overdose deaths in accordance with CDC protocols. This process ensures consistent and accurate collection of data elements related to decedent demographics, circumstances of death, toxicology findings, and substances involved. The purpose of this abstraction is to strengthen surveillance of fatal drug overdoses occurring outside of hospital settings, improve data quality, and contribute to national reporting requirements.</i>					
Expected Outcomes:		<i>Improved accuracy and timeliness of non-hospital drug overdose death data, enabling the Medical Examiner's Office and public health partners to better identify trends, inform prevention strategies, and guide policy decisions to reduce overdose mortality.</i>					
Goal 1:		<i>Abstraction of non-hospital drug overdose deaths as prescribed by CDC.</i>					
Responsible person(s)		<i>Mandy Flavel, Chelsea Houston, and Justin Norton</i>					
Objective	*BBHWP Sub-Strategy #	Activities	Outputs	Timeline Begin / Completion	Target Population	Evaluation Measure (indicator)	Evaluation Tool



Abstract data of non-hospital drug-related deaths into the CDC web-based data system	PENDING FINAL STRATEGIC PLAN.	Within 180 days of the date of death, enter data to initiate drug overdose cases with a target of entering 100% of identified cases each year into the CDC system	Entry of case information and toxicological findings into CDC system for all drug-related deaths	Ongoing	All	Monthly case reconciliation with the state's OD2A project manager	State and CDC reports
Report to state and community partners the number of cases abstracted	PENDING FINAL STRATEGIC PLAN.	Update and maintain a case requesting log of all drug overdose deaths within jurisdiction. Jurisdictional counties include Carson City, Churchill, Douglas, Elko, Esmerelda, Eureka, Humboldt, Lander, Lyon, Mineral, Pershing, Storey,	Monthly report to state's OD2A project manager	Monthly	All	Monthly case reconciliation with the state's OD2A project manager	State and CDC reports

		Washoe, and the northern portion of Nye.					
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Goal 2:		Conduct timely enhanced toxicology testing of suspected drug overdose deaths.					
Responsible person(s)		Washoe County Regional medical Examiner's Office pathologists					
Objective	*BBHWP Sub-Strategy #	Activities	Outputs	Timeline Begin / Completion	Target Population	Evaluation Measure (indicator)	Evaluation Tool
Enhanced surveillance of drug-involved mortality		Perform additional/expanded toxicology testing on suspected-drug involved deaths and upload reports and case information into CDC system	Toxicological reporting on all drug-related deaths	Ongoing	All	Monthly case reconciliation with the state's OD2A project manager	State and CDC reports

Goal 3:		Abstraction of hospital emergency room drug overdose deaths as prescribed by CDC					
Responsible person(s)							
Objective	*BBHWP Sub-Strategy #	Activities	Outputs	Timeline Begin / Completion	Target Population	Evaluation Measure (indicator)	Evaluation Tool

Abstract data of non-hospital drug-related deaths into the CDC web-based data system		Within 180 days of the date of death, enter data to initiate drug overdose cases with a target of entering 100% of identified cases each year into the CDC system	Entry of case information and toxicological findings into CDC system for all drug-related deaths	Ongoing	All	Monthly case reconciliation with the state's OD2A project manager	State and CDC reports
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Quarterly Progress Report /Technical Assistance Due Dates:

Quarterly Report Q1: January 15, 2026

Quarterly Report Q2: April 15, 2026

Quarterly Report Q3: July 15, 2026

Quarterly Report Q4: October 15, 2026

*BBHWP Sub-Strategy number is linked to the 2025-2030 BBHWP Strategic Plan, released September 2025.

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SECTION C

Budget and Financial Reporting Requirements

Identify the source of funding on all printed documents purchased or produced within the scope of this subaward, using a statement similar to:
"This publication (journal, article, etc.) was supported by the Nevada State Department of Health and Human Services through Grant # 5 NU17CE010224-03-00 from Overdose Data to Action- Nevada. Its contents are solely the responsibility of the authors and do not necessarily represent the official views of the Department nor Overdose Data to Action- Nevada."

Any activities performed under this subaward shall acknowledge the funding was provided through the Department by Grant Number 5 NU17CE010224-03-00 from Overdose Data to Action- Nevada.

Subrecipient agrees to adhere to the following budget:

Total Personnel Costs						including fringe		Total:		\$74,967.00
<u>Employee</u>	<u>Annual Salary</u>	<u>Fringe Rate</u>	<u>% of Time</u>	<u>Months</u>	<u>Annual % of Months worked</u>	<u>Amount Requested</u>	<u>Subject to Indirect?</u>	<u>Fringe</u>	<u>Salary</u>	
Mandy Flavel, Medicolegal Data Specialist (STRATEGY 2)	\$91,000.00	50.60%	33.52%	12.00	100.00%	\$45,932.34	Æ	Æ		
Strategy 2: Data is collected from local hospitals and emergency departments when patients die. This data is abstracted and entered into the OD2A system for further analysis. Since this employee is embedded in the Medical Examiner's Office, they have the most rapid access to data possible and can use the resources of the office (such as subpoena power and existing relationships with hospitals and medical practitioners) to get all data needed in a timely manner.										
Mandy Flavel, Medicolegal Data Specialist (STRATEGY 3)	\$91,000.00	50.60%	21.19%	12.00	100.00%	\$29,034.57	Æ	Æ		
Strategy 3: Data is collected from all cases in which the medical examiner/coroner is involved. This includes cases out of a hospital setting. This data is abstracted and entered into the OD2A system for further analysis. Since this employee is embedded in the Medical Examiner's Office, they have the most rapid access to data possible and can use the resources of the office (such as subpoena power and existing relationships with hospitals and medical practitioners) to get all data needed in a timely manner. Many points of data are collected and abstracted such as drugs used, demographic data, personal history, etc.										

<u>In-State Travel</u>	Total:	\$0.00
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<u>Out of State Travel</u>	OSMot Days	Total:	\$0.00
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<u>Operating</u>	Total:	\$0.00
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<u>Equipment</u>	Total:	\$0.00
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<u>Contractual/Contractual and all Pass-thru Subawards</u>	Total:	\$0.00
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Training	Total:	\$0.00
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Other	Total:	\$67,896.00
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Expenditure	Amount	# of FTE or Units	# of Months or Occurrences	Cost	Subject to Indirect
Other	\$5,658.00	1	12	\$67,896.00	Æ

Justification: Expanded toxicology testing of deceased people in the state helps detect a wider range of illicit, prescription, and over-the-counter drugs. This extra testing is critically needed to more accurately track drug deaths in the state as well as to identify trends and new drugs coming into the area.

TOTAL DIRECT CHARGES	\$142,863.00
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Indirect Charges	Indirect Rate:	0.0%	\$0.00
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Indirect Methodology: This agency does not claim indirect.

TOTAL BUDGET	\$142,863
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Applicant Name: Washoe County Regional Medical Examiner

Form 2

PROPOSED BUDGET SUMMARY

A. PATTERN BOXES ARE FORMULA DRIVEN - DO NOT OVERRIDE - SEE INSTRUCTIONS

FUNDING SOURCES	Overdose Data to Action	Other Funding	Other Funding	Other Funding	Other Funding	Other Funding	Other Funding	Program Income	TOTAL
SECURED									
ENTER TOTAL REQUEST	\$142,863.00								\$142,863.00

EXPENSE CATEGORY

Personnel	\$74,967.00								\$74,967.00
Travel	\$0.00								\$0.00
Operating	\$0.00								\$0.00
Equipment	\$0.00								\$0.00
Contractual/Consultant	\$0.00								\$0.00
Training	\$0.00								\$0.00
Other Expenses	\$67,896.00								\$67,896.00
Indirect	\$0.00								\$0.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$142,863.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$142,863.00
These boxes should equal 0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Indirect Cost	\$0.00	Total Agency Budget							\$142,863.00
Percent of Subrecipient Budget									100.00%

B. Explain any items noted as pending:

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C. Program Income Calculation:

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- Department of Health and Human Services policy allows no more than 10% flexibility of the total not to exceed amount of the subaward, within the approved Scope of Work/Budget. Subrecipient will obtain written permission to redistribute funds within categories. **Note: the redistribution cannot alter the total not to exceed amount of the subaward. Modifications in excess of 10% require a formal amendment.**
 - Equipment purchased with these funds belongs to the federal program from which this funding was appropriated and shall be returned to the program upon termination of this agreement.
 - Travel expenses, per diem, and other related expenses must conform to the procedures and rates allowed for State officers and employees. It is the Policy of the Board of Examiners to restrict contractors/ Subrecipients to the same rates and procedures allowed State Employees. The State of Nevada reimburses at rates comparable to the rates established by the US General Services Administration, with some exceptions (State Administrative Manual 0200.0 and 0320.0).
- Note: If match funds are required, Section H: Matching Funds Agreement must accompany the subaward packet.

The Subrecipient agrees:

To request reimbursement according to the schedule specified below for the actual expenses incurred related to the Scope of Work during the subaward period.

- Total reimbursement through this subaward will not exceed \$142,863.00;
- Requests for Reimbursement will be accompanied by supporting documentation, including a line item description of expenses incurred;
- Indicate what additional supporting documentation is needed in order to request reimbursement;
 - ψ The Subrecipient agrees to request reimbursement according to the schedule specified for the actual expenses incurred related to the Scope of Work during the subaward period. Requests for Reimbursement shall be submitted by the 15th of every month and provide adequate amounts of documentation (eg., receipts, pay stubs, and bills).; and
- Additional expenditure detail will be provided upon request from the Department.

Additionally, the Subrecipient agrees to provide:

- A complete financial accounting of all expenditures to the Department within 30 days of the CLOSE OF THE SUBAWARD PERIOD. Any un-obligated funds shall be returned to the Department at that time, or if not already requested, shall be deducted from the final award.
- Any work performed after the BUDGET PERIOD will not be reimbursed.
- If a Request for Reimbursement (RFR) is received after the 45-day closing period, the Department may not be able to provide reimbursement.
- If a credit is owed to the Department after the 45-day closing period, the funds must be returned to the Department within 30 days of identification.

The Department agrees:

- Identify specific items the program or Bureau must provide or accomplish to ensure successful completion of this project, such as:
 - Â Providing technical assistance, upon request from the Subrecipient;
 - Â Providing prior approval of reports or documents to be developed;
 - Â Forwarding a report to another party, i.e. CDC.
 - Â The Department agrees to ensure that the program or Bureau provides monthly technical assistance to ensure the successful completion of this project. The Department reserves the right to hold reimbursement under this subaward until any delinquent forms, reports, and expenditure documents are submitted to and accepted by the Department.
- The Department reserves the right to hold reimbursement under this subaward until any delinquent forms, reports, and expenditure documentation are submitted to and accepted by the Department.

Both parties agree:

- The site visit/monitoring schedule may be clarified here. Site monitors are conducted annually.
- The Subrecipient will, in the performance of the Scope of Work specified in this subaward, perform functions and/or activities that could involve confidential information; therefore, the Subrecipient is requested to fill out Section G, which is specific to this subaward, and will be in effect for the term of this subaward.
- All reports of expenditures and requests for reimbursement processed by the Department are **SUBJECT TO AUDIT**.
- This subaward agreement may be **TERMINATED** by either party prior to the date set forth on the Notice of Subaward, provided the termination shall not be effective until 30 days after a party has served written notice upon the other party. This agreement may be terminated by mutual consent of both parties or unilaterally by either party without cause. The parties expressly agree that this Agreement shall be terminated immediately if for any reason the Department, state, and/or federal funding ability to satisfy this Agreement is withdrawn, limited, or impaired.

Financial Reporting Requirements

- A Request for Reimbursement is due on a Monthly basis, based on the terms of the subaward agreement, no later than the 15th of the month.
- Reimbursement is based on actual expenditures incurred during the period being reported.
- Payment will not be processed without all reporting being current.
- Reimbursement may only be claimed for expenditures approved within the Notice of Subaward.

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**SECTION D
Request for Reimbursement**

<u>Program Name:</u> Overdose Data to Action	<u>Subrecipient Name:</u> Washoe County Regional Medical Examiner
<u>Address:</u> 4126 Technology Way, Carson City, Nevada 89706	<u>Address:</u> 990 E 9Th St, Reno, Nevada 89512-2809
<u>Subaward Period:</u> 09/01/2025 - 08/31/2026	<u>Subrecipient's:</u> EIN: 88-6000138 Vendor #: T40283400D

FINANCIAL REPORT AND REQUEST FOR REIMBURSEMENT

(must be accompanied by expenditure report/back-up)

Month(s)	Calendar Year
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Approved Budget Category	A Approved Budget	B Total Prior Requests	C Current Request	D Year to Date Total	E Budget Balance	F Percent Expended
1. Personnel	\$74,967.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$74,967.00	0.00%
2. Travel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.0000	\$0.00	0.00%
3. Operating	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
4. Equipment	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
5. Contractual/Consultant	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
6. Training	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
7. Other	\$67,896.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$67,896.00	0.00%
8. Indirect	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Total	\$142,863.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$142,863.00	0.00%

MATCH REPORTING	Approved Match Budget	Total Prior Reported Match	Current Match Reported	Year to Date Total	Match Balance	Percent Complete
						0.00%

I, a duly authorized signatory for the applicant, certify to the best of my knowledge and belief that this report is true, complete and accurate; that the expenditures, disbursements and cash receipts are for the purposes and objectives set forth in the terms and conditions of the grant award; and that the amount of this request is not in excess of current needs or, cumulatively for the grant term, in excess of the total approved grant award. I am aware that any false, fictitious or fraudulent information, or the omission of any material fact, may subject me to criminal, civil or administrative penalties for fraud, false statements, false claims, or otherwise. I verify that the cost allocation and backup documentation attached is correct.

Authorized Signature	Title	Date
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Is program contact required? ☐ Yes ☐ No	Contact Person
Reason for contact:	
Fiscal review/approval date:	
Scope of Work review/approval date:	
ASO or Bureau Chief (as required):	

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SECTION E

Audit Information Request

1. Non-Federal entities that **expend** \$1,000,000.00 or more in total federal awards are required to have a single or program-specific audit conducted for that year, in accordance with 2 CFR 200.501(a).
2. Did your organization expend \$1,000,000 or more in all federal awards during your organization's most recent fiscal year? /E Yes /E No
3. When does your organization's fiscal year end? _____
4. What is the official name of your organization? _____
5. How often is your organization audited? _____
6. When was your last audit performed? _____
7. What time-period did your last audit cover? - _____
8. Which accounting firm conducted your last audit? _____

Compliance with this section is acknowledged by signing the subaward cover page of this packet.

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SECTION F

Current or Former State Employee Disclaimer

For the purpose of State compliance with NRS 333.705, subrecipient represents and warrants that if subrecipient, or any employee of subrecipient who will be performing services under this subaward, is a current employee of the State or was employed by the State within the preceding 24 months, subrecipient has disclosed the identity of such persons, and the services that each such person will perform, to the issuing Agency. Subrecipient agrees they will not utilize any of its employees who are Current State Employees or Former State Employees to perform services under this subaward without first notifying the Agency and receiving from the Agency approval for the use of such persons. This prohibition applies equally to any subcontractors that may be used to perform the requirements of the subaward.

The provisions of this section do not apply to the employment of a former employee of an agency of this State who is not receiving retirement benefits under the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) during the duration of the subaward.

Are any current or former employees of the State of Nevada assigned to perform work on this subaward?

- | | | |
|-----|---|---|
| YES | Æ | If "YES" list the names of any current or former employees of the State and the services that each person will perform. |
| NO | X | Subrecipient agrees that if a current or former state employee is assigned to perform work on this subaward at any point after execution of this agreement, they must receive prior approval from the Department. |

Name

Services

Subrecipient agrees that any employees listed cannot perform work until approval has been given from the Department.

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SECTION G

Business Associate Addendum

BETWEEN

Nevada Department of Health and Human Services

Hereinafter referred to as the "Covered Entity"

And

Washoe County Regional Medical Examiner

Hereinafter referred to as the "Business Associate"

PURPOSE. In order to comply with the requirements of HIPAA and the HITECH Act, this Addendum is hereby added and made part of the agreement between the Covered Entity and the Business Associate. This Addendum establishes the obligations of the Business Associate and the Covered Entity as well as the permitted uses and disclosures by the Business Associate of protected health information it may possess by reason of the agreement. The Covered Entity and the Business Associate shall protect the privacy and provide for the security of protected health information disclosed to the Business Associate pursuant to the agreement and in compliance with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, Public Law 104-191 (the "HIPAA"), the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act, Public Law 111-5 (the "HITECH Act"), and regulation promulgated there under by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (the "HIPAA Regulations") and other applicable laws.

WHEREAS, the Business Associate will provide certain services to the Covered Entity, and, pursuant to such arrangement, the Business Associate is considered a business associate of the Covered Entity as defined in HIPAA, the HITECH Act, the Privacy Rule and Security Rule; and

WHEREAS, Business Associate may have access to and/or receive from the Covered Entity certain protected health information, in fulfilling its responsibilities under such arrangement; and

WHEREAS, the HIPAA Regulations, the HITECH Act, the Privacy Rule and the Security Rule require the Covered Entity to enter into an agreement containing specific requirements of the Business Associate prior to the disclosure of protected health information, as set forth in, but not limited to, 45 CFR Parts 160 & 164 and Public Law 111-5.

THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual obligations below and the exchange of information pursuant to this Addendum, and to protect the interests of both Parties, the Parties agree to all provisions of this Addendum.

- I. **DEFINITIONS.** The following terms shall have the meaning ascribed to them in this Section. Other capitalized terms shall have the meaning ascribed to them in the context in which they first appear.
1. **Breach** means the unauthorized acquisition, access, use, or disclosure of protected health information which compromises the security or privacy of the protected health information. The full definition of breach can be found in 42 USC 17921 and 45 CFR 164.402.
 2. **Business Associate** shall mean the name of the organization or entity listed above and shall have the meaning given to the term under the Privacy and Security Rule and the HITECH Act. For full definition refer to 45 CFR 160.103.
 3. **CFR** stands for the Code of Federal Regulations.
 4. **Agreement** shall refer to this Addendum and that particular agreement to which this Addendum is made a part.
 5. **Covered Entity** shall mean the name of the Department listed above and shall have the meaning given to such term under the Privacy Rule and the Security Rule, including, but not limited to 45 CFR 160.103.
 6. **Designated Record Set** means a group of records that includes protected health information and is maintained by or for a covered entity or the Business Associate that includes, but is not limited to, medical, billing, enrollment, payment, claims adjudication, and case or medical management records. Refer to 45 CFR 164.501 for the complete definition.
 7. **Disclosure** means the release, transfer, provision of, access to, or divulging in any other manner of information outside the entity holding the information as defined in 45 CFR 160.103.
 8. **Electronic Protected Health Information** means individually identifiable health information transmitted by electronic media or maintained in electronic media as set forth under 45 CFR 160.103.
 9. **Electronic Health Record** means an electronic record of health-related information on an individual that is created, gathered, managed, and consulted by authorized health care clinicians and staff. Refer to 42 USC 17921.
 10. **Health Care Operations** shall have the meaning given to the term under the Privacy Rule at 45 CFR 164.501.
 11. **Individual** means the person who is the subject of protected health information and is defined in 45 CFR 160.103.
 12. **Individually Identifiable Health Information** means health information, in any form or medium, including demographic information collected from an individual, that is created or received by a covered entity or a business associate of the covered entity and relates to the past, present, or future care of the individual. Individually identifiable health information is information that identifies the individual directly or there is a reasonable basis to believe the information can be used to identify the

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individual. Refer to 45 CFR 160.103.

13. **Parties** shall mean the Business Associate and the Covered Entity.
14. **Privacy Rule** shall mean the HIPAA Regulation that is codified at 45 CFR Parts 160 and 164, Subparts A, D and E.
15. **Protected Health Information** means individually identifiable health information transmitted by electronic media, maintained in electronic media, or transmitted or maintained in any other form or medium. Refer to 45 CFR 160.103 for the complete definition.
16. **Required by Law** means a mandate contained in law that compels an entity to make a use or disclosure of protected health information and that is enforceable in a court of law. This includes but is not limited to: court orders and court-ordered warrants; subpoenas, or summons issued by a court; and statutes or regulations that require the provision of information if payment is sought under a government program providing public benefits. For the complete definition refer to 45 CFR 164.103.
17. **Secretary** shall mean the Secretary of the federal Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) or the Secretary's designee.
18. **Security Rule** shall mean the HIPAA regulation that is codified at 45 CFR Parts 160 and 164 Subparts A and C.
19. **Unsecured Protected Health Information** means protected health information that is not rendered unusable, unreadable, or indecipherable to unauthorized individuals through the use of a technology or methodology specified by the Secretary in the guidance issued in Public Law 111-5. Refer to 42 USC 17932 and 45 CFR 164.402.
20. **USC** stands for the United States Code.

II. OBLIGATIONS OF THE BUSINESS ASSOCIATE.

1. **Access to Protected Health Information.** The Business Associate will provide, as directed by the Covered Entity, an individual or the Covered Entity access to inspect or obtain a copy of protected health information about the Individual that is maintained in a designated record set by the Business Associate or, its agents or subcontractors, in order to meet the requirements of the Privacy Rule, including, but not limited to 45 CFR 164.524 and 164.504(e)(2)(ii)(E). If the Business Associate maintains an electronic health record, the Business Associate or, its agents or subcontractors shall provide such information in electronic format to enable the Covered Entity to fulfill its obligations under the HITECH Act, including, but not limited to 42 USC 17935.
2. **Access to Records.** The Business Associate shall make its internal practices, books and records relating to the use and disclosure of protected health information available to the Covered Entity and to the Secretary for purposes of determining Business Associate's compliance with the Privacy and Security Rule in accordance with 45 CFR 164.504(e)(2)(ii)(H).
3. **Accounting of Disclosures.** Promptly, upon request by the Covered Entity or individual for an accounting of disclosures, the Business Associate and its agents or subcontractors shall make available to the Covered Entity or the individual information required to provide an accounting of disclosures in accordance with 45 CFR 164.528, and the HITECH Act, including, but not limited to 42 USC 17935. The accounting of disclosures, whether electronic or other media, must include the requirements as outlined under 45 CFR 164.528(b).
4. **Agents and Subcontractors.** The Business Associate must ensure all agents and subcontractors to whom it provides protected health information agree in writing to the same restrictions and conditions that apply to the Business Associate with respect to all protected health information accessed, maintained, created, retained, modified, recorded, stored, destroyed, or otherwise held, transmitted, used or disclosed by the agent or subcontractor. The Business Associate must implement and maintain sanctions against agents and subcontractors that violate such restrictions and conditions and shall mitigate the effects of any such violation as outlined under 45 CFR 164.530(f) and 164.530(e)(1).
5. **Amendment of Protected Health Information.** The Business Associate will make available protected health information for amendment and incorporate any amendments in the designated record set maintained by the Business Associate or, its agents or subcontractors, as directed by the Covered Entity or an individual, in order to meet the requirements of the Privacy Rule, including, but not limited to, 45 CFR 164.526.
6. **Audits, Investigations, and Enforcement.** The Business Associate must notify the Covered Entity immediately upon learning the Business Associate has become the subject of an audit, compliance review, or complaint investigation by the Office of Civil Rights or any other federal or state oversight agency. The Business Associate shall provide the Covered Entity with a copy of any protected health information that the Business Associate provides to the Secretary or other federal or state oversight agency concurrently with providing such information to the Secretary or other federal or state oversight agency. The Business Associate and individuals associated with the Business Associate are solely responsible for all civil and criminal penalties assessed as a result of an audit, breach, or violation of HIPAA or HITECH laws or regulations. Reference 42 USC 17937.
7. **Breach or Other Improper Access, Use or Disclosure Reporting.** The Business Associate must report to the Covered Entity, in writing, any access, use or disclosure of protected health information not permitted by the agreement, Addendum or the Privacy and Security Rules. The Covered Entity must be notified immediately upon discovery or the first day such breach or suspected breach is known to the Business Associate or by exercising reasonable diligence would have been known by the Business Associate in accordance with 45 CFR 164.410, 164.504(e)(2)(ii)(C) and 164.308(b) and 42 USC 17921. The Business Associate must report any improper access, use or disclosure of protected health information by: The Business Associate or its agents or subcontractors. In the event of a breach or suspected breach of protected health information, the report to the Covered Entity must be in writing and include the following: a brief description of the incident; the date of the incident; the date the incident was discovered by the Business Associate; a thorough description of the unsecured protected health information that was involved in the incident; the number of individuals whose protected health information was involved in the incident; and the steps the Business Associate is taking to investigate the incident and to protect against further incidents. The Covered Entity will determine if a breach of unsecured protected health information has occurred and will notify the Business Associate of the determination. If a breach of unsecured protected health information is determined, the Business Associate must take prompt corrective action to cure any such deficiencies and mitigate any significant harm that may have occurred to individual(s) whose information was disclosed inappropriately.
8. **Breach Notification Requirements.** If the Covered Entity determines a breach of unsecured protected health information by the Business Associate has occurred, the Business Associate will be responsible for notifying the individuals whose unsecured protected health information was breached in accordance with 42 USC 17932 and 45 CFR 164.404 through 164.406. The Business Associate must provide evidence to the Covered Entity that appropriate notifications to individuals and/or media,

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when necessary, as specified in 45 CFR 164.404 and 45 CFR 164.406 has occurred. The Business Associate is responsible for all costs associated with notification to individuals, the media or others as well as costs associated with mitigating future breaches. The Business Associate must notify the Secretary of all breaches in accordance with 45 CFR 164.408 and must provide the Covered Entity with a copy of all notifications made to the Secretary.

9. **Breach Pattern or Practice by Covered Entity.** Pursuant to 42 USC 17934, if the Business Associate knows of a pattern of activity or practice of the Covered Entity that constitutes a material breach or violation of the Covered Entity's obligations under the Contract or Addendum, the Business Associate must immediately report the problem to the Secretary.
10. **Data Ownership.** The Business Associate acknowledges that the Business Associate or its agents or subcontractors have no ownership rights with respect to the protected health information it accesses, maintains, creates, retains, modifies, records, stores, destroys, or otherwise holds, transmits, uses or discloses.
11. **Litigation or Administrative Proceedings.** The Business Associate shall make itself, any subcontractors, employees, or agents assisting the Business Associate in the performance of its obligations under the agreement or Addendum, available to the Covered Entity, at no cost to the Covered Entity, to testify as witnesses, or otherwise, in the event litigation or administrative proceedings are commenced against the Covered Entity, its administrators or workforce members upon a claimed violation of HIPAA, the Privacy and Security Rule, the HITECH Act, or other laws relating to security and privacy.
12. **Minimum Necessary.** The Business Associate and its agents and subcontractors shall request, use and disclose only the minimum amount of protected health information necessary to accomplish the purpose of the request, use or disclosure in accordance with 42 USC 17935 and 45 CFR 164.514(d)(3).
13. **Policies and Procedures.** The Business Associate must adopt written privacy and security policies and procedures and documentation standards to meet the requirements of HIPAA and the HITECH Act as described in 45 CFR 164.316 and 42 USC 17931.
14. **Privacy and Security Officer(s).** The Business Associate must appoint Privacy and Security Officer(s) whose responsibilities shall include: monitoring the Privacy and Security compliance of the Business Associate; development and implementation of the Business Associate's HIPAA Privacy and Security policies and procedures; establishment of Privacy and Security training programs; and development and implementation of an incident risk assessment and response plan in the event the Business Associate sustains a breach or suspected breach of protected health information.
15. **Safeguards.** The Business Associate must implement safeguards as necessary to protect the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of the protected health information the Business Associate accesses, maintains, creates, retains, modifies, records, stores, destroys, or otherwise holds, transmits, uses or discloses on behalf of the Covered Entity. Safeguards must include administrative safeguards (e.g., risk analysis and designation of security official), physical safeguards (e.g., facility access controls and workstation security), and technical safeguards (e.g., access controls and audit controls) to the confidentiality, integrity and availability of the protected health information, in accordance with 45 CFR 164.308, 164.310, 164.312, 164.316 and 164.504(e)(2)(ii)(B). Sections 164.308, 164.310 and 164.312 of the CFR apply to the Business Associate of the Covered Entity in the same manner that such sections apply to the Covered Entity. Technical safeguards must meet the standards set forth by the guidelines of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST). The Business Associate agrees to only use or disclose protected health information as provided for by the agreement and Addendum and to mitigate, to the extent practicable, any harmful effect that is known to the Business Associate, of a use or disclosure, in violation of the requirements of this Addendum as outlined under 45 CFR 164.530(e)(2)(f).
16. **Training.** The Business Associate must train all members of its workforce on the policies and procedures associated with safeguarding protected health information. This includes, at a minimum, training that covers the technical, physical and administrative safeguards needed to prevent inappropriate uses or disclosures of protected health information; training to prevent any intentional or unintentional use or disclosure that is a violation of HIPAA regulations at 45 CFR 160 and 164 and Public Law 111-5; and training that emphasizes the criminal and civil penalties related to HIPAA breaches or inappropriate uses or disclosures of protected health information. Workforce training of new employees must be completed within 30 days of the date of hire and all employees must be trained at least annually. The Business Associate must maintain written records for a period of six years. These records must document each employee that received training and the date the training was provided or received.
17. **Use and Disclosure of Protected Health Information.** The Business Associate must not use or further disclose protected health information other than as permitted or required by the agreement or as required by law. The Business Associate must not use or further disclose protected health information in a manner that would violate the requirements of the HIPAA Privacy and Security Rule and the HITECH Act.

III. PERMITTED AND PROHIBITED USES AND DISCLOSURES BY THE BUSINESS ASSOCIATE. The Business Associate agrees to these general use and disclosure provisions:

1. **Permitted Uses and Disclosures:**

- a. Except as otherwise limited in this Addendum, the Business Associate may use or disclose protected health information to perform functions, activities, or services for, or on behalf of, the Covered Entity as specified in the agreement, provided that such use or disclosure would not violate the HIPAA Privacy and Security Rule or the HITECH Act, if done by the Covered Entity in accordance with 45 CFR 164.504(e)(2)(i) and 42 USC 17935 and 17936.
- b. Except as otherwise limited by this Addendum, the Business Associate may use or disclose protected health information received by the Business Associate in its capacity as a Business Associate of the Covered Entity, as necessary, for the proper management and administration of the Business Associate, to carry out the legal responsibilities of the Business Associate, as required by law or for data aggregation purposes in accordance with 45 CFR 164.504(e)(2)(A), 164.504(e)(4)(i)(A), and 164.504(e)(2)(i)(B).
- c. Except as otherwise limited in this Addendum, if the Business Associate discloses protected health information to a third party, the Business Associate must obtain, prior to making any such disclosure, reasonable written assurances from the third party that such protected health information will be held confidential pursuant to this Addendum and only disclosed as required by law or for the purposes for which it was disclosed to the third party. The written agreement from the third party must include requirements to immediately notify the Business Associate of any

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breaches of confidentiality of protected health information to the extent it has obtained knowledge of such breach. Refer to 45 CFR 164.502 and 164.504 and 42 USC 17934.

- d. The Business Associate may use or disclose protected health information to report violations of law to appropriate federal and state authorities, consistent with 45 CFR 164.502(j)(1).

2. Prohibited Uses and Disclosures:

- a. Except as otherwise limited in this Addendum, the Business Associate shall not disclose protected health information to a health plan for payment or health care operations purposes if the patient has required this special restriction and has paid out of pocket in full for the health care item or service to which the protected health information relates in accordance with 42 USC 17935.
- b. The Business Associate shall not directly or indirectly receive remuneration in exchange for any protected health information, as specified by 42 USC 17935, unless the Covered Entity obtained a valid authorization, in accordance with 45 CFR 164.508 that includes a specification that protected health information can be exchanged for remuneration.

IV. OBLIGATIONS OF COVERED ENTITY

1. The Covered Entity will inform the Business Associate of any limitations in the Covered Entity's Notice of Privacy Practices in accordance with 45 CFR 164.520, to the extent that such limitation may affect the Business Associate's use or disclosure of protected health information.
2. The Covered Entity will inform the Business Associate of any changes in, or revocation of, permission by an individual to use or disclose protected health information, to the extent that such changes may affect the Business Associate's use or disclosure of protected health information.
3. The Covered Entity will inform the Business Associate of any restriction to the use or disclosure of protected health information that the Covered Entity has agreed to in accordance with 45 CFR 164.522 and 42 USC 17935, to the extent that such restriction may affect the Business Associate's use or disclosure of protected health information.
4. Except in the event of lawful data aggregation or management and administrative activities, the Covered Entity shall not request the Business Associate to use or disclose protected health information in any manner that would not be permissible under the HIPAA Privacy and Security Rule and the HITECH Act, if done by the Covered Entity.

V. TERM AND TERMINATION

1. Effect of Termination:

- a. Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section, upon termination of this Addendum, for any reason, the Business Associate will return or destroy all protected health information received from the Covered Entity or created, maintained, or received by the Business Associate on behalf of the Covered Entity that the Business Associate still maintains in any form and the Business Associate will retain no copies of such information.
- b. If the Business Associate determines that returning or destroying the protected health information is not feasible, the Business Associate will provide to the Covered Entity notification of the conditions that make return or destruction infeasible. Upon a mutual determination that return, or destruction of protected health information is infeasible, the Business Associate shall extend the protections of this Addendum to such protected health information and limit further uses and disclosures of such protected health information to those purposes that make return or destruction infeasible, for so long as the Business Associate maintains such protected health information.
- c. These termination provisions will apply to protected health information that is in the possession of subcontractors, agents, or employees of the Business Associate.
2. **Term.** The Term of this Addendum shall commence as of the effective date of this Addendum herein and shall extend beyond the termination of the contract and shall terminate when all the protected health information provided by the Covered Entity to the Business Associate, or accessed, maintained, created, retained, modified, recorded, stored, or otherwise held, transmitted, used or disclosed by the Business Associate on behalf of the Covered Entity, is destroyed or returned to the Covered Entity, or, if it not feasible to return or destroy the protected health information, protections are extended to such information, in accordance with the termination.
3. **Termination for Breach of Agreement.** The Business Associate agrees that the Covered Entity may immediately terminate the agreement if the Covered Entity determines that the Business Associate has violated a material part of this Addendum.

VI. MISCELLANEOUS

1. **Amendment.** The parties agree to take such action as is necessary to amend this Addendum from time to time for the Covered Entity to comply with all the requirements of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) of 1996, Public Law No. 104-191 and the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act (HITECH) of 2009, Public Law No. 111-5.
2. **Clarification.** This Addendum references the requirements of HIPAA, the HITECH Act, the Privacy Rule and the Security Rule, as well as amendments and/or provisions that are currently in place and any that may be forthcoming.
3. **Indemnification.** Each party will indemnify and hold harmless the other party to this Addendum from and against all claims, losses, liabilities, costs and other expenses incurred as a result of, or arising directly or indirectly out of or in conjunction with:
 - a. Any misrepresentation, breach of warranty or non-fulfillment of any undertaking on the part of the party under this Addendum; and
 - b. Any claims, demands, awards, judgments, actions, and proceedings made by any person or organization arising out of or in any way connected with the party's performance under this Addendum.
4. **Interpretation.** The provisions of the Addendum shall prevail over any provisions in the agreement that may conflict or appear inconsistent with any provision in this Addendum. This Addendum and the agreement shall be interpreted as broadly as necessary to implement and comply with HIPAA, the HITECH Act, the Privacy Rule and the Security Rule. The parties agree that any ambiguity in this Addendum shall be resolved to permit the Covered Entity and the Business Associate to comply with HIPAA, the HITECH Act, the Privacy Rule and the Security Rule.

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5. **Regulatory Reference.** A reference in this Addendum to a section of the HITECH Act, HIPAA, the Privacy Rule and Security Rule means the sections as in effect or as amended.
6. **Survival.** The respective rights and obligations of Business Associate under Effect of Termination of this Addendum shall survive the termination of this Addendum.

Compliance with this section is acknowledged by signing the subaward cover page of this packet.

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Section H is not applicable for this Subaward