

Administering Agency: Nevada County Behavioral Health Department, Health and Human Services Administration

Contract No. _____

Contract Description: Provision of outpatient rehabilitative treatment services for Medi-Cal beneficiaries for the recovery and treatment of alcohol /drug dependency

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT
FOR HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY**

THIS PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT ("Contract") is made at Nevada City, California, as of July 8, 2025 by and between the County of Nevada, ("County"), and Recover Medical Group P.C. ("Contractor") (together "Parties", individual "Party"), who agree as follows:

1. **Services** Subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this Contract, Contractor shall provide the services described in Exhibit A. Contractor shall provide said services at the time, place, and in the manner specified in Exhibit A.
2. **Payment** County shall pay Contractor for services rendered pursuant to this Contract at the time and in the amount set forth in Exhibit B. The payments specified in Exhibit B shall be the only payment made to Contractor for services rendered pursuant to this Contract. Contractor shall submit all billings for said services to County in the manner specified in Exhibit B; or, if no manner be specified in Exhibit B, then according to the usual and customary procedures which Contractor uses for billing clients similar to County. **The amount of the contract shall not exceed Two Hundred Ninety Three Thousand Eight Hundred Seventeen Dollars (\$293,817).**
3. **Term** This Contract shall commence on July 1, 2025 All services required to be provided by this Contract shall be completed and ready for acceptance no later than the **Contract Termination Date** of: June 30, 2026.
4. **Facilities, Equipment and Other Materials** 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 Contract.
5. **Exhibits** All exhibits referred to herein and attached hereto are incorporated herein by this reference.
6. **Electronic Signatures** The Parties acknowledge and agree that this Contract may be executed by electronic signature, which shall be considered as an original signature for all purposes and shall have the same force and effect as an original signature. Without limitation, "electronic signature" shall include faxed or emailed versions of an original signature or electronically scanned and transmitted versions (e.g., via pdf) of an original signature.
7. **Time for Performance** Time is of the essence. Failure of Contractor to perform any services within the time limits set forth in Exhibit A or elsewhere in this Contract shall constitute material breach of this contract. Contractor shall devote such time to the performance of services pursuant to this Contract as may be reasonably necessary for the satisfactory performance of Contractor's obligations pursuant to this Contract. Neither Party shall be considered in default of this Contract to the extent performance is prevented or delayed by any cause, present or future, which is beyond the reasonable control of the Party.
8. **Liquidated Damages**

Liquidated Damages are presented as an estimate of an intangible loss to the County. It is a provision that allows for the payment of a specified sum should Contractor be in breach of contract. Liquidated Damages ☒ **shall not** ☐ **shall apply** to this contract. If Liquidated Damages are applicable to this contract, the terms are incorporated in Exhibit I, attached hereto.

9. **Relationship of Parties**

9.1. **Independent Contractor**

In providing services herein, Contractor, and the agents and employees thereof, shall work in an independent capacity and as an independent contractor and not as agents or employees of County. Contractor acknowledges that it customarily engages independently in the trade, occupation, or business as that involved in the work required herein. Further the Parties agree that Contractor shall perform the work required herein free from the control and direction of County, and that the nature of the work is outside the usual course of County's business. In performing the work required herein, Contractor shall not be entitled to any employment benefits, Workers' Compensation, or other programs afforded to County employees. Contractor shall hold County harmless and indemnify County against such claim by its agents or employees. County makes no representation as to the effect of this independent contractor relationship on Contractor's previously earned California Public Employees Retirement System ("CalPERS") retirement benefits, if any, and Contractor specifically assumes the responsibility for making such determination. Contractor shall be responsible for all reports and obligations including but not limited to: social security taxes, income tax withholding, unemployment insurance, disability insurance, workers' compensation and other applicable federal and state taxes.

9.2. **No Agent Authority** Contractor shall have no power to incur any debt, obligation, or liability on behalf of County or otherwise to act on behalf of County as an agent. Neither County nor any of its agents shall have control over the conduct of Contractor or any of Contractor's employees, except as set forth in this Contract. Contractor shall not represent that it is, or that any of its agents or employees are, in any manner employees of County.

9.3. **Indemnification of CalPERS Determination** In the event that Contractor or any employee, agent, or subcontractor of Contractor providing service under this Contract is determined by a court of competent jurisdiction or CalPERS to be eligible for enrollment in CalPERS as an employee of County, Contractor shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless County for all payments on behalf of Contractor or its employees, agents, or subcontractors, as well as for the payment of any penalties and interest on such contributions, which would otherwise be the responsibility of County.

10. **Assignment and Subcontracting** Except as specifically provided herein, the rights, responsibilities, duties and services to be performed under this Contract are personal to Contractor and may not be transferred, subcontracted, or assigned without the prior written consent of County. Contractor shall not substitute or replace any personnel for those specifically named herein or in its proposal without the prior written consent of County.

Contractor shall cause and require each transferee, subcontractor, and assignee to comply with the insurance provisions **and information technology security provisions** set forth herein, to the extent such insurance provisions are required of Contractor under this Contract. Failure of Contractor to so cause and require such compliance by each transferee, subcontractor, and assignee shall constitute a material breach of this Contract, and, in addition to any other remedy available at law or otherwise, shall serve as a basis upon which County may elect to suspend payments hereunder, or terminate this Contract, or both.

11. **Licenses, Permits, Etc.** Contractor represents and warrants to County that Contractor shall, at its sole cost and expense, obtain or keep in effect at all times during the term of this Contract, any licenses, permits, and approvals which are legally required for Contractor to practice its profession at the time the services are performed.
12. **Hold Harmless and Indemnification Contract** To the fullest extent permitted by law, each Party (the “Indemnifying Party”) hereby agrees to protect, defend, indemnify, and hold the other Party (the “Indemnified Party”), its officers, agents, employees, and volunteers, free and harmless from any and all losses, claims, liens, demands, and causes of action of every kind and character resulting from the Indemnifying Party’s negligent act, willful misconduct, or error or omission, including, but not limited to, the amounts of judgments, penalties, interest, court costs, legal fees, and all other expenses incurred by the Indemnified Party arising in favor of any party, including claims, liens, debts, personal injuries, death, or damages to property (including employees or property of the Indemnified Party) and without limitation, 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. The Indemnifying Party agrees to investigate, handle, respond to, provide defense for, and defend any such claims, demand, or suit at the sole expense of the Indemnifying Party, using legal counsel approved in writing by Indemnified Party. Indemnifying Party 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 either Party or to enlarge in any way either Party’s liability but is intended solely to provide for indemnification of the Indemnified Party from liability for damages, or injuries to third persons or property, arising from or in connection with Indemnifying Party’s performance pursuant to this Contract. This obligation is independent of, and shall not in any way be limited by, the minimum insurance obligations contained in this Contract.
13. **Certificate of Good Standing** Contractors who are registered corporations, including those corporations that are registered non-profits, shall possess a Certificate of Good Standing also known as Certificate of Existence or Certificate of Authorization from the California Secretary of State, and shall keep its status in good standing and effect during the term of this Contract.
14. **Standard of Performance** Contractor shall perform all services required pursuant to this Contract 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 of whatsoever nature which Contractor delivers to County pursuant to this Contract 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.
15. **Contractor without additional compensation** Contractor’s personnel, when on County’s premises and when accessing County’s network remotely, shall comply with County’s regulations regarding security, remote access, safety and professional conduct, including but not limited to Nevada County Security Policy NCSP-102 Nevada County External User Policy and Account Application regarding data and access security. Contractor personnel will solely utilize County’s privileged access management platform for all remote access support functions, unless other methods are granted in writing by County’s Chief Information Officer or their designee.
16. **Prevailing Wage and Apprentices** To the extent made applicable by law, performance of this Contract shall be in conformity with the provisions of California Labor Code, Division 2, Part 7, Chapter 1, commencing with section 1720 relating to prevailing wages which must be paid to workers employed on a public work as defined in Labor Code section 1720, et seq., and shall be in conformity with Title 8 of the California Code of Regulations section 200 et seq., relating to apprenticeship. Where applicable:
 - Contractor shall comply with the provisions thereof at the commencement of Services to be provided herein, and thereafter during the term of this Contract. A breach of the requirements of

this section shall be deemed a material breach of this contract. Applicable prevailing wage determinations are available on the California Department of Industrial Relations website at <http://www.dir.ca.gov/OPRL/PWD>.

- Contractor and all subcontractors must comply with the requirements of Labor Code section 1771.1(a) pertaining to registration of contractors pursuant to section 1725.5. Registration and all related requirements of those sections must be maintained throughout the performance of the Contract.
- Contracts to which prevailing wage requirements apply are subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations. Each Contractor and each subcontractor must furnish certified payroll records to the Labor Commissioner at least monthly.
- The County is required to provide notice to the Department of Industrial Relations of any public work contract subject to prevailing wages within five (5) days of award.

17. **Accessibility** It is the policy of County that all County services, programs, meetings, activities and facilities shall be accessible to all persons, and shall be comply with the provisions of the Americans With Disabilities Act and Title 24, California Code of Regulations. To the extent this Contract shall call for Contractor to provide County contracted services directly to the public, Contractor shall certify that said direct services are and shall be accessible to all persons.
18. **Nondiscriminatory Employment** Contractor shall not discriminate in its employment practices because of race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical handicap, medical condition, marital status, sex or sexual orientation, or any other legally protected category, in contravention of the California Fair Employment and Housing Act, Government Code section 12900 et seq.
19. **Drug-Free Workplace** Senate Bill 1120, (Chapter 1170, Statutes of 1990), requires recipients of State grants to maintain a "drug-free workplace". Every person or organization awarded a contract for the procurement of any property or services shall certify as required under Government Code Section 8355-8357 that it will provide a drug-free workplace.
20. **Political Activities** Contractor shall in no instance expend funds or use resources derived from this Contract on any political activities.
21. **Levine Act** This contract ☒ shall not ☐ shall be subject to compliance with Government Code Section 84308 (Levine Act), which pertains to campaign contributions of more than \$500 to any member of the County of Nevada Board of Supervisors or any County of Nevada Official who will be making, participating in making, or in any way attempting to use their official position to influence a County decision to approve the contract. If Levine Act Compliance is applicable to this contract, the terms are incorporated in Exhibit H, attached hereto.
22. **Subrecipient** This contract ☒ shall not ☐ shall be subject to subrecipient status as such: the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, 2 CFR Part 200 et al (commonly referred to as the "OMB Super Circular" or "Uniform Guidance"). A copy of these regulations is available at the link provided herein for the Code of Federal Regulations. Subrecipient and Contractor determinations
23. **Debarment** In order to prohibit the procurement of any goods or services ultimately funded by Federal awards from debarred, suspended or otherwise excluded parties, this contract ☐ shall not ☒ shall qualify for debarment suspension monitoring. Contractor shall provide proof of debarment compliance if requested by the County. In addition, the County may (at anytime during the term of the Contract) screen the Contractor at www.sam.gov to ensure Contractor, its principal and their named subcontractors are not

debarred, suspended or otherwise excluded by the United States Government in compliance with the requirements of 7 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 3016.35, 28 CFR 66.35, 29 CFR 97.35, 34 CFR 80.35, 45 CFR 92.35 and Executive Order 12549.

24. **Financial, Statistical and Contract-Related Records:**

24.1. **Books and Records** Contractor shall maintain statistical records and submit reports as required by County. Contractor shall also maintain accounting and administrative books and records, program procedures and documentation relating to licensure and accreditation as they pertain to this Contract. All such financial, statistical and contract-related records shall be retained for five (5) years or until program review findings and/or audit findings are resolved, whichever is later. Such records shall include but not be limited to bids and all supporting documents, original entry books, canceled checks, receipts, invoices, payroll records, including subsistence, travel and field expenses, together with a general ledger itemizing all debits and credits.

24.2. **Inspection** Upon reasonable advance notice and during normal business hours or at such other times as may be agreed upon, Contractor shall make all of its books and records, including general business records, available for inspection, examination or copying, to County, or to the State Department of Health Care Services, the Federal Department of Health and Human Services, the Controller General of the United States and to all other authorized federal and state agencies, or their duly authorized representatives.

24.3. **Audit** Contractor shall permit the aforesaid agencies or their duly authorized representatives to audit all books, accounts or records relating to this Contract, and all books, accounts or records of any business entities controlled by Contractor who participated in this Contract in any way. All such records shall be available for inspection by auditors designated by County or State, at reasonable times during normal business hours. Any audit may be conducted on Contractor's premises or, at County's option, Contractor shall provide all books and records within fifteen (15) days upon delivery of written notice from County. Contractor shall promptly refund any moneys erroneously charged and shall be liable for the costs of audit if the audit establishes an over-charge of five percent (5%) or more of the correct amount owed during the audit period.

25. **Cost Disclosure:** In accordance with Government Code Section 7550, should a written report be prepared under or required by the provisions of this Contract, Contractor agrees to state in a separate section of said report the numbers and dollar amounts of all contracts and subcontracts relating to the preparation of said report.

26. **Termination.**

- A. A material breach, as defined pursuant to the terms of this Contract or otherwise, in addition to any other remedy available at law or otherwise, shall serve as a basis upon which County may elect to immediately suspend payments hereunder, or terminate this Contract, or both, without notice.
- B. If Contractor fails to timely provide in any manner the services materials and products required under this Contract, or otherwise fails to promptly comply with the terms of this Contract, or violates any ordinance, regulation or other law which applies to its performance herein, County may terminate this Contract by giving **five (5) calendar days written notice to Contractor.**
- C. Either Party may terminate this Contract for any reason, or without cause, by giving **thirty (30) calendar days written notice** to the other, which notice shall be sent by registered mail in conformity with the notice provisions, below. In the event of termination not the fault of Contractor, Contractor shall be paid for services performed to the date of termination in accordance with the terms of this Contract. Contractor shall be excused for failure to perform services herein if such performance is prevented by acts of God, strikes, labor disputes or other forces over which Contractor has no control.

- D. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, if state or federal funds that County intended to use for payment under this Contract are canceled, reduced, or otherwise made unavailable, County shall have the right to immediately terminate this Contract upon written notice to Contractor. In such an event, County shall pay Contractor for all services satisfactorily performed up to the date of termination in accordance with the terms of this Contract, and Contractor shall have no further claims against County due to such termination.
- E. Any notice to be provided under this section may be given by the Agency Director.
- F. Suspension: County, upon giving seven (7) calendar days written notice to Contractor, shall have the right to suspend this Contract, in whole or in part, for any time period as County deems necessary due to delays in Federal, State or County appropriation of funds, lack of demand for services to be provided under this contract, or other good cause. Upon receipt of a notice of suspension from County, Contractor shall immediately suspend or stop work as directed by County and shall not resume work until and unless County gives Contractor a written notice to resume work. In the event of a suspension not the fault of the Contractor, Contractor shall be paid for services performed to the date of the notice of suspension in accordance with the terms of this Contract.

In the event this Contract is terminated:

- 1) Contractor shall deliver copies of all writings prepared by it pursuant to this Contract. The term "writings" shall be construed to mean and include handwriting, typewriting, printing, Photostatting, photographing, and every other means of recording upon any tangible thing any form of communication or representation, including letters, words, pictures, sounds, or symbols, or combinations thereof.
- 2) County shall have full ownership and control of all such writings delivered by Contractor pursuant to this Contract.
- 3) County shall pay Contractor the reasonable value of services rendered by Contractor to the date of termination pursuant to this Contract 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 Contract specified in Exhibit B, and further provided, however, County shall not in any manner be liable for lost profits which might have been made by Contractor had Contractor completed the services required by this Contract. In this regard, Contractor shall furnish to County such financial information as in the judgment of 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.

27. **Intellectual Property** Contractor will not publish or transfer any materials produced or resulting from activities supported by this Contract without the express written consent of County. All reports, original drawings, graphics, plans, studies and other data and documents, in whatever form or format, assembled or prepared by Contractor or Contractor's subcontractors, consultants, and other agents in connection with this Contract are "works made for hire" (as defined in the Copyright Act, 17 U.S.C. Section 101 et seq., as amended) for County, and Contractor unconditionally and irrevocably transfers and assigns to County all right, title, and interest, including all copyrights and other intellectual property rights, in or to the 'works made for hire.' Unless required by law, Contractor shall not publish, transfer, discuss, or disclose any of the above-described works made for hire or any information gathered, discovered, or generated in any way through this Contract, without County's prior express written consent. To the extent County provides any of its own original photographs, diagrams, plans, documents, information, reports, computer code and all recordable media together with all copyright interests thereto, to Contractor during this Contract, such information shall remain the property of County, and upon fifteen (15) days demand therefore, shall be promptly delivered to County without exception.

28. **Waiver** One or more waivers by one Party of any major or minor breach or default of any provision, term, condition, or covenant of this Contract shall not operate as a waiver of any subsequent breach or default by the other Party.
29. **Conflict of Interest** Contractor certifies that no official or employee of County, nor any business entity in which an official of County has an interest, has been employed or retained to solicit or aid in the procuring of this Contract. In addition, Contractor agrees that no such person will be employed in the performance of this Contract unless first agreed to in writing by County. This includes prior Nevada County employment in accordance with County's Personnel Code
30. **Entirety of Contract** This Contract contains the entire Contract of County and Contractor with respect to the subject matter hereof, and no other contract, statement, or promise made by any Party, or to any employee, officer or agent of any Party, which is not contained in this Contract, shall be binding or valid.
31. **Alteration** No waiver, alteration, modification, or termination of this Contract shall be valid unless made in writing and signed by all Parties, except as expressly provided in Section 26, Termination.
32. **Governing Law and Venue** This Contract is executed and intended to be performed in the State of California, and the laws of that State shall govern its interpretation and effect. The venue for any legal proceedings regarding this Contract shall be the County of Nevada, State of California. Each Party waives any federal court removal and/or original jurisdiction rights it may have.
33. **Compliance with Applicable Laws** Contractor and any subcontractors shall comply with any and all federal, state and local laws, codes, ordinances, rules and regulations which relate to, concern or affect the services or type of services to be provided by this Contract.
34. **Confidentiality** Contractor, its employees, agents and or subcontractors may come in contact with documents that contain information regarding matters that must be kept confidential by County, including personally identifiable patient or client information. Even information that might not be considered confidential for the usual reasons of protecting non-public records should be considered by Contractor to be confidential.

Contractor agrees to maintain confidentiality of information and records as required by applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations and rules and recognized standards of professional practice.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Contract, Contractor agrees to protect the confidentiality of any confidential information with which Contractor may come into contact in the process of performing its contracted services. This information includes but is not limited to all written, oral, visual and printed patient or client information, including but not limited to: names, addresses, social security numbers, date of birth, driver's license number, case numbers, services provided, social and economic conditions or circumstances, agency evaluation of personal information, and medical data.

Contractor shall not retain, copy, use, or disclose this information in any manner for any purpose that is not specifically permitted by this Contract. Violation of the confidentiality of patient or client information may, at the option of County, be considered a material breach of this Contract.

35. **Additional Contractor Responsibilities**
- A. To the extent Contractor is a mandated reporter of suspected child and/or dependent adult abuse and neglect, it shall ensure that its employees, agents, volunteers, subcontractors, and independent contractors are made aware of, understand, and comply with all reporting requirements. Contractor shall immediately notify County of any incident or condition resulting in injury, harm, or risk of harm to any child or dependent adult served under this Contract.

- B. Contractor will immediately notify County of any active complaints, lawsuits, licensing or regulatory investigations, reports of fraud or malfeasance, or criminal investigations regarding its operations. Contractor agrees to work cooperatively with County in response to any investigation commenced by County with regard to this Contract or the clients served herein, including providing any/all records requested by County related thereto.
- C. Contractor shall employ reasonable background check procedures on all employees, prospective employees, volunteers and consultants performing work involving direct contact with minor children or dependent adults under this Contract, including fingerprinting and criminal records checks, sexual offender registry checks, and reference checks, including both personal and professional references.

36. **Information Technology Security Requirements** This contract ☐ shall not ☒ shall be subject to Exhibit F, "Information Technology Security," which is attached and incorporated by this reference. Contractor's failure to comply with the requirements in Exhibit F is a material breach of this Agreement.

37. **Artificial Intelligence Technology (AI Technology)** includes any machine learning, deep learning, or artificial intelligence ("AI") technologies, such as statistical learning algorithms, models (including large language models), neural networks, and other AI tools or methodologies, as well as all software implementations and related hardware or equipment capable of generating content (e.g., text, images, video, audio, or computer code) based on user-supplied prompts.

County Data includes all information, data, materials, text, prompts, images, or other content provided to the Contractor under this Agreement or any other agreements between the Contractor and the County.

Responsibilities and Training:

Contractor is responsible for all information in the machine learning model, intellectual property rights associated with the information, and software and coded instructions used to generate AI content. County is responsible for the accuracy, utility and formulation of prompts and other inputs used to access the AI services and for decisions made, advice given, actions taken, and failures to take action based on AI content generated from AI services, except for AI content that is generated from erroneous or non-existing information in Contractor's machine learning models or from malfunctioning AI service software.

Contractor shall not use, or permit any third party to use, County Data to train, validate, update, improve, or modify any AI Technology, whether for Contractor's benefit or that of a third party, without the County's prior written authorization, which the County may grant or withhold at its sole discretion.

38. **Notification** Any notice or demand desired or required to be given hereunder shall be in writing and deemed given when personally delivered or deposited in the mail, postage prepaid, and addressed to the Parties as follows:

COUNTY OF NEVADA:		CONTRACTOR:	
Nevada County Behavioral Health Department, Health and Human Services Administration		Recover Medical Group P.C.	
Address:	500 Crown Point Circle, Suite 120	Address	120 Birmingham Dr Ste 240A
City, St, Zip	Grass Valley, CA 95945	City, St, Zip	Cardiff CA 92007
Attn:	Kelly Miner-Gann	Attn:	Nick Gulino
Email:	kelly.miner-gann@nevadacountyca.gov	Email:	nick@letsrecover.com
Phone:	(530) 470-2522	Phone:	(760) 815-8546

Any notice so delivered personally shall be deemed to be received on the date of delivery, and any notice mailed shall be deemed to be received five (5) days after the date on which it was mailed.

Authority: All individuals executing this Contract on behalf of Contractor represent and warrant that they are authorized to execute and deliver this Contract on behalf of Contractor.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed this Contract to begin on the Effective Date.

COUNTY OF NEVADA:

By: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name/Title: Honorable Heidi Hall, Chair, of the Board of Supervisors

By: _____

Attest: Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, or designee

CONTRACTOR: Recover Medical Group P.C.

By: _____ Date: _____

Name: _____

* Title: _____

****If Contractor is a corporation, this Contract must be signed by two corporate officers; one of which must be the secretary of the corporation, and the other may be either the President or Vice President, unless an authenticated corporate resolution is attached delegating authority to a single officer to bind the corporation (California Corporations Code Sec. 313).***

Exhibits

Exhibit A: [Schedule of Services](#)

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EXHIBIT A
SCHEDULE OF SERVICES
RECOVER MEDICAL GROUP PC

Recover Medical Group PC, hereinafter referred to as “Contractor,” shall provide services related to the treatment of substance use disorders for the Nevada County Department of Behavioral Health, herein referred to as “County.” Contractor shall provide outpatient treatment services American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) Level 0.5 Early Intervention, ASAM Level 1.0 Outpatient Treatment, ASAM Level 2.1 Intensive Outpatient Treatment, Recovery Services, and Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) for Nevada County Medi-Cal members for the treatment of Substance Use Disorders. Recover Medical Group PC will provide these recovery services through the following programs:

- Outpatient Services (Exhibit A-1)
- Recovery Services (Exhibit A-2)
- Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Services (Exhibit A-3)
- MHSOAC Grant Funded Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Pilot (Exhibit A-4)

1) Contractor Responsibilities (applies to all programs listed above)

- a. Services provided shall utilize Evidence-Based Practices (EBPs) and curricula throughout the various programs. The practices must have efficacy as referenced in literature and be identified as a best practice at the SAMHSA website (<http://www.samhsa.gov>).
 - i. Seeking Safety: Seeking Safety is a present-focused treatment for clients with a history of trauma and substance use, listed on SAMHSA’s national Registry of Evidenced-Based programs and Practices (NREPP). This modality is delivered by counselors or therapists in group and individual settings and was chosen due to the prevalence of prior trauma (including domestic violence) in our population. Seeking Safety focuses on coping skills and psychoeducation and has five key principles:
 1. Safety as the overarching goal (help clients attain safety in their relationships, thinking, behavior, and emotions).
 2. Integrated treatment of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, Substance Use & other addictive behaviors (smoking, excessive spending, gambling, pornography, etc.).
 3. A focus on ideals to counteract the loss of ideals in both PTSD and substance use.
 4. Four content areas: cognitive, behavioral, interpersonal, and care coordination.
 5. Attention to clinician processes (helping clinicians work on countertransference, self-care, and other issues). Results from trials showed significant improvements in substance use (both alcohol and drug), trauma-related symptoms, suicide risk, suicidal thoughts, social adjustment, family functioning, problem solving, depression, cognitions about substance use, and didactic knowledge related to the treatment.
 - ii. Motivational Interviewing (MI): MI is an evidence-based strategy designed to address ambivalence to change. According to SAMHSA’s Center for Substance Abuse Treatment, “MI is a client-centered, directive method for enhancing intrinsic motivation to change (by exploring and resolving ambivalence) that has proven effective in helping clients clarify goals and commit to change.” MI can also be modified to meet the special circumstances of clients with co-occurring disorders (COD).

- iii. Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT): CBT is a form of psychotherapy proven in numerous clinical trials to be effective for a wide variety of disorders. Therapists help clients overcome their difficulties by changing their thinking, behavior, and emotional responses. Outcomes include decreases in: Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder symptoms, self-blame, problem behaviors, and depression. CBT is a strategy used in group and individual sessions.
- iv. Family Team Meetings: Family Team meetings are modeled on Family Group Decision Making (FGDM), an approach recognized by the California Evidence Based Clearinghouse, that positions the “family group” as leaders in decision-making. FTMs are convened as needed, engaging informal and formal support, including counselors, therapists, social workers, MD’s, etc. along with identified social supports (family, friends, clergy, etc.). Through this process, the “family group” (the client, their families, their support networks, and community members) is given the opportunity to develop recovery plans. Since the “family group” is involved, the plans have a greater likelihood of being family-centered, reflective of the family group’s culture and strengths, and comprehensive. The intent of these plans is to resolve the issues endangering both clients’ and their family members’ health and wellbeing. This strengths-based practice is appropriate for mothers in recovery, many of whom have children in the Child Welfare System. The process emphasizes recovery capital by strengthening family support networks, increasing social connections, supporting effective community- based recovery support services, and respecting the client as an asset in her own recovery. This is important, both to increase attractiveness of the service and effectiveness as it fosters strength, self- worth, and capability in the individual’s own recovery process.
- v. Interactive Journaling (Change Companies): The Change Companies curricula are designed not only to enable programs to implement leading behavioral-change research, but to do so in a way that is accessible, meaningful, and motivational for the program participant. Interactive Journals deliver core behavior-change content combination with targeted questioning designed to engage participants in exploring risks, needs and skill deficits, as well as strengths, resources, and solutions to problem behaviors. Clients are provided a set of workbooks (up to 15 if authorized for 90 days) upon entry into the program which are split out for the duration of their program. They retain those completed when they are discharged from the program.
- vi. Managing Co-occurring Disorders Curriculum: This twelve-lesson format provides a focal point for specific treatment of adults with co-occurring disorders. The program utilizes 12 workbooks (20-50 pages) to offer a cognitive behavioral approach using reading, journaling, and discussion, all of which are delivered by the group facilitator using motivational interviewing. This also utilizes the Stages of Change to elicit change talk by the client in moving from pre-contemplation to maintenance of the disorders through participation in the program. The twelve core sessions include:
 - 1. Orientation
 - 2. Responsible Thinking
 - 3. My Individual Change Plan
 - 4. Values
 - 5. Substance Use Disorders
 - 6. Handling Difficult Emotions

7. Life skills
 8. Healthy Relationships
 9. Maintaining Positive Change
 10. Mental Health Disorders
 11. Transition
 12. Employment Skills
- vii. Living In Balance Curriculum (LIB): LIB is an NREPP recognized, evidence-based psychoeducational treatment program published by Hazelden, supported by the National Institutes of Drug Abuse (NIDA). LIB: Moving from a Life of Addiction to a Life of Recovery is a manual-based, comprehensive treatment program that emphasizes relapse prevention. LIB consists of a series of 1.5- to 2-hour psychoeducational and experiential training sessions. LIB can be delivered on an individual basis or in group settings with relaxation exercises, role-play exercises, discussions, and workbook exercises. The psychoeducational sessions cover topics such as drug education, relapse prevention, available self-help groups, and sexually transmitted diseases (STDs). The experientially based or interactive sessions are designed to enhance the client's level of functioning in certain key life areas that are often neglected with prolonged drug use: physical, emotional, and social well-being, adult education opportunities, vocational development, daily living skills, spirituality/recovery, sexuality, and recreation/leisure. These sessions include a large amount of role-play with time to actively process personal issues and learn how to cope with everyday stressors.
 - viii. Strengths-Based Care Coordination: Care coordination is a practice related to increased access and attractiveness of services, quality of services, especially related to assertive linkages to community resources. Originally developed at the University of Kansas School of Social Welfare to help people with mental illness transition from institutionalized care to independent living (Rapp and Chamberlain, 1985), this strengths-based model is based on two primary principles:
 1. Providing clients support for asserting direct control over their search for resources.
 2. Examining clients' own strengths and assets as the vehicle for resource acquisition.
- b. Deliverables
 - i. Timeliness and ASAM data: Contractor will track timely access data, including date of initial contact, date of first offered appointment and date of scheduled assessment.
 1. Performance Standard:
 - a. First face-to-face, telephone, or telehealth appointment shall occur no later than 10 business days of initial contact.
 - b. First face-to-face (including telehealth) MAT appointment for members with alcohol or opioid disorders shall occur no later than 5 business days.
 - c. ASAM Level of Care data for initial full assessments and follow up assessment will be recorded in SmartCare. The Adolescent ASAM screening tool should be used for adolescents.
 - d. Timely access data and ASAM data will be recorded in SmartCare.
 - e. No shows for assessment appointments shall be collected and reported in SmartCare.

- f. No show data for ongoing treatment appointments, including individual and group counselling, shall be included in the quarterly report.
 - ii. Treatment Perception Survey: Contractor shall participate in the annual Treatment Perception Survey (TPS) as directed by County and DHCS.
 1. At least 75% of beneficiaries completing the Treatment Perceptions Survey reported being satisfied (3.5 out of 5.0) with the location and time of services.
 - iii. Delivery of Individualized and Quality Care
 1. Member Satisfaction: DMC-ODS Providers (serving adults 18+) shall participate in the annual statewide Treatment Perceptions Survey (administration period to be determined by DHCS). Upon review of Provider-specific results, Contractor shall select a minimum of one quality improvement initiative to implement annually.
 2. Evidence-Based Practices (EBPs): Contractors will implement and assess fidelity to at the least two of the following EBPs per service modality: Motivational Interviewing, Cognitive- Behavioral Therapy, Relapse Prevention, Trauma-Informed Treatment and Psychoeducation.
 3. ASAM Level of Care: All members participate in an assessment using ASAM dimensions where possible. The assessed and actual level of care (and justification if the levels differ) shall be recorded in the client's medical record. All ASAM LOC assessments that were performed when opening or closing a client to a LOC will be submitted to the county together with the CalOMS opening and closing paperwork.
 4. Performance Standards:
 - a. At least 80% of members will report an overall satisfaction score of at least 3.5 or higher on the Treatment Perceptions Survey.
 - b. At least 80% of members completing the Treatment Perceptions Survey reported that they were involved in choosing their own treatment goals (overall score of 3.5+ out of 5.0).
 - c. Contractor will implement with fidelity at least two approved EBPs.
 - d. 100% of members participated in an assessment using ASAM dimensions and are provided with a recommendation regarding ASAM level of care.
 - e. At least 70% of members admitted to treatment do so at the ASAM level of care recommended by their ASAM assessment.
- c. Staffing Responsibilities
 - i. Contractor shall maintain at all times a trained, skilled staff, which understands and maintains confidentiality of participants and records. Confidentiality of participants is maintained by staff. In-service training shall be provided at least monthly in order to maintain a well-trained staff. Contractor shall maintain qualified staff to provide Substance Use Disorder services.
 1. Contractor Medical Director must meet the following requirements:
 - a. Enrolled with DHCS under applicable state regulations.
 - b. Screened as a "limited" categorical risk within a year prior to serving as a Medical Director.
 - c. Signed a Medicaid provider agreement with DHCS.
 2. All programs and facilities shall be in full compliance with applicable county, state, and federal laws, ordinances, rules, certifications, and

regulations and shall remain in full compliance during the term of this Agreement.

ii. Staff Training

Applicable staff are required to participate in the following training:

1. DMC ODS overview and documentation training (annually)
2. Information Privacy and Security (At least annually)
3. All direct treatment staff will complete the ASAM E-modules 1 and 2 upon hire and prior to delivering services. All service providers using the ASAM criteria to determine Level of Care will complete an annual refresher.
4. Cultural Competency (At least annually)
5. All LPHA staff are required to complete a minimum of five (5) hours of continuing education related to addiction medicine each year.
6. All direct treatment staff will attend at least two of the following Evidence-Based Practices (EBPs) each year:
7. Motivational Interviewing
 - a. Relapse Prevention
 - b. Trauma Focused Care
 - c. Seeking Safety
 - d. Cognitive Behavioral Therapy
 - e. Matrix Model

d. Administrative

- i. DATAR: Treatment providers that receive state or federal funding through the County must send DATAR information to the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) each month. This has information on the program's capacity to provide different types of SUD treatment to clients and how much of the capacity was utilized that month.

1. If the provider has a waiting list for publicly funded SUD treatment services, DATAR includes summary information about the people on the waiting list. Contractor agrees to comply with this requirement.
2. Contractor shall also cooperate with County Behavioral Health Department and County Probation Department for collection of any other data of informational reports as may be needed pertaining to services rendered under this Agreement subject to all applicable privacy laws.
3. Contractor agrees to abide by the provisions of Attachment 1 hereto attached and incorporated herein as required of "contractors" and "subcontractors" under the State Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) Standard Agreement Number 24-40138 by and between DHCS and the County.

ii. Quarterly Reports

The Quarterly Report, based on the Fiscal Year, are due October 31st for 1st quarter, January 31st for 2nd quarter, May 31st for 3rd quarter and August 30th for 4th quarter. Send quarterly reports to the SUD Program Manager and the Quality Assurance Manager. Quarterly Reports shall include the following information:

1. Average length of stay of program participants for each program (ASAM Level 1 average length of stay, ASAM Level 2.1, ASAM Level 3.1, 3.2, 3.5, Recovery Services and Recovery Residences.
2. No show data for treatment appointments, including individual counseling and group counseling, reporting as a percentage per month; ideally the Contractor will have the ability to review no show data at the staff, client, and program level to utilize for system improvement activities.
3. The percentage of unplanned exits for each level of care.

4. Number of successful “graduations” for each level of care; at least 80% of clients will show successful completion or satisfactory progress on treatment goals; only clients who have engaged in treatment services for at minimum 10 days from day of episode opening will be included in this measure.
 5. Number of clients that are linked to a primary medical care appointment and dental appointment and location of primary care. At least 80% of clients will be linked to at least a preliminary primary care medical and dental appointment if they have not had one within a year. In the latter case, Contractor will confirm and document that they are under the care of a doctor and/or dentist.
 6. Number of clients linked to MAT.
 7. Number of Ancillary Services provided to participants.
 8. Number of Youth enrolled in outpatient services.
- iii. Quality Assurance/Utilization Review/Compliance
1. The standard requirements in Regulations and the BHP contract shall apply to the Medi-Cal services provided through this contract. CONTRACTOR shall provide the County monthly reports of the exclusion Verifications for the following databases: Medi-Cal Exclusion Database, EPLS Database, Social Security Death Index Database, OIG Database and the BBS Database, unless County determines these checks are no longer needed to be performed by Contractor.
 2. The CONTRACTOR Quality Assurance (QA) staff shall review clinical documentation to ensure they are accurate and written in alignment with Medi-Cal documentation standards. The QA staff shall audit at least 5% of their charts monthly. Documentation of QA activities shall be submitted quarterly to the NCBH Contract Manager and NCBH QA Manager.
 - a. CONTRACTOR will use the CalMHSA chart audit tool, or a tool approved by the county, to document and track review and audits of charts.
 3. In the event that a chart audit or any other quality assurance review identifies deficiencies in documentation, billing, or service delivery, the CONTRACTOR shall be required to include the following in a monthly report documenting QA activities:
 - a. Identified deficiency
 - b. Corrective measure taken to remediate the deficiency
 - c. Date that the corrective measure was completed.
 - d. CONTRACTOR will need to include a monitoring plan if repeat deficiencies of a similar nature are noted in order to ensure CONTRACTOR’s staff understand and compliance with the corrective action. This monitoring plan shall continue for at least 2 months after the date of the correction or longer as needed if the deficiency continues.
 4. The CONTRACTOR shall ensure that all staff receive ongoing training regarding documentation, billing practices, and any updates to applicable quality assurance policies.
 5. The CONTRACTOR shall implement internal continuous quality improvement processes designed to monitor, evaluate, and improve the quality of services provided. The Provider shall submit quarterly reports, as required by the COUNTY, demonstrating the outcomes of its continued

quality improvement activities and any quality improvement measures implemented.

ATTACHMENT 1

Contractor agrees to comply with the requirements of “contractors” and “subcontractors” as listed and required per– Program Specifications of the current Standard Agreement between the County of Nevada and the State Department of Health Care Services entered into by the authority of Chapter 3 of Part 1, Division 10.5 of the Health and Safety Code (HSC) and as approved by County’s Board of Supervisors for the purpose of providing alcohol and drug treatment services. The provisions are as follows:

A. Additional Contract Restrictions

This Contract is subject to any additional restrictions, limitations, or conditions enacted by the Congress, or any statute enacted by the Congress, which may affect the provisions, terms, or funding of this Contract in any manner.

B. Nullification of Drug Medi-Cal (DMC) Treatment Program substance use disorder services (if applicable)

The parties agree that if the Contractor fails to comply with the provisions of Welfare and Institutions Code (W&I) Section 14124.24, all areas related to the DMC Treatment Program substance use disorder services shall be null and void and severed from the remainder of this Contract.

In the event the Drug Medi-Cal Treatment Program Services component of this Contract becomes null and void, an updated Exhibit B, Attachment I will take effect reflecting the removal of federal Medicaid funds and DMC State General Funds from this Contract.

All other requirements and conditions of this Contract will remain in effect until amended or terminated.

C. Hatch Act

Contractor agrees to comply with the provisions of the Hatch Act (Title 5 USC, Sections 1501-1508), which limit the political activities of employees whose principal employment activities are funded in whole or in part with Federal funds.

D. No Unlawful Use or Unlawful Use Messages Regarding Drugs

Contractor agrees that information produced through these funds, and which pertains to drug and alcohol- related programs, shall contain a clearly written statement that there shall be no unlawful use of drugs or alcohol associated with the program. Additionally, no aspect of a drug or alcohol- related program shall include any message on the responsible use, if the use is unlawful, of drugs or alcohol (HSC Section 11999- 11999.3). By signing this Contract, Contractor agrees that it will enforce, and will require its Subcontractors to enforce, these requirements.

E. Noncompliance with Reporting Requirements

Contractor agrees that the State has the right to withhold payments until Contractor has submitted any required data and reports to the State, as identified in Exhibit A, Attachment I, Part III – Reporting Requirements, or as identified in Document 1F(a), Reporting Requirements Matrix for Counties.

F. Limitation on Use of Funds for Promotion of Legalization of Controlled Substances

None of the funds made available through this Contract may be used for any activity that promotes the legalization of any drug or other substance included in Schedule I of Section 202 of the Controlled Substances Act (21 USC 812).

G. Debarment and Suspension

Contractor shall advise all subcontractors of their obligation to comply with applicable federal debarment and suspension regulations, in addition to the requirements set forth in 42 CFR Part 1001.

H. Restriction on Distribution of Sterile Needles

No funds made available through this Contract shall be used to carry out any program of distributing sterile needles or syringes for the hypodermic injection of any illegal drug unless the State chooses to implement a demonstration syringe services program for injecting drug users with Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant (SABG) funds.

I. Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) of 1996

If any of the work performed under this Contract is subject to the HIPAA, then Contractor shall perform the work in compliance with all applicable provisions of HIPAA. As identified in Exhibit E, the State and County shall cooperate to assure mutual agreement as to those transactions between them, to which this Provision applies. Refer to Exhibit E for additional information.

1. Trading Partner Requirements

- (a) No Changes. Contractor hereby agrees that for the personal health information (Information), it will not change any definition, data condition or use of a data element or segment as proscribed in the Federal HHS Transaction Standard Regulation. (45 CFR Part 162.915 (a))
- (b) No Additions. Contractor hereby agrees that for the Information, it will not add any data elements or segments to the maximum data set as proscribed in the HHS Transaction Standard Regulation. (45 CFR Part 162.915 (b))
- (c) No Unauthorized Uses. Contractor hereby agrees that for the Information, it will not use any code or data elements that either are marked “not used” in the HHS Transaction’s Implementation specification or are not in the HHS Transaction Standard’s implementation specifications. (45 CFR Part 162.915 (c))
- (d) No Changes to Meaning or Intent. Contractor hereby agrees that for the Information, it will not change the meaning or intent of any of the HHS Transaction Standard’s implementation specification. (45 CFR Part 162.915 (d))

2. Concurrence for Test Modifications to HHS Transaction Standards

Contractor agrees and understands that there exists the possibility that the State or others may request an extension from the uses of a standard in the HHS Transaction Standards. If this occurs, Contractor agrees that it will participate in such test modifications.

3. Adequate Testing

Contractor is responsible to adequately test all business rules appropriate to their types and specialties. If the Contractor is acting as a clearinghouse for enrolled providers, Contractor has obligations to adequately test all business rules appropriate to each and every provider type and specialty for which they provide clearinghouse services.

4. Deficiencies

Contractor agrees to correct transactions errors or deficiencies identified by the State, and transactions errors or deficiencies identified by an enrolled provider if the Contractor is acting as a clearinghouse for that provider. When County is a clearinghouse, Contractor agrees to properly communicate deficiencies and other pertinent information regarding electronic transactions to enrolled providers for which they provide clearinghouse services.

5. Code Set Retention

Both Parties understand and agree to keep open code sets being processed or used in this Agreement for at least the current billing period or any appeal period, whichever is longer.

6. Data Transmission Log

Both Parties shall establish and maintain a Data Transmission Log, which shall record any and all Data Transmission taking place between the Parties during the term of this Contract. Each Party will take necessary and reasonable steps to ensure that such Data Transmission Logs constitute a current, accurate, complete, and unaltered record of any and all Data Transmissions between the Parties, and shall be retained by each Party for no less than twenty-four (24) months following the date of the Data Transmission. The Data Transmission Log may be maintained on computer media or other suitable means provided that, if it is necessary to do so, the information contained in the Data Transmission Log may be retrieved in a timely manner and presented in readable form.

J. Nondiscrimination and Institutional Safeguards for Religious Providers

Contractor shall establish such processes and procedures as necessary to comply with the provisions of Title 42, USC, Section 300x-65 and Title 42, CFR, Part 54, (Reference Document 1B).

K. Counselor Certification

Any counselor providing intake, assessment of need for services, treatment or recovery planning, individual or group counseling to participants, patients, or residents in a DHCS licensed or certified program is required to be registered or certified as defined in Title 9, CCR, Division 4, Chapter 8. (Document 3H)

L. Cultural and Linguistic Proficiency

To ensure equal access to quality care by diverse populations, each service provider receiving funds from this contract shall adopt the Federal Office of Minority Health Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Service (CLAS) national standards (Document 3V).

M. Intravenous Drug Use (IVDU) Treatment

Contractor shall ensure that individuals in need of IVDU treatment shall be encouraged to undergo alcohol and other drug (AOD) treatment (42 USC 300x-23(45 CFR 96.126(e)).

N. Tuberculosis Treatment

Contractor shall ensure the following related to Tuberculosis (TB):

1. Routinely make available TB services to each individual receiving treatment for AOD use and/or abuse; Reduce barriers to patients' accepting TB treatment; and,
2. Develop strategies to improve follow-up monitoring, particularly after patients leave treatment, by disseminating information through educational bulletins and technical assistance.

O. Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000

Contractor and its Subcontractors that provide services covered by this Contract shall comply with Section 106(g) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (22 United States Code (USC) 7104(g)) as amended by section 1702. The County is authorized to terminate a contract and/or take other remedial action as deemed necessary, without penalty, if the Contractor or any Subcontractor:

1. Engages in severe forms of trafficking in persons during the period of time that the award is in effect;
2. Procures a commercial sex act during the period of time that the award is in effect;
3. Uses forced labor in the performance of the award or subawards under the award.

For full text of the award term, go to: [eCFR :: Appendix A to Part 175, Title 2 -- Award Term](#)

P. Tribal Communities and Organizations

Contractor shall regularly assess (e.g. review population information available through Census, compare to information obtained in the California Outcome Measurement System for Treatment (CalOMS Tx) to determine whether the population is being reached, survey Tribal representatives for insight in potential barriers), the substance use service needs of the American Indian/Alaskan Native (AI/AN) population within the County geographic area, and shall engage in regular and meaningful consultation and collaboration with elected officials of the tribe, Rancheria, or their designee for the purpose of identifying issues/barriers to service delivery and improvement of the quality, effectiveness and accessibility of services available to AI/NA communities within the County.

Q. Participation of County Alcohol and Drug Program Administrators Association of California.

Pursuant to HSC Section 11801(g), the AOD administrator shall participate and represent the county in meetings of the County Alcohol and Drug Program Administrators Association of California for the purposes of representing the counties in their relationship with the state with respect to policies, standards, and administration for AOD abuse services.

Pursuant to HSC Section 11811.5(c), the county alcohol and drug program administrator shall attend any special meetings called by the Director of DHCS.

R. Youth Treatment Guidelines

Contractor will follow the guidelines in Document 1V, incorporated by this reference, "Youth
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Treatment Guidelines,” in developing and implementing youth treatment programs funded under this Exhibit, until such time new Youth Treatment Guidelines are established and adopted. No formal amendment of this contract is required for new guidelines to apply.

S. Perinatal Services Network Guidelines

Contractor must comply with the perinatal program requirements as outlined in the Perinatal Services Network Guidelines. The Perinatal Services Network Guidelines are attached to this contract as Document 1G, incorporated by reference. The Contractor must comply with the current version of these guidelines until new Perinatal Services Network Guidelines are established and adopted. The incorporation of any new Perinatal Services Network Guidelines into this contract shall not require a formal amendment.

Contractor receiving SABG funds must adhere to the Perinatal Services Network Guidelines, regardless of whether the Contractor exchanges perinatal funds for additional discretionary funds.

T. Restrictions on Grantee Lobbying – Appropriations Act Section 503

No part of any appropriation contained in this Act shall be used, other than for formal and recognized executive-legislative relationships, for publicity or propaganda purposes, for the preparation, distribution, or use of any kit, pamphlet, booklet, publication, radio, television, or video presentation designed to support defeat legislation pending before the Congress, except in presentation to the Congress itself or any State legislature, except in presentation to the Congress or any State legislative body itself.

No part of any appropriation contained in this Act shall be used to pay the salary or expenses of any grant or contract recipient, or agent acting for such recipient, related to any activity designed to influence legislation or appropriations pending before the Congress or any State legislature.

U. Nondiscrimination in Employment and Services

By signing this Contract, Contractor certifies that under the laws of the United States and the State of California, incorporated into this Contract by reference and made a part hereof as if set forth in full, Contractor will not unlawfully discriminate against any person.

V. Federal Law Requirements:

1. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 2000d, as amended, prohibiting discrimination based on race, color, or national origin in Federally-funded programs.
2. Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 USC 3601 et seq.) prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin in the sale or rental of housing.
3. Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (45 CFR Part 90), as amended (42 USC Sections 6101 – 6107), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age.
4. Age Discrimination in Employment Act (29 CFR Part 1625)
5. Title I of the Americans with Disabilities Act (29 CFR Part 1630) prohibiting discrimination against the disabled in employment
6. Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (28 CFR Part 35) prohibiting discrimination against the disabled by public entities

7. Title III of the Americans with Disabilities Act (28 CFR Part 36) regarding access.
8. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 USC Section 794), prohibiting discrimination on the basis of handicap
9. Executive Order 11246 (42 USC 2000(e) et seq. and 41 CFR Part 60) regarding nondiscrimination in employment under Federal contracts and construction contracts greater than \$10,000 funded by Federal financial assistance
10. Executive Order 13166 (67 FR 41455) to improve access to Federal services for those with limited English proficiency
11. The Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972, as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of drug abuse
12. The Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-616), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of alcohol abuse or alcoholism.
13. Confidentiality of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Patient Records (42 CFR Part 2, Subparts A – E).

W. State Law Requirements:

1. Fair Employment and Housing Act (Government Code Section 12900 et seq.) and the applicable regulations promulgated thereunder (California Administrative Code, Title 2, Section 7285.0 et seq.).
2. Title 2, Division 3, Article 9.5 of the Government Code, commencing with Section 11135.
3. Title 9, Division 4, Chapter 8 of the CCR, commencing with Section 10800
4. No state or Federal funds shall be used by the Contractor or its Subcontractors for sectarian worship, instruction, or proselytization. No state funds shall be used by the Contractor or its Subcontractors to provide direct, immediate, or substantial support to any religious activity.
5. Noncompliance with the requirements of nondiscrimination in services shall constitute grounds for state to withhold payments under this Contract or terminate all, or any type, of funding provided hereunder.

X. This Contract is subject to any additional restrictions, limitations, or conditions enacted by the Federal or state governments that affect the provisions, terms, or funding of this Contract in any manner.

Y. Subcontract Provisions

Contractor shall include all of the foregoing provisions in all of its subcontracts.

Z. Dymally-Alatorre Bilingual Services Act (Government Code sections 7290-7299.8).

Contractor shall comply with the linguistic requirements included in this Section.

Contractor shall have:

1. Oral interpreter services available in threshold languages at key points of contact available to assist beneficiaries whose primary language is a threshold language to access the SUD services or related services through that key point of contact. The

threshold languages shall be determined on a countywide basis. Counties may limit the key points of contact at which interpreter services in a threshold language are available to a specific geographic area within the county when:

- (a) The county has determined, for a language that is a threshold language on a countywide basis, that there are geographic areas of the county where that language is a threshold language, and other areas where it is not; and
 - (b) The Contractor provides referrals for beneficiaries who prefer to receive services in that threshold language, but who initially access services outside the specified geographic area, to a key point of contact that does have interpreter services in that threshold language.
- 2. Policies and procedures in place to assist beneficiaries who need oral interpreter services in languages other than threshold languages to access the SUD services or related services available at the key points of contact.
 - 3. General program literature used by the Contractor to assist beneficiaries in accessing services available in threshold languages, based on the threshold languages in the county as a whole.

AA. Marijuana Restriction

Grant funds may not be used, directly or indirectly, to purchase, prescribe, or provide marijuana or treatment using marijuana. Treatment in this context includes the treatment of opioid use disorder. Grant funds also cannot be provided to an individual who or organization that provides or permits marijuana use for the purposes of treating substance use or mental disorders. See, e.g., 45 CFR. §75.300(a) (requiring HHS to “ensure that Federal funding is expended in full accordance with U.S. statutory requirements.”); 21 USC § 812(c) (10) and 841(prohibiting the possession, manufacture, sale, purchase or distribution of marijuana). This prohibition does not apply to those providing such treatment in the context of clinical research permitted by the DEA and under an FDA-approved investigational new drug application where the article being evaluated is marijuana or a constituent thereof that is otherwise a banned controlled substance under Federal law.

AB. County Behavioral Health Director’s Association of California

The County AOD Program Administrator shall participate and represent the county in meetings of the County Behavioral Health Director’s Association of California for the purposes of representing the counties in their relationship with DHCS with respect to policies, standards, and administration for AOD abuse services.

The County AOD Program Administrator shall attend any special meetings called by the Director of DHCS. Participation and representation shall also be provided by the County Behavioral Health Director’s Association of California.

EXHIBIT A-1
OUTPATIENT SERVICES
RECOVER MEDICAL GROUP PC

- 1) Contractor shall provide outpatient treatment services American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) Level 0.5 Early Intervention , ASAM Level 1.0 Outpatient Treatment , ASAM Level 2.1 Intensive Outpatient Treatment , Recovery Services, and Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) for Nevada County Medi-Cal members for the treatment of Substance Use Disorders .Contractor Responsibilities
 - a. Early Intervention Services (ASAM Level 0.5) are covered DMC-ODS services for beneficiaries under the age of 21. Any member under the age of 21 who is screened and determined to be at risk of developing an SUD may receive any service component covered under the outpatient level of care as early intervention services. Early intervention services are provided under the outpatient treatment modality and must be available as needed based on individual clinical need, even if the member under age 21 is not participating in the full array of outpatient treatment services. Early intervention services may be delivered in a wide variety of settings, and can be provided in person, by telehealth, or by telephone.
 - b. Outpatient Treatment Services (ASAM Level 1) are counseling services provided to beneficiaries (up to 9 hours a week for adults, and less than 6 hours a week for adolescents) when determined by a Medical Director or Licensed Practitioner of the Healing Arts (LPHA) to be medically necessary and in accordance with an individualized client plan. ASAM level 1 Youth treatment services will be provided following the current Youth Treatment Guidelines issued by the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS).
 - c. Intensive Outpatient Treatment (IOT) (ASAM Level 2.1) are structured programming services provided to members a minimum of nine (9) hours with a maximum of nineteen (19) hours a week for adults, and a minimum of six (6) hours with a maximum of nineteen (19) hours a week for adolescents, when determined by a Medical Director or LPHA to be medically necessary and in accordance with the individual treatment plan.
 - i. Services consist of intake, individual and/or group counseling, patient education, family therapy, medication services, collateral services, crisis intervention, treatment planning, and discharge services. ASAM level 2.1 Youth treatment services will be provided following the current Youth Treatment Guidelines issued by the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS).
 - ii. For group counseling in ODF and IOT, one or more therapists or counselors treat two or more clients at the same time with a maximum of 12 in the group, focusing on the needs of the individuals served. At least one participant in the group session must be Drug Medi-Cal (DMC) eligible to claim DMC reimbursement for the group session. (Title 22 §51341.1).
 - iii. Individual counseling and care coordination services may be provided in person, via telehealth, or via telephone. Group and individual counseling services may be provided in person or via telehealth.
 - d. Outpatient and Intensive Outpatient Program Treatment Services shall include but not necessarily be limited to the following:
 - i. Substance use counseling and education
 - ii. Individual, group, and family counseling
 - iii. Sexual and physical abuse counseling that is trauma informed
 - iv. Education on HIV/AIDS transmission and access to testing
 - v. Education on Tuberculosis (TB) and Hepatitis C and access to testing

- vi. Coordination of ancillary services (i.e. assistance in accessing and completing dental services, social services, community services, educational/vocational training) and referral to pertinent community services according to client treatment/discharge plans
 - vii. Substance abuse treatment to include trauma informed approaches
 - viii. Sufficient care coordination to ensure that members have access to primary medical care, primary pediatric care, gender specific substance use recovery and treatment, and other needed services
- e. Care Coordination
- This is a service to assist members in accessing needed medical, educational, social, prevocational, vocational, rehabilitative, or other community services. Care coordination can be face-to-face, via telehealth, or over the telephone and shall be consistent with and shall not violate confidentiality of alcohol or drug patients as set forth in 42 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 2, and California law. The components of care coordination include but are not limited to:
- i. Comprehensive assessment and periodic reassessment of individual needs to determine the need for the continuation of care coordination.
 - ii. Transition to a higher or lower level of Substance Use Disorder (SUD) care.
 - iii. Development and periodic revision of a client plan that includes service activities.
 - iv. Communication, coordination, referral, and related activities.
 - v. Monitoring service delivery to ensure beneficiary access to service and the service delivery system.
 - vi. Monitoring the member's progress.
 - vii. Patient advocacy, linkages to physical and mental health care, transportation, and retention in primary care services.
- f. Assessments
- Assessments shall be performed face-to-face, by telehealth ("telehealth" throughout this document is defined as synchronous audio and video) or by telephone and performed by an LPHA or registered or certified counselor and may be done in the community or at home. If the assessment of the member is completed by a registered or certified counselor, then the LPHA shall evaluate that assessment with the counselor and the LPHA shall make the initial diagnosis. The consultation between the LPHA and the registered or certified counselor can be conducted in person, by video conferencing, or by telephone.
- The purpose of assessing a participant is to determine an appropriate current Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM-5) diagnosis of a substance-related disorder, to establish medical necessity, and to arrive at the appropriate level of care. The level of care determines both the number of contacts per week the participant is expected to make during treatment, and the expected level of time that the participant will remain in the program. Each participant will be assigned to an appropriate group and primary counselor, as determined by the Contractor's Program Director or Assistant Program Director. Each program includes appropriate individual counseling. ASAM level of care data shall be recorded in the client chart and reported to the county for each assessment. The Youth ASAM tool shall be used for Youth (age 13- 17). Medical necessity for an adolescent individual shall be assessed to be at risk of developing a SUD. The adolescent individual shall also meet the ASAM adolescent criteria.
- i. Contractor is responsible for verifying participant's Medi-Cal eligibility status. Contractor must obtain prior approval from the County to be reimbursed for individuals with gaps in insurance coverage or out of county Medi-Cal.
 - ii. Services provided shall be in compliance with all state guidelines pertaining to DMC services, such as but not necessarily limited to the following:

1. Individuals who are DMC eligible are not placed on waiting lists due to budgetary constraints.
 2. Services provided to DMC members are equivalent to services provided to non-DMC participants.
 3. No fees are charged to Medi-Cal members for access to DMC services or for admission to a DMC treatment program. (Exception- Share of Cost Medi-Cal members)
 4. Program complies with participant fair hearings, audit process, and DMC Provider Administrative Appeals.
 5. Termination of participant attending DMC services occurs only when the participant:
 - a. Fails to return to the program.
 - b. Transfers to another program.
 - c. Meets program discharge criteria.
- iii. Admission criteria & Procedures for Outpatient Drug Treatment, Contractor shall develop and use criteria and procedures for admission of members to treatment while performing all the following:
1. Complete a personal medical and substance use history for each member upon admission to treatment.
 2. Complete an assessment of the physical condition of the member within 30 days of the admission to treatment date. The assessment shall be completed by either a physician, registered nurse practitioner, or physician assistant authorized by state law to perform the prescribed procedures. The physical exam requirements can be met by either:
 - a. A physical examination of the member.
 - b. A review of documentation of the members physical examination that has been completed within the last 12 months.
 - c. If the physician has not reviewed or conducted a physical exam, the provider shall document the goal of obtaining a physical exam on the initial and updated treatment plans until the goal of obtaining a physical exam has been met.
- iv. Continuing Services for Members
- Continuing services shall be justified as follows:
1. On a continual or clinically appropriate basis, a counselor shall review the process and LOC of the member to ensure appropriate placement and services.
 2. If the counselor recommends that the member requires further treatment, the physician or LPHA shall determine the need to continue services based on the following:
 - a. Medical necessity of continuing treatment.
 - b. The prognosis.
 - c. The counselor's recommendation for the member to continue.
 3. The Contractor shall discharge the member if the physician determines there is no medical necessity to continue treatment.

EXHIBIT A-2
RECOVERY SERVICES
RECOVER MEDICAL GROUP PC

1) Program Overview:

Recovery Services are made available to eligible members after they complete their course of treatment, or to prevent relapse. Recovery Services are designed to emphasize the client's central role in managing their health, use effective self-management support strategies, and organize internal and community resources to provide ongoing self-management support to clients. Services are available to members whether they are triggered, have relapsed, or as a preventative measure to prevent relapse. Recovery Services may be provided by a LPHA, registered, or certified substance use treatment counselor.

2) Contractor Responsibilities

a. Recovery Services shall include:

- i. Outpatient Counseling Services: in the form of individual or group counseling to stabilize the member and then reassess if the member needs further care. (Billed as "Individual Counseling" or "Group Counseling")
- ii. Recovery Monitoring: Recovery coaching, monitoring via telephone and internet. (Billed as Recovery Monitoring/Substance Use Assistance)
- iii. Substance use Assistance: Peer-to-peer services and relapse prevention. (Billed as Recovery Monitoring/Substance Use Assistance)
- iv. Education and Job Skills: Linkages to life skills, employment services, job training, and education services. (Billed as Care Coordination)
- v. Family Support: Linkages to childcare, parent education, child development support services, family/marriage education. (Billed as Care Coordination)
- vi. Support Groups: Linkages to self-help and support, spiritual and faith-based support. (Billed as Care Coordination)
- vii. Ancillary Services: Linkages to housing assistance, transportation, care coordination, or individual services coordination. (Billed as Care Coordination).
- viii. Recovery Monitoring: Recovery coaching, monitoring via telephone and internet. (Billed as Recovery Monitoring/Substance Use Assistance)

b. Additionally, Contractor shall:

- i. Provide Recovery Services to members as medically necessary.
- ii. Provide beneficiaries with access to Recovery Services after completing their course of treatment.
- iii. Provide Recovery Services either face-to-face, by telephone, or by telehealth, and in any appropriate setting in the community with the member.

c. Requirements

- i. A Recovery Services plan is required for all clients enrolled in Recovery Services. The plan is due within 30 days of the day of admission to Recovery Services.
- ii. Services should be provided in the context of an individualized client plan that includes specific goals. This may include the plan for ongoing recovery and relapse prevention that was developed during discharge planning when treatment was completed.
- iii. Services provided by peers will be allowed after the County submitted a SUD Peer Support Training Plan to DHCS and received approval.

EXHIBIT A-3
MEDICATION ASSISTED TREATMENT (MAT) SERVICES
RECOVER MEDICAL GROUP PC

1) Program Overview:

Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Services include FDA-approved medications and biological products to treat AUD, OUD, and any SUD. MAT may be provided in clinical or non-clinical settings and can be delivered as a standalone service or as a service delivered as part of a level of care covered by DMC-ODS Services. The Contractor shall provide MAT to individuals, including both youth and adults, for which MAT is clinically appropriate.

2) Contractor Responsibilities

a. Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Services shall include:

- i. Provide prescribing and monitoring for Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) for Substance Use Disorder (SUD). This entails prescribing, ordering, monitoring, and/or managing the medications utilized in MAT for SUD.
- ii. Be certified and licensed by the appropriate federal and state agencies to provide chemical maintenance.
- iii. Conduct comprehensive medical and bio-psychosocial assessments to determine individuals' physical and environmental appropriateness for MAT.
- iv. Assess each individual applicant to determine their current stage of change or readiness for treatment.
- v. Provide "Patient Education" for the beneficiary regarding addiction, treatment, recovery, and associated health risks.
- vi. Implement a harm-reduction model that aims to retain individuals in treatment even if they don't achieve complete abstinence. This model also permits gradual reductions in substance use when total abstinence is not attainable.
- vii. Incorporate as staff, peer specialists, or other individuals who have experienced living with a Substance Use Disorder and who are in a stable recovery.
- viii. Refrain from implementing a zero-tolerance policy for any specific classification of medication.
- ix. Ensure Releases of Information shall be signed by all individuals being prescribed pain medication, other opiates, benzodiazepines, or other classifications of medications as appropriate, and routinely consult with other prescribers to ensure maximum individual safety and minimize medication diversion.

EXHIBIT A-4
MHSOAC GRANT FUNDED MEDICATION ASSISTED TREATMENT (MAT) PILOT
RECOVER MEDICAL GROUP PC

- 1) Program Overview:
 - a. Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Services include FDA-approved medications and biological products to treat AUD, OUD, and any SUD. MAT may be provided in clinical or non-clinical settings and can be delivered as a standalone service or as a service delivered as part of a level of care covered by DMC-ODS Services. For this program, the Contractor shall provide rapid-response MAT to underserved and primarily unhoused individuals at the Commons Resource Center (CRC).
- 2) Contractor Responsibilities
 - a. Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Services shall include:
 - i. Provide virtual prescribing and monitoring for Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) for Substance Use Disorder (SUD). This entails prescribing, ordering, monitoring, and/or managing the medications utilized in MAT for SUD.
 - ii. Provide technology for virtual prescriber to provider MAT to clients.
 - iii. Be certified and licensed by the appropriate federal and state agencies to provide chemical maintenance.
 - iv. Conduct comprehensive medical and bio-psychosocial assessments to determine individuals' physical and environmental appropriateness for MAT.
 - v. Assess each individual applicant to determine their current stage of change and readiness for low-barrier treatment.
 - vi. Provide "Patient Education" for the member regarding SUD's, treatment, recovery, and associated health risks.
 - vii. Implement a harm-reduction model that aims to retain individuals in treatment even if they don't achieve complete abstinence. This model also permits gradual reductions in substance use when total abstinence is not attainable.
 - viii. Provide an SUD Counselor based on-site at the Commons Resource Center for client care coordination, preferably one who has experience living with a Substance Use Disorder and who is in a stable recovery.
 - ix. On-site SUD Counselor should aim for a minimum productivity target of 10% for year one of the grant, 20% for year two, and 30% for year three, subject to change based on County feedback and available budget.
 - x. SUD counselor may administer client supports and/or flexible funds within the grant budget to meet client care plans and improve client engagement, including but not limited to bus passes, hotel/motel vouchers, gas vouchers, and clothing.
 - xi. Refrain from implementing a zero-tolerance policy for any specific classification of medication.
- 3) Deliverables
 - a. Submit all reporting required of the MHSOAC grant in accordance with the timelines and specifications set forth by the grant. Reports for each fiscal quarter shall be submitted via the UCLA Data Portal no later than the 15th day of the month following the end of the applicable reporting quarter (e.g., for the fiscal quarter of April 1, 2025, through June 30, 2025, the report shall be due by July 15, 2025). Additional reports shall be submitted as otherwise required under the terms of the grant. Contractor shall also submit baseline data for the two fiscal quarters immediately preceding the start of the grant period. This baseline data shall be submitted via the UCLA Data Portal no later than July 31, 2025. Such reporting requirements may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- i. Participant demographics
- ii. Number of Mat Prescribers
- iii. Number of clients starting MAT
- iv. How clients are accessing MAT
- v. Number of sites that intend to bill Drug Medi-Cal for services
- vi. Number of Medi-Cal members
- vii. Incidental Medical Services (IMS) certifications
- viii. Number of Medi-Cal claims submitted by a Residential IMS Provider and
- ix. providers of other levels of care (contingent on approval from DHCS for use of
- x. claims data)
- xi. Number of Medi-Cal claims approved for a Residential IMS Provider and
- xii. providers of other levels of care (same contingency as above)
- xiii. Increase in the dollar amount of Medi-Cal reimbursements received by each
- xiv. county grantee as a result of the SUD Pilot (same contingency as above)
- xv. Measures developed for a Tele-medicine Consultation, meaning a virtual
- xvi. medical assessment designed to increase the availability of MAT for a substance
- xvii. use disorder client

Other measures mutually agreed upon between UCLA and the Commission In addition, Contractor shall submit any data reasonably requested by the County for purposes of preparing Quarterly and Final Progress Reports. Such data shall be provided no later than ten (10) business days following the County's written request.

- b. Serve up to 200 clients
- c. Provide up to 5 groups

EXHIBIT B
SCHEDULE OF CHARGES AND PAYMENTS
RECOVER MEDICAL GROUP PC

Subject to the satisfactory performance of services required of Contractor pursuant to this contract, and to the terms and conditions as set forth, the County shall pay Contractor a maximum amount not to exceed \$293,817 for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. The maximum obligation of this Contract is contingent and dependent upon final approval of State budget and County receipt of anticipated funding to support program expenses.

Projected Summary of Compensation:

Program	Contract Maximum	
DMC-ODS Outpatient Services (Including MAT Pilot DMC Services)	\$	151,245
MAT Pilot (Excluding MAT Pilot DMC Services)	\$	142,572
Total	\$	293,817
Direct Service Staff By Discipline	Hourly Rate	Average Productivity
Physicians Assistant	\$ 368.43	40%
Nurse Practitioner	\$ 522.82	40%
RN	\$ 333.68	40%
MD (typically in SUD system of Care)	\$ 821.49	50%
Psychologist/Pre-licensed Psychologist	\$ 330.38	40%
LPHA/Intern or Waivered LPHA (MFT, LCSW, LPCC)	\$ 256.10	50%
Alcohol and Drug Counselor	\$ 221.03	50%
Peer Recovery Specialist	\$ 201.90	35%

MAT Pilot	Amount
1.0 FTE SUD Counselor	\$ 84,480
0.2 FTE Virtual Prescriber	\$ 39,072
Share of accounting, HR, fiscal	\$ 8,260
Software	\$ 3,960
Insurance	\$ 2,400
Computers and computer maintenance	\$ 1,400
Training and licensing	\$ 1,800
Office materials and supplies	\$ 1,200
Total Expense	\$ 142,572

MAT Pilot Billing and Payment

As compensation for services rendered to County, Contractor shall bill County monthly in arrears at one twelfth of the MAT Pilot amount or \$11,881 per month. Invoice will be prorated for any working days the MAT counselor position is unfilled. Any DMC services provided through the MAT Pilot will be included and paid through the regular DMC billing invoice..

Contractor agrees to be responsible for the validity of all invoices.

County shall review the invoice and notify the Contractor within fifteen (15) working days if an individual item or group of costs is being questioned. Contractor has the option of delaying the entire invoice pending resolution of the cost(s). Payment of approved invoices shall be made within thirty (30) days of receipt of a complete, correct, and approved invoice.

Contractor shall submit invoices to:

Via mail:

HHSA Administration

Attn: BH Fiscal

950 Maidu Avenue

Nevada City, CA 95959

Or

Via Email:

BH.Fiscal@co.nevada.ca.us

CC: Contract Manager (refer to Notification section)

DMC-ODS Outpatient Services

1. CLAIMING

- a. Contractor shall enter claims data into the County's billing and transactional database system within the timeframes established by County. Contractor shall use Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) or Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) codes, as provided in the DHCS Billing Manual available at <https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/MH/Pages/MedCCC-Library.aspx>, as from time to time amended.
- b. Claims shall be complete and accurate and must include all required information regarding the claimed services.
- c. Contractor shall maximize the Federal Financial Participation (FFP) reimbursement by claiming all eligible Medi-Cal services and correcting denied services for resubmission in a timely manner as needed.

2. INVOICING

- A. Contractor shall invoice County for services monthly, in arrears, in the format directed by County. Invoices shall be based on claims entered into the County's billing and transactional database system for the prior month.
- B. Invoices shall be provided to County after the close of the month in which services were

rendered. Following receipt and provisional approval of a monthly invoice, County shall make payment within 30 days.

- C. Monthly payments for claimed services shall be based on the units of time assigned to each CPT or HCPCS code entered in the County's billing and transactional database multiplied by the applicable service rates.
- D. County's payments to Contractor for performance of claimed services are provisional and subject to adjustment until the completion of all settlement activities. County's adjustments to provisional payments for claimed services shall be based on the terms, conditions, and limitations of this Agreement or the reasons for recoupment set forth in Article 5, Section 6.
- E. Contractor shall submit invoices to:

Nevada County Behavioral Health Department

Attn: Fiscal Staff

500 Crown Point Circle, Suite 120

Grass Valley, CA 95945

3. ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS

- A. County has the right to monitor the performance of this Agreement to ensure the accuracy of claims for reimbursement and compliance with all applicable laws and regulations.
- B. Contractor must comply with the False Claims Act employee training and policy requirements set forth in 42 U.S.C. 1396a(a)(68) and as the Secretary of the US DHHS may specify.
- C. Contractor agrees that no part of any federal funds provided under this Agreement shall be used to pay the salary of an individual per fiscal year at a rate in excess of Level 1 of the Executive Schedule at <https://www.opm.gov/> (U.S. Office of Personnel Management), as from time to time amended.
- D. Federal Financial Participation is not available for any amount furnished to an Excluded individual or entity, or at the direction of a physician during the period of exclusion when the person providing the service knew or had reason to know of the exclusion, or to an individual or entity when the County failed to suspend payments during an investigation of a credible allegation of fraud (42 U.S.C. § 1396b(i)(2)).
- E. Contractor shall cooperate with the County in the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the Contract and comply with any and all reporting requirements established by the County. Payment of invoices may be held until Contractor is in compliance with reporting requirements. County shall not be responsible for reimbursement of invoices submitted by Contractor that do not have proper authorizations in place.

4. FINANCIAL AUDIT REPORT REQUIREMENTS FOR PASS-THROUGH ENTITIES

- A. If County determines that Contractor is a “subrecipient” (also known as a “pass-through entity”) as defined in 2 C.F.R. § 200 et seq., Contractor represents that it will comply with the applicable cost principles and administrative requirements including claims for payment or reimbursement by County as set forth in 2 C.F.R. § 200 et seq., as may be amended from time to time. Contractor shall observe and comply with all applicable financial audit report requirements and standards.
- B. Financial audit reports must contain a separate schedule that identifies all funds included in the audit that are received from or passed through the County. County programs must be identified by Agreement number, Agreement amount, Agreement period, and the amount expended during the fiscal year by funding source.
- C. Contractor will provide a financial audit report as required under Federal law including all attachments to the report and the management letter and corresponding response within six months of the end of the audit year to the Director. The Director is responsible for providing the audit report to the County Auditor.
- D. Contractor must submit any required corrective action plan to the County simultaneously with the audit report or as soon thereafter as it is available. The County shall monitor implementation of the corrective action plan as it pertains to services provided pursuant to this Agreement.

Records to be Maintained

Contractor shall keep and maintain accurate records of all costs incurred and all time expended for work under this contract. Contractor shall contractually require that all of Contractor’s Subcontractors performing work called for under this contract also keep and maintain such records, whether kept by Contractor or any Subcontractor, shall be made available to County or its authorized representative, or officials of the State of California for review or audit during normal business hours, upon reasonable advance notice given by County, its authorized representative, or officials of the State of California. All fiscal records shall be maintained for five years or until all audits and appeals are completed, whichever is later.

EXHIBIT C INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

Insurance. Contractor shall procure and maintain for the duration of the contract insurance against claims for injuries to persons or damages to property which may arise from or in connection with the performance of the work hereunder by Contractor, its agents, representatives, or employees. Coverage shall be at least as broad as:

1. **Commercial General Liability CGL:** Insurance Services Office Form CG 00 01 covering CGL on an “occurrence” basis, including products and completed operations, property damage, bodily injury and personal & advertising injury with limits no less than **\$2,000,000** per occurrence. If a general aggregate limit applies, either the general aggregate limit shall apply separately to this project/location (ISO CG 25 03 or 25 04) or the general aggregate limit shall be twice the required occurrence limit.
2. **Automobile Liability:** Insurance Services Office Form Number CA 0001 covering, Code 1 (any auto), or if Contractor has no owned autos, Code 8 (hired) and 9 (non-owned), with limit no less than **\$1,000,000** per accident for bodily injury and property damage.
3. **Workers’ Compensation:** Insurance as required by the State of California, with Statutory Limits, and Employer’s Liability Insurance with limit of no less than **\$1,000,000** per accident for bodily injury or disease.
4. **Sexual Abuse or Molestation (SAM) Liability:** If the work will include contact with minors, elderly adults, or otherwise vulnerable clients and the CGL policy referenced above is not endorsed to include affirmative coverage for sexual abuse or molestation, Contractor shall obtain and maintain policy covering Sexual Abuse and Molestation with a limit no less than **\$1,000,000** per occurrence or claim.
5. **Professional Liability (Errors and Omissions):** Insurance covering **medical malpractice** with limit no less than **\$1,000,000** per occurrence or claim, **\$2,000,000** aggregate.
6. **Cyber Liability:** Insurance, with limit not less than **\$2,000,000** per occurrence or claim, **\$2,000,000** aggregate. Coverage shall be sufficiently broad to respond to the duties and obligations as is undertaken by Contractor in this Contract and shall include, but not be limited to, claims involving infringement of intellectual property, including but not limited to infringement of copyright, trademark, trade dress, invasion of privacy violations, information theft, damage to or destruction of electronic information, release of private information, alteration of electronic information, extortion and network security. The policy shall provide coverage for breach response costs as well as regulatory fines and penalties as well as credit monitoring expenses with limits sufficient to respond to these obligations.
7. **Technology Professional Liability Errors and Omissions Insurance:** Appropriate to Contractor’s profession and work hereunder, with limits not less than **\$2,000,000** per occurrence. Coverage shall be sufficiently broad to respond to the duties and obligations as is undertaken by Contractor in this Contract and shall include, but not be limited to, claims involving infringement of intellectual property, copyright, trademark, invasion of privacy violations, information theft, release of private information, extortion and network security. The policy shall provide coverage for breach response costs as well as regulatory fines and penalties as well as credit monitoring expenses with limits sufficient to respond to these obligations.
 - a. The policy shall include or be endorsed to include ***property damage liability coverage*** for damage to, alteration of, loss of, or destruction of electronic data and/or information “property” of County in the care, custody, or control of Contractor.

If Contractor maintains broader coverage and/or higher limits than the minimums shown above, County requires and shall be entitled to the broader coverage and/or the higher limits maintained by Contractor. Any available insurance proceeds in excess of the specified minimum limits of insurance and coverage shall be available to County

Other Insurance Provisions:

The insurance policies are to contain, or be endorsed to contain, the following provisions:

1. **Additional Insured Status: County, its officers, employees, agents, and volunteers are to be covered as additional insureds** on the CGL policy with respect to liability arising out of the work or operations performed by or on behalf of Contractor including materials, parts, or equipment furnished in connection with such work or operations. General liability coverage can be provided in the form of an endorsement to Contractor's insurance (at least as broad as ISO Form CG 20 10 11 85 or if not available, then through the addition of both CG 20 10, CG 20 25, CG 20 33, or CG 20 38; and CG 20 37 forms if later revisions are used.)
2. **Primary Coverage** For any claims related to this contract, **Contractor's insurance shall be primary** insurance primary coverage at least as broad as ISO CG 20 01 04 13 as respects County, its officers, employees, agents, and volunteers. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by the County, its officers, employees, agents, and volunteers shall be excess of Contractor's insurance and shall not contribute with it.
3. **Umbrella or Excess Policy** The Contractor may use Umbrella or Excess Policies to provide the liability limits as required in this agreement. This form of insurance will be acceptable provided that all of the Primary and Umbrella or Excess Policies shall provide all of the insurance coverages herein required, including, but not limited to, primary and non-contributory, additional insured, Self-Insured Retentions (SIRs), indemnity, and defense requirements. Umbrella or Excess policies shall be provided on a true "following form" or broader coverage basis, with coverage at least as broad as provided on the underlying Commercial General Liability insurance. No insurance policies maintained by the Additional Insureds, whether primary or excess, and which also apply to a loss covered hereunder, shall be called upon to contribute to a loss until the Contractor's primary and excess liability policies are exhausted.
4. **Notice of Cancellation** 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 County.
5. **Waiver of Subrogation** Contractor hereby grants to County a waiver of any right to subrogation which any insurer or said Contractor may acquire against County by virtue of the payment of any loss under such insurance. Contractor agrees to obtain any endorsement that may be necessary to affect this waiver of subrogation, but this provision applies regardless of whether or not the County has received a waiver of subrogation endorsement from the insurer.
6. **Sole Proprietors** If Contractor is a Sole Proprietor and has no employees, they are not required to have Workers Compensation coverage. Contractor shall sign a statement attesting to this condition, and shall agree they have no rights, entitlements or claim against County for any type of employment benefits or workers' compensation or other programs afforded to County employees.
7. **Self-Insured Retentions** must be declared to and approved by the County. The County may require the Contractor to provide proof of ability to pay losses and related investigations, claims administration, and defense expenses within the retention. The Policy language shall provide, or be endorsed to provide, that the self-insured retention may be satisfied by either the named insured or County. The CGL and any policies, including Excess liability policies, may not be subject to a self-insured retention (SIR) or deductible that exceeds **\$25,000** unless approved in writing by the County. Any and all deductibles and SIRs shall be the sole responsibility of the Contractor or subcontractor who procured such insurance and shall not apply to the

Indemnified Additional Insured Parties. County may deduct from any amounts otherwise due Contractor to fund the SIR/deductible. Policies shall NOT contain any self-insured retention (SIR) provision that limits the satisfaction of the SIR to the Named. The policy must also provide that Defense costs, including the Allocated Loss Adjustment Expenses, will satisfy the SIR or deductible. County reserves the right to obtain a copy of any policies and endorsements for verification.

8. **Acceptability of Insurers:** Insurance is to be placed with insurers authorized to conduct business in the State with a current A.M. Best's rating of no less than A:VII, unless otherwise acceptable to County.
9. **Claims Made Policies** if any of the required policies provide coverage on a claims-made basis:
 - a. The Retroactive Date must be shown and must be before the date of the contract or the beginning of contract work.
 - b. Insurance must be maintained, and evidence of insurance must be provided for at least five (5) years after completion of the contract of work.
 - c. If the coverage is canceled or non-renewed, and not replaced with another **claims-made policy form with a Retroactive Date**, prior to the contract effective date, Contractor must purchase "extended reporting" coverage for a minimum of **five (5)** years after completion of contract work.
10. **Verification of Coverage** Contractor may be requested to furnish County with original Certificates of Insurance including all required amendatory endorsements (or copies of the applicable policy language effecting coverage required by this clause) and the County reserves the right to request a copy of the Declarations and Endorsement page of the CGL policy listing all policy endorsements to County before work begins. Failure to obtain and provide verification of the requested/required documents prior to the work beginning shall not waive Contractor's obligation to provide them. County reserves the right to require complete, certified copies of all required insurance policies, including endorsements required by these specifications, at any time.
11. **Subcontractors** Contractor shall require and verify that all subcontractors maintain insurance meeting all the requirements stated herein, and Contractor shall ensure that County is an additional insured on insurance required from subcontractors. For CGL coverage subcontractors shall provide coverage with a format at least as broad as CG 20 38 04 13.
12. **Special Risks or Circumstances** County reserves the right to modify these requirements, including limits, based on the nature of the risk, prior experience, insurer, coverage, or other special circumstances.
13. **Premium Payments** The insurance companies shall have no recourse against 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.
14. **Material Breach** Failure of Contractor to maintain the insurance required by this Contract, or to comply with any of the requirements of this section, shall constitute a material breach of the entire Contract.
15. **Certificate Holder** the Certificate Holder on insurance certificates and related documents should read as follows:

County of Nevada
950 Maidu Ave.
Nevada City, CA 95959

Upon initial award of the Contract to your firm, you may be instructed to send the actual documents to a County contact person for preliminary compliance review.

Certificates which amend or alter the coverage during the term of the Contract, including updated certificates due to policy renewal, should be sent directly to Contract Administrator. ..

EXHIBIT D
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROVISIONS
FOR DRUG MEDI-CAL ORGANIZED DELIVERY SYSTEM (DMC-ODS)

Article 1. DEFINITIONS

1. **BEHAVIORAL HEALTH INFORMATION NOTICE (BHIN)**
“Behavioral Health Information Notice” or “BHIN” means guidance from DHCS to inform counties and contractors of changes in policy or procedures at the federal or state levels. These were previously referred to as a Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Services Information Notice (MHSUDS IN). BHINs and MHSUDS INs are available on the DHCS website.
2. **BENEFICIARY OR CLIENT**
“Beneficiary” or “client” means the individual(s) receiving services.
3. **DHCS**
“DHCS” means the California Department of Health Care Services.
4. **DIRECTOR**
“Director” means the Director of the County Behavioral Health Department, unless otherwise specified.

Article 2. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. **NOTICE TO PARTIES**
 - 1.1. Contractor shall notify County in writing of any change in organizational name, Head of Service or principal business at least 15 business days in advance of the change. DHCS shall certify Contractor to participate in the DMC-ODS program. Contractor cannot reduce or relocate without first receiving approval by DHCS. A DMC certification application shall be submitted to the DHCS Provider Enrollment Division (PED) 60 days prior to the desired effective date of the reduction of covered services or relocation. Contractor shall be subject to continuing certification requirements at least once every five years. Said notice shall become part of this Agreement upon acknowledgment in writing by the County, and no further amendment of the Agreement shall be necessary provided that such change of address does not conflict with any other provisions of this Agreement.
 - 1.2. Contractor must immediately notify County of a change in ownership, organizational status, licensure, or ability of Contractor to provide the quantity or quality of the contracted services in a timely fashion.
2. **ENTIRE AGREEMENT**
This Agreement, including all schedules, addenda, exhibits and attachments, contains the entire understanding of the Parties in regard to Contractor’s provision of the services specified in Exhibit A (“Scope of Work”) and supersedes all prior representations in regard to the same subject matter, whether written or oral.
3. **SEVERABILITY**
If any provision of this Agreement, or any portion thereof, is found by any court of competent jurisdiction to be unenforceable or invalid for any reason, such provision shall be severable and shall not in any way impair the enforceability of any other provision of this Agreement.
4. **CONFORMITY WITH STATE AND FEDERAL LAWS AND REGULATIONS**
Contractor shall provide services in conformance with all applicable state and federal statutes, regulations and subregulatory guidance, as from time to time amended, including but not limited to:
 - 4.1. California Code of Regulations, Title 9;
 - 4.2. California Code of Regulations, Title 22;

- 4.3. Contractor agrees to comply with the Bronzan-McCorquodale Act (Welfare and Institutions Code, Division 5, 6, and 9, Section 5600 et seq. and Section 4132.44), Title 9 and Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations, Title XIX of the Social Security Act, State Department of Health Care Services Policy Letters, and Title 42 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Sections 434.6 and 438.608 which relate to, concern or affect the Services to be provided under this Contact.
- 4.4. United States Code of Federal Regulations, Title 42, including but not limited to Parts 2, 438 and 455;
- 4.5. United States Code of Federal Regulations, Title 45;
- 4.6. United States Code, Title 42 (The Public Health and Welfare), as applicable;
- 4.7. Balanced Budget Act of 1997;
- 4.8. Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA); and
- 4.9. Applicable Medi-Cal laws and regulations, including applicable sub-regulatory guidance, such as BHINs, MHSUDS INs, and provisions of County's state or federal contracts governing client services.
- 4.10. Clean Air Act and Federal Water Pollution Control: Contractor shall comply with the provisions of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401 et seq.) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.), as amended, which provides that contracts and subcontracts of amounts in excess of \$100,000 shall contain a provision that Contractor and any subcontractor shall comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issues pursuant to the Clear Air Act and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act. Violations shall be reported to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.
- 4.11. For the provision of services as provided herein, Contractor shall not employ or contract with providers or other individuals and entities excluded from participation in Federal Health Care Programs under either Section 1128 or 1128A of the Social Security Act and shall screen all individuals and entities employed or retained to provide services for eligibility to participate in Federal Health Care programs (see <http://oig.hhs.gov/exclusions/index.asp> and <http://files.medical.ca.gov/pubsdoco/SandILanding.asp>). Contractor shall check monthly and immediately report to the department if there is a change of status.
- 4.12. Dymally-Alatorre Bilingual Act: Contractor shall comply with all applicable provisions of the Dymally-Alatorre Bilingual Act which requires that state agencies, their contractors, consultants or services providers that serve a substantial number of non-English-speaking people employ a sufficient number of bilingual persons in order to provide certain information and render certain services in a language other than English.
- 4.13. Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment: Contractor certifies that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant or any other award covered by 31 USC 1352. Contractor shall also disclose to Department of Health Care Services ("DHCS") any lobbying with non-Federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any Federal award.
5. In the event any law, regulation, or guidance referred to in subsection (4), above, is amended during the term of this Agreement, the Parties agree to comply with the amended authority as of the effective date of such amendment without amending this Agreement.

Article 3. SERVICES AND ACCESS PROVISIONS

1. CERTIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY

Contractor will, in cooperation with County, comply with 42 C.F.R. § 455.1(a)(2) and BHIN 23-001, to obtain a certification of a client's eligibility for SUD services under Medi-Cal.

1.1. Share of Cost Medi-Cal Beneficiaries:

Program complies with participant fair hearings, audit process, and DMC Provider Administrative Appeals.

1.2 Termination of participant attending DMC services occurs only when the participant:

- 1.2.1 Fails to return to the program
- 1.2.2 Transfers to another program
- 1.2.3 Meets program discharge criteria

2. ACCESS TO SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER SERVICES

2.1. In collaboration with the County, Contractor will work to ensure that individuals to whom the Contractor provides SUD services meet access criteria and medical necessity requirements, as per DHCS guidance specified in BHIN 23-001. Specifically, the Contractor will ensure that the clinical record for each client includes information as a whole indicating that client's presentation and needs are aligned with the criteria applicable to their age at the time of service provision as specified below.

2.2. Contractor shall have written admission criteria for determining the client's eligibility and suitability for treatment and services. All clients admitted shall meet the admission criteria and this shall be documented in the client's record.

2.3. Programs shall ensure that their policies, procedures, practices, and rules and regulations do not discriminate against the above special populations. Whenever the needs of the client cannot be reasonably accommodated, efforts shall be made to make referral(s) to appropriate programs.

2.4. Contractor should recognize and educate staff and collaborative partners that Parole and Probation status is not a barrier to SUD services.

2.5. Contractor will ensure that the clinical record for each client includes information as a whole indicating that client's presentation and needs are aligned with the criteria applicable to their age at the time-of-service provision as outlined in this Agreement.

2.6. The initial assessment shall be performed face-to-face, by telehealth or by telephone by an Licensed Practitioner of the Healing Arts (LPHA) or registered or certified counselor and may be done in the community or the home, except for residential treatment services and narcotic treatment programs (NTPs). If the assessment of the client is completed by a registered or certified counselor, then an LPHA shall evaluate that assessment with the counselor and the LPHA shall make the final diagnosis. The consultation between the LPHA and the registered or certified counselor can be conducted in person, by video conferencing, or by telephone.

2.7. Contractor shall comply with beneficiaries' access criteria and services provided during the initial assessment process requirements:

2.7.1. For beneficiaries 21 years of age and older, a full assessment using the ASAM Criteria shall be completed within 30 days of the beneficiary's first visit with an LPHA or registered or certified counselor, or Peer Support Specialist (except for residential treatment services)

2.7.2. For beneficiaries under the age of 21, a full assessment using the ASAM Criteria shall be completed within 60 days of the beneficiary's first visit with an LPHA or registered or certified counselor (except for residential treatment services).

2.7.3. For beneficiaries experiencing homelessness and where the provider documents that due to homelessness additional time is required to complete the assessment, a full assessment using the ASAM Criteria shall be completed within 60 days of the beneficiary's first visit

with an LPHA or registered or certified counselor (except for residential treatment services).

2.7.4. If a client withdraws from treatment prior to completion of the assessment or prior to establishing a DSM diagnosis for Substance-Related and Addictive Disorder, and later returns, the 30-day or 60-day time period starts over.

2.8. Contractor shall comply with beneficiaries' access criteria after initial assessment requirements:

2.8.1. Beneficiaries 21 years of age and older, to qualify for DMC-ODS services after the initial assessment, must meet one of the following criteria:

2.8.1.1. Have at least one diagnosis from the most current edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual (DSM) of Mental Disorders for Substance-Related and Addictive Disorders, except for Tobacco-Related Disorders and Non-Substance-Related Disorders, OR

2.8.1.2. Have had at least one diagnosis from the most current edition of the DSM for Substance-Related and Addictive Disorders, except for Tobacco-Related Disorders and Non-Substance-Related Disorders, prior to being incarcerated or during incarceration, determined by substance use history.

2.8.2. Beneficiaries under the age of 21, qualify for DMC-ODS medically necessary services after the initial assessment, in the following circumstances:

2.8.2.1. All services that are Medi-Cal-coverable, appropriate, and medically necessary, needed to correct and ameliorate health conditions shall be provided, as per federal Early & Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT) statutes and regulations.

2.8.2.2. Services need not be curative or completely restorative to ameliorate a health condition, including substance misuse and SUDs, consistent with federal guidance.

2.8.2.3. Services that sustain, support, improve, or make more tolerable substance misuse or an SUD are considered to ameliorate the condition and are thus covered as EPSDT services.

3. ASAM LEVEL OF CARE DETERMINATION

3.1. Contractor shall use the ASAM Criteria to determine placement into the appropriate level of care (LOC) for all beneficiaries, which is separate and distinct from determining medical necessity. LOC determinations shall ensure that beneficiaries are able to receive care in the least restrictive LOC that is clinically appropriate to treat their condition.

3.2. A full ASAM Criteria assessment and an SUD diagnosis is not required to deliver prevention and early intervention services for beneficiaries under the age of 21; a brief screening ASAM Criteria tool is sufficient for these services.

3.3. For clients who withdraw from treatment prior to completing the ASAM Criteria assessment or prior to establishing a diagnosis from the DSM for Substance-Related and Addictive Disorders, and later return, the time period for initial assessment starts over.

3.4. A full ASAM Criteria assessment, or brief screening ASAM Criteria tool for preliminary LOC recommendations, shall not be required to begin receiving DMC-ODS services.

3.5. A full ASAM Criteria assessment does not need to be repeated unless the client's condition changes.

3.6. Requirements for ASAM LOC assessments apply to NTP clients and settings.

4. TRANSITION BETWEEN LEVELS OF CARE

Appropriate care coordinators/clinicians from both the discharging and admitting provider agencies shall be responsible to facilitate the transition between levels of care, including assisting in scheduling an

intake appointment, ensuring a minimal delay between discharge and admission at the next level of care, and documenting all information in the client's medical record.

- 4.1 Performance Standard: Transitions between levels of care shall occur within five (5) and no later than 10 business days from the time of re-assessment indicating the need for a different level of care.

5. MEDICAL NECESSITY

- 5.1. Pursuant to BHIN 23-001 and consistent with Welfare & Institutions Code § 14059.5, DMC-ODS services must be medically necessary.
- 5.2. For beneficiaries 21 years of age and older, a service is “medically necessary” or a “medical necessity” when it is reasonable and necessary to protect life, to prevent significant illness or significant disability, or to alleviate severe pain.
- 5.3. For beneficiaries under the age of 21, a service is “medically necessary” or a “medical necessity” if the service is necessary to correct or ameliorate screened health conditions. Consistent with federal guidance, services need not be curative or completely restorative to ameliorate a health condition, including substance misuse and SUDs. Services that sustain, support, improve, or make more tolerable substance misuse or an SUD are considered to ameliorate the condition and are thus covered as EPSDT services.

6. ADDITIONAL COVERAGE REQUIREMENTS AND CLARIFICATIONS

- 6.1. The target population for DMC-ODS SUD services includes clients who are enrolled in Medi-Cal, reside in the County, and meet the criteria for DMC-ODS services as per established requirements above.
- 6.2. Consistent with Welfare & Institutions Code § 14184.402(f), covered SUD prevention, screening, assessment, treatment, and recovery services are reimbursable Medi-Cal services when:
 - 6.2.1. Services are provided prior to the completion of an assessment or prior to the determination of whether DMC-ODS access criteria are met, or prior to the determination of a diagnosis.
 - 6.2.1.1. Clinically appropriate and covered DMC-ODS services provided to clients over the age of 21 are reimbursable during the assessment process. Similarly, if the assessment determines that the client does not meet the DMC-ODS access criteria after initial assessment, those clinically appropriate and covered DMC-ODS services provided are reimbursable.
 - 6.2.1.2. All Medi-Cal claims shall include a current CMS approved International Classification of Diseases (ICD) diagnosis code. In cases where services are provided due to a suspected SUD that has not yet been diagnosed, options are available in the CMS approved ICD-10 code list, for example, codes for “Other specified” and “Unspecified” disorders, or “Factors influencing health status and contact with health services”.
 - 6.2.2. Prevention, screening, assessment, treatment, or recovery services were not included in an individual treatment plan, or if the client signature was absent from the treatment plan.
 - 6.2.2.1. While most DMC-ODS providers are expected to adopt problem lists as specified in BHIN 22-019, treatment plans continue to be required for some services in accordance with federal law.
 - 6.2.2.2. Treatment plans are required by federal law for:
 - 6.2.2.2.1. Narcotic Treatment Programs (NTPs)
 - 6.2.2.2.2. Peer Support Services
- 6.3. The beneficiary has a co-occurring mental health condition.

- 6.4. Medically necessary covered DMC-ODS services delivered by Contractor shall be covered and reimbursable Medi-Cal services whether or not the client has a co-occurring mental health condition.
7. DIAGNOSIS DURING INITIAL ASSESSMENT
- 7.1. Contractor may use the following options during the assessment phase of client's treatment when a diagnosis has yet to be established as specified in BHIN 22-013:
- 7.1.1. ICD-10 codes Z55-Z65 Potential health hazards related to socioeconomic and psychological circumstances: may be used by all providers as appropriate during the assessment period prior to diagnosis and do not require certification as, or supervision, of, an LPHA.
- 7.1.2. ICD-10 code Z03.89 Encounter for observation for other suspected diseases and conditions ruled out: may be used by an LPHA during the assessment phase of a client's treatment when a diagnosis has yet to be established.
- 7.1.3. CMS approved diagnosis code on the ICD 10 tabular, available in the CMS 2022 ICD-10-CM page at: <https://www.cms.gov/medicare/icd-10/2022-icd-10-cm>, which may include Z codes. LPHAs may use any clinically appropriate ICD-10 code, for example, codes for "Other specified" and "Unspecified" disorders, or "Factors influencing health status and contact with health services".
- 7.1.4. An abbreviated ASAM screening tool may be used for initial screening, referral, and access to clinically appropriate services. *Please note that no preliminary level of care recommendation or screening tool is a substitute for a comprehensive ASAM Criteria© assessment.*
8. COVERED SERVICES
- Covered services are based on recommendations by an LPHA, within their scope of practice. Services shall be provided by DMC-certified practitioners. Services shall be "medically necessary".
9. COORDINATION AND CONTINUITY OF CARE
- 9.1. Contractor shall comply with the care and coordination requirements established by the County and per 42 C.F.R. § 438.208.
- 9.2. Contractor shall ensure the following related to tuberculosis (TB)
- 9.2.1. Routinely make available TB services to each individual receiving treatment for alcohol and other drug use and/or abuse;
- 9.2.2. Reduce barriers to patients accepting TB treatment and,
- 9.2.3. Develop strategies to improve follow-up monitoring, particularly after patients leave treatment, by disseminating information through educational bulletins and technical assistance. (Per State Substance Use Disorder Contract)
- 9.3. Contractor shall ensure that all care, treatment, and services provided pursuant to this Agreement are coordinated among all providers who are serving the client. Coordination and continuity of care procedures shall meet the following requirements:
- 9.3.1. Ensure that each client has an ongoing source of care appropriate to their needs and a person or entity formally designated as primarily responsible for coordinating the services accessed by the client. The client shall be provided information on how to contact their designated person or entity.
- 9.3.2. All services provided to clients shall be coordinated:
- 9.3.2.1. Between settings of care, including appropriate discharge planning for short-term and long-term hospital and institutional stays.
- 9.3.2.2. With the services the client receives from any other managed care organization.
- 9.3.2.3. With the services the client receives in FFS Medi-Cal.
- 9.3.2.4. With the services the client receives from community and social support providers.

- 9.3.3. Share with other providers serving the client, as allowed by regulations, the results of any identification and assessment of that client's needs to prevent duplication of those activities.
- 9.3.4. Ensure that each provider furnishing services to clients maintains and shares, as appropriate, a client health record in accordance with professional standards.
- 9.3.5. Ensure that in the process of coordinating care, each client's privacy is protected in accordance with the privacy requirements in 45 C.F.R. Parts 160 and 164 subparts A and E and 42 C.F.R. Part 2, to the extent that they are applicable.
- 9.4. Contractor shall engage in care coordination activities beginning at intake and throughout the treatment and discharge planning processes.
- 9.5. To facilitate care coordination, Contractor will request a HIPPA and California law compliant client authorization to share client information with and among all other providers involved in the client's care, in satisfaction of state, and federal privacy laws and regulations.
- 10. SITE LICENSES, CERTIFICATIONS, PERMITS REQUIREMENTS
 - 10.1. As specified in BHIN 21-001 and in accordance with Health and Safety Code § 11834.015, DHCS adopted the ASAM treatment criteria as the minimum standard of care for licensed AOD facilities. All licensed AOD facilities shall obtain at least one DHCS LOC Designation and/or at least one residential ASAM LOC Certification consistent with all of its program services. If an AOD facility opts to obtain an ASAM LOC Certification, then that facility will not be required to obtain a DHCS LOC Designation. However, nothing precludes a facility from obtaining both a DHCS LOC Designation and ASAM LOC Certification.
 - 10.2. Contractor shall obtain and comply with DMC site certification and ASAM designation or DHCS Level of Care Designation for each type of contracted service being delivered, as well as any additional licensure, registration or accreditation required by regulations for the contracted service being delivered.
 - 10.3. Contractor shall obtain and maintain all appropriate licenses, permits, and certificates required by all applicable federal, state, and county and/or municipal laws, regulations, guidelines, and/or directives.
 - 10.4. Contractor shall have and maintain a valid fire clearance at the specified service delivery sites where direct services are provided to clients.
- 11. MEDICATIONS
 - 11.1. If Contractor provides or stores medications, the Contractor shall store and monitor medications in compliance with all pertinent statutes and federal standards.
 - 11.2. Contractor shall have written policies and procedures regarding the use of prescribed medications by clients, and for monitoring and storing of medications.
 - 11.3. Prescription and over the counter medications which expire and other bio-hazardous pharmaceuticals including used syringes or medications which are not removed by the client upon termination of services shall be disposed of by the program director or a designated substitute, and one other adult who is not a client. Both shall sign a record, to be retained for at least one year.
 - 11.4. Contractor shall have at least one program staff on duty at all times trained to adequately monitor clients for signs and symptoms of their possible misuse of prescribed medications, adverse medication reactions and related medical complications.
- 12. ALCOHOL AND/OR DRUG-FREE ENVIRONMENT
 - 12.1. Contractor shall provide an alcohol and/or drug-free environment for clients. The use of medications for the treatment of SUD, mental illness, or physical conditions, shall be allowed and controlled as per Contractor's written policies and procedures.

12.2. Contractor shall have written policies regarding service delivery for when clients experience relapse episodes. These policies shall be supportive of and consistent with the alcohol and/or drug-free environment of the program.

13. ASSESSMENT OF TOBACCO USE DISORDER

13.1. As required by Assembly Bill (AB) 541 and BHIN 22-024, all licensed and/or certified SUD recovery or treatment facilities shall conduct an assessment of tobacco use at the time of the client's initial intake. The assessment shall include questions recommended in the most recent version of Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM) under Tobacco Use Disorder, or County's evidence-based guidance, for determining whether a client has a tobacco use disorder.

13.2. The licensed and/or certified SUD recovery or treatment facility shall do the following:

13.2.1. Provide information to the client on how continued use of tobacco products could affect their long-term success in recovery from SUD.

13.2.2. Recommend treatment for tobacco use disorder in the treatment plan.

13.2.3. Offer either treatment, subject to the limitation of the license or certification issued by DHCS, or a referral for treatment for tobacco use disorder.

13.3. Licensed and/or certified SUD recovery or treatment facilities can also adopt tobacco free campus policies, to change the social norm of tobacco use, promote wellness, and reduce exposure to secondhand smoke.

14. NALOXONE REQUIREMENTS

14.1. As required by AB 381, Health and Safety Code, § 11834.26, and BHIN 22-025, all licensed and/or certified SUD recovery or treatment facilities shall comply with the following requirements:

14.1.1. Maintain, at all times, at least 2 unexpired doses of naloxone, or any other opioid antagonist medication that is approved by the FDA for the treatment of an opioid overdose, on the premises of the licensed SUD recovery or treatment facility.

14.1.2. Have at least one staff member, at all times, on the premises who knows the specific location of the naloxone, or other FDA-approved opioid antagonist medication, and who has been trained in its administration. Training shall include review of online resources and the National Harm Reduction Coalition's Opioid Overdose Basics website to respond effectively to an opioid-associated overdose emergency. Staff shall certify that they have reviewed and undergone training in opioid overdose prevention and treatment.

14.1.3. The proof of completion of such training shall be documented in the staff member's individual personnel file, in accordance with California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 9, § 10564(k).

Article 4. AUTHORIZATION AND DOCUMENTATION PROVISIONS

1. SERVICE AUTHORIZATION

1.1. Contractor will collaborate with County to complete authorization requests in line with County and DHCS policy.

1.2. Contractor shall respond to County in a timely manner when consultation is necessary for County to make appropriate authorization determinations.

1.3. County shall provide Contractor with written notice of authorization determinations within the timeframes set forth in BHIN 23-001, or any subsequent DHCS notices.

1.4. For SUD Non-Residential and Non-Inpatient Levels of Care service authorization:

1.4.1. Contractor shall follow County's policies and procedures around non-residential/non-inpatient levels of care according to BHIN 23-001.

- 1.4.2. Contractor is not required to obtain service authorization for non-residential/non-inpatient levels of care. Prior authorization is prohibited for non-residential DMC-ODS services.
- 1.5. For SUD Residential and Inpatient Levels of Care service authorization:
 - 1.5.1. Contractor shall have in place, and follow, County written authorization policies and procedures for processing requests for initial and continuing authorization, or prior authorization, for residential treatment services, including inpatient services, but excluding withdrawal management services.
 - 1.5.2. County will review the DSM and ASAM Criteria to ensure that the beneficiary meets the requirements for the service.
 - 1.5.3. Prior authorization for residential and inpatient services (excluding withdrawal management services) shall be made within 24 hours of the prior authorization request being submitted by the provider.
 - 1.5.4. County will ensure that prior authorization processes are completed in a manner that assures the provision of a covered SUD service to a client in a timely manner appropriate for the client's condition.
 - 1.5.5. Contractor shall alert County when an expediated service authorization decision is necessary due to a client's specific needs and circumstances that could seriously jeopardize the client's life or health, or ability to attain, maintain, or regain maximum function. Expediated service authorizations shall not exceed 72 hours after receipt of the request for service, with a possible extension of up to 14 calendar days if the client or provider requests an extension.
 - 1.5.6. Contractor shall alert County when a standard authorization decision is necessary. Standard service authorizations shall not exceed 14 calendar days following receipt of the request for service, with a possible extension of up to 14 additional calendar days if the client or provider requests an extension.
- 1.6. Contractor, if applicable, shall ensure that length of stay (LOS) in residential program complies with the following:
 - 1.6.1. LOS shall be determined by individualized clinical need (statewide LOS goal is 30 days). LOS for clients shall be determined by an LPHA and authorized by the County as medically necessary.
 - 1.6.2. Clients receiving residential treatment must be transitioned to another LOC when clinically appropriate based on treatment progress.
 - 1.6.3. Perinatal clients may receive a longer LOS than those described above, if determined to be medically necessary.
 - 1.6.4. Nothing in this section overrides any EPSDT requirements. EPSDT clients may receive a longer length of stay based on medical necessity.
2. DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS
 - 2.1. Contractor agrees to comply with documentation requirements for non-hospital services as specified in Article 4.2-4.9 inclusive in compliance with federal, state and County requirements.
 - 2.2. All Contractor documentation shall be accurate, complete, legible, and shall list each date of service. Contractor shall document the face-to-face duration of the service, including travel and documentation time for each service. Services must be identified as provided in-person, by telephone, or by telehealth.
 - 2.3. All services shall be documented utilizing County-approved templates and contain all required elements. Contractor agrees to satisfy the chart documentation requirements set forth in BHIN 22-019 and the contract between County and DHCS. Failure to comply with documentation standards specified in this Article require corrective action plans.

3. ASSESSMENT

- 3.1. Contractor shall use the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) Criteria assessment for DMC-ODS clients to determine the appropriate level of SUD care.
- 3.2. The assessment shall include a typed or legibly printed name, signature of the service provider and date of signature. Assessment shall include the provider's LOC determination and recommendation for services. If the assessment of the client is completed by a registered or certified counselor, then the LPHA shall evaluate that assessment with the counselor and the LPHA shall make the initial diagnosis. The consultation between the LPHA and the registered or certified counselor can be conducted in person, by video conferencing, or by telephone.
- 3.3. The problem list and progress note requirements shall support the medically necessary services or medical necessity of each service provided.
- 3.4. Assessments shall be updated as clinically appropriate when the beneficiary's condition changes. Additional information on assessment requirements can be found in Article 3 Section 2 Access to Substance Use Disorder Services or BHIN 23-001.

4. ICD-10

- 4.1. Contractor shall use the criteria set forth in the current edition of the DSM as the clinical tool to make diagnostic determinations.
- 4.2. Once a DSM diagnosis is determined, the Contractor shall determine the corresponding diagnosis in the current edition of ICD. Contractor shall use the ICD diagnosis code(s) to submit a claim for SUD services to receive reimbursement from County.
- 4.3. Under the EPSDT mandate, for youth under the age of 21, a diagnosis from the ICD-10 for Substance-Related and Addictive Disorders is not required for early intervention services.
- 4.4. The ICD Tabular List of Diseases and Injuries is maintained by CMS and may be updated during the term of this Agreement. Changes to the lists of ICD diagnoses do not require an amendment to this Agreement, and County may implement these changes as provided by DHCS.

5. PROBLEM LIST

- 5.1. Contractor will create and maintain a Problem List for each client served under this Agreement. The problem list is a list of symptoms, conditions, diagnoses, and/or risk factors identified through assessment, psychiatric diagnostic evaluation, crisis encounters, or other types of service encounters.
- 5.2. Contractor must document a problem list that adheres to industry standards utilizing at minimum SNOMED International, Systematized Nomenclature of Medicine Clinical Terms (SNOMED CT®) U.S. Edition, March 2021 Release, and ICD-10-CM 2023.
- 5.3. A problem identified during a service encounter may be addressed by the service provider (within their scope of practice) during that service encounter and subsequently added to the problem list.
- 5.4. The problem list shall be updated on an ongoing basis to reflect the current presentation of the client.
- 5.5. The problem list shall include, but is not limited to the following:
 - 5.5.1. Diagnoses identified by a provider acting within their scope of practice, if any. Diagnosis-specific specifiers from the current DSM shall be included with the diagnosis, when applicable.
 - 5.5.2. Problems identified by a provider acting within their scope of practice, if any.
 - 5.5.3. Problems or illnesses identified by the client and/or significant support person, if any.
 - 5.5.4. The name and title of the provider that identified, added, or removed the problem, and the date the problem was identified, added, or removed.

- 5.5.5. Contractor shall add to or remove problems from the problem list when there is a relevant change to a beneficiary's condition.
- 5.6. County does not require the problem list to be updated within a specific timeframe or have a requirement about how frequently the problem list should be updated after a problem has initially been added. However, Contractor shall update the problem list within a reasonable time such that the problem list reflects the current issues facing the client, in accordance with generally accepted standards of practice and in specific circumstances specified in BHIN 22-019.
6. PROGRESS NOTES
- 6.1. Contractor shall create progress notes for the provision of all DMC-ODS services provided under this Agreement.
- 6.2. Each progress note shall provide sufficient detail to support the service code selected for the service type as indicated by the service code description.
- 6.3. Progress notes shall include all elements specified in BHIN 22-019, whether the note be for an individual or group service, and shall include:
- 6.3.1. The type of service rendered
- 6.3.2. A narrative describing the service, including how the service addressed the client's behavioral health need (e.g., symptom, condition, diagnosis, and/or risk factors)
- 6.3.3. The date that the service was provided to the beneficiary
- 6.3.4. Duration of the service, including travel and documentation time
- 6.3.5. Location of the client at the time of receiving the service
- 6.3.6. A typed or legibly printed name, signature of the service provider and date of signature
- 6.3.7. ICD-10 code
- 6.3.8. Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) or Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) code
- 6.3.9. Next steps, including, but not limited to, planned action steps by the provider or by the client, collaboration with the client, collaboration with other provider(s) and any update to the problem list as appropriate.
- 6.3.10. Contractor shall complete progress notes within three business days of providing a service, with the exception of notes for crisis services, which shall be completed within 24 hours.
- 6.4. Contractor shall complete a daily progress note for services that are billed on a daily basis, such as residential and inpatient services, if applicable.
- 6.5. When a group service is rendered by the Contractor, the following conditions shall be met:
- 6.5.1. A list of participants is required to be documented and maintained by the Contractor.
- 6.5.2. If more than one provider renders a group service, one progress note may be completed for a group session and signed by one provider. Contractor shall ensure that in this case, the progress note clearly documents the specific involvement and the specific amount of time of involvement of each provider during the group activity, including documentation time.
7. PLAN OF CARE
- 7.1. As specified in BHIN 22-019, when a plan of care is required, Contractor shall follow the DHCS requirements outlined in the Alcohol and/or Other Drug Program Certification Standards document, available in the DHCS Facility Certification page at:
<https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/provgovpart/Pages/Licensing-and-Certification-Facility-Certification.aspx>
- 7.2. Contractor shall develop plans of care for all clients, when required, and these plans of care shall include the following:
- 7.2.1. Statement of problems experienced by the client to be addressed.

- 7.2.2. Statement of objectives to be reached that address each problem.
- 7.2.3. Statement of actions that will be taken by the program and/or client to accomplish the identified objectives.
- 7.2.4. Target date(s) for accomplishment of actions and objectives.
- 7.3. Contractor shall develop the plan of care with participation from the client in accordance with the timeframes specified below:
 - 7.3.1. For outpatient programs, the plan of care shall be developed within 30 calendar days from the date of the client's admission. The client's progress shall be reviewed and documented within 30 calendar days after signing the plan of care and not later than every 30 calendar days thereafter.
 - 7.3.2. For residential programs, the plan of care shall be developed within 10 calendar days from the date of the client's admission.
 - 7.3.3. An LPHA, registered or certified counselor shall ensure and document, that together with the client, the plan of care is reviewed and updated, as necessary, when a change in problem identification or focus of treatment occurs, or no later than 90 calendar days after signing the plan of care and no later than every 90 calendar days thereafter, whichever comes first.
- 7.4. Contractor is not required to complete a plan of care for clients under this Agreement, except in the below circumstances:
 - 7.4.1. Peer Support Services require a specific care plan based on an approved Plan of Care. The plan of care shall be documented within the progress notes in the client's clinical record and approved by any treating provider who can render reimbursable Medi-Cal services.
 - 7.4.2. Narcotic Treatment Programs (NTP) are required to create a plan of care for clients as per federal law. This requirement is not impacted by the documentation requirements in BHIN 22-019. NTPs shall continue to comply with federal and state regulations regarding plans of care and documentation requirements.
- 8. **TELEHEALTH**
 - 8.1. Contractor may use telehealth, when it deems clinically appropriate, as a mode of delivering behavioral health services in accordance with all applicable County, state, and federal requirements, including those related to privacy/security, efficiency, and standards of care. Such services will conform to the definitions and meet the requirements included in the Medi-Cal Provider Manual: Telehealth, available in the DHCS Telehealth Resources page at: <https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/provgovpart/Pages/TelehealthResources.aspx>.
 - 8.2. All telehealth equipment and service locations must ensure that client confidentiality is maintained.
 - 8.3. Licensed providers and staff may provide services via telephone and telehealth as long as the service is within their scope of practice.
 - 8.4. Medical records for clients served by Contractor under this Agreement must include documentation of written or verbal consent for telehealth or telephone services if such services are provided by Contractor. Such consent must be obtained at least once prior to initiating applicable health care services and consent must include all elements as specified in BHIN 22-019.
 - 8.5. County may at any time audit Contractor's telehealth practices, and Contractor must allow access to all materials needed to adequately monitor Contractor's adherence to telehealth standards and requirements.
- 9. **DISCHARGE PLANNING**
 - 9.1. Contractor shall have written policies and procedures or shall adopt the County's policies and procedures regarding discharge. These procedures shall contain the following:

- 9.1.1. Written criteria for discharge defining:
 - 9.1.1.1. Successful completion of program;
 - 9.1.1.2. Administrative discharge;
 - 9.1.1.3. Involuntary discharge;
 - 9.1.1.4. Transfers and referrals.
- 9.1.2. A discharge summary that includes:
 - 9.1.2.1. The duration of the beneficiary's treatment as determined by the dates of admission to the discharge from treatment.
 - 9.1.2.2. Reason for discharge, including whether the discharge was voluntary or involuntary and whether the client successfully completed the program;
 - 9.1.2.3. Description of treatment episodes;
 - 9.1.2.4. Description of recovery services completed;
 - 9.1.2.5. Current alcohol and/or other drug usage;
 - 9.1.2.6. Vocational and educational achievements;
 - 9.1.2.7. Client's continuing recovery or discharge plan signed by an LPHA, or registered or certified counselor and client;
 - 9.1.2.8. Beneficiary's prognosis
 - 9.1.2.9. Transfers and referrals; and
 - 9.1.2.10. Client's comments.

**Article 5. CHART AUDITING AND REASONS FOR RECOUPMENT
MAINTENANCE OF RECORDS**

1. Contractor shall maintain proper clinical and fiscal records relating to clients served under the terms of this Agreement, as required by the Director, DHCS, and all applicable state and federal statutes and regulations. Client records shall include but not be limited to admission records, diagnostic studies and evaluations, client interviews and progress notes, and records of services provided. All such records shall be maintained in sufficient detail to permit evaluation of the services provided and to meet claiming requirements.
2. **RETENTION OF RECORDS:** Except as provided below, Contractor shall maintain and preserve all clinical records related to this Contract for seven (7) years from the date of discharge for adult clients, and records of clients under the age of eighteen (18) at the time of treatment must be retained until either one (1) year beyond the clients eighteenth (18th) birthday or for a period of seven (7) years from the date of discharge, whichever is later. Psychologists' records involving minors must be kept until the minor's 25th birthday. Contractor shall also contractually require the maintenance of such records in the possession of any third party performing work related to this Contract for the same period of time. Such records shall be retained beyond the seven year period, if any audit involving such records is then pending, until the audit findings are resolved. The obligation to ensure the maintenance of the records beyond the initial seven year period shall arise only if County notifies Contractor of the commencement of an audit prior to the expiration of the seven year period.
3. To the extent Contractor is a Managed Care Organization ("MCO"), a Prepaid Inpatient Health Plan, a Prepaid Ambulatory Health Plan ("PAHP"), or a Medi-Cal services provider, Contractor shall maintain and preserve all records related to this contract for ten (10) years from the start date of this Contract, pursuant to CFR 42 438.3(u). If the client or patient is a minor, the client's or patient's health service records shall be retained for a minimum of ten (10) years from the close of the State fiscal year in which the Contract was in effect, or the date the client or patient reaches 18 years of age, whichever is longer, regardless of when services were terminated with the client. Health service records may be retained in either a written or an electronic format. Contractor shall also contractually

require the maintenance of such records in the possession of any third party performing work related to this contract for the same period of time. Such records shall be retained beyond the ten (10) year period if any audit involving such records is then pending, and until the audit findings are resolved. The obligation to ensure the maintenance of the records beyond the initial ten (10) year period shall arise only if County notifies Contractor of the commencement of an audit prior to the expiration of the ten (10) year period.

4. **CalMHSA Streamline SmartCare Electronic Health Record:** As the department is implementing and will go live with the CalMHSA Streamline SmartCare products for an Electronic Health Records System, the Contractor shall be required to use the Streamline SmartCare product functionality that is relevant to the scope of work of this contract, as requested by the County. This may include the following Streamline SmartCare functionality: use of the Billing System, client chart, physician or nursing specific home pages, E-Prescribing, other clinical documentation, and any other Electronic Health Record data collection necessary for the County to meet billing and quality assurance goals. The Contractor shall receive training as needed to be able to comply with this requirement and will be required to complete CalMHSA Learning Management System Modules specific to the Streamline SmartCare product prior to being able to enter into the system.

ACCESS TO RECORDS

1. **LOCATION / OWNERSHIP OF RECORDS:** If Contractor works primarily in a County facility, records shall be kept in County's facility and owned by County. If Contractor works in another facility or a school setting, the records shall be owned and kept by Contractor and upon demand by County, a copy of all original records shall be delivered to County within a reasonable time from the conclusion of this Contract.
2. Contractor shall provide County with access to all documentation of services provided under this Agreement for County's use in administering this Agreement. Contractor shall allow County, CMS, the Office of the Inspector General, the Controllor General of the United States, and any other authorized federal and state agencies to evaluate performance under this Agreement, and to inspect, evaluate, and audit any and all records, documents, and the premises, equipment and facilities maintained by the Contractor pertaining to such services at any time and as otherwise required under this Agreement.
3. **COPIES OF RECORDS:** Upon termination of this Contract, Contractor agrees to cooperate with client/patients, County and subsequent providers with respect to the orderly and prompt transfer of client or patient records. This Contract does not preclude Contractor from assessing reasonable charges for the expense of transferring such records if appropriate. Said charges shall be twenty-five Cents (\$0.25) per page, plus the cost of labor, not to exceed Sixteen Dollars (\$16.00) per hour or pro rata fraction thereof, for actual time required to photocopy said records.

FEDERAL, STATE AND COUNTY AUDITS

In accordance with 42 C.F.R. § 438.66 and as applicable with 42 C.F.R. §§ 438.604, 438.606, 438.608, 438.610, 438.230, 438.808, 438.900 et seq., County will conduct monitoring and oversight activities to review the Contractor's SUD programs and operations. The purpose of these oversight activities is to verify that medically necessary services are provided to clients, who meet medical necessity and criteria for access to DMC-ODS as established in BHIN 23-001, in compliance with the applicable state and federal laws and regulations, and/or the terms of the Agreement between Contractor and County, and future BHINs which may spell out other specific requirements.

INTERNAL AUDITING

1. Contractors of sufficient size as determined by County shall institute and conduct a Quality Assurance Process for all services provided hereunder. Said process shall include at a minimum a system for verifying that all services provided and claimed for reimbursement shall meet DMC-ODS definitions and be documented accurately.
2. Contractor shall have a method to verify whether services billed to Medi-Cal were actually furnished to Medi-Cal beneficiaries. Contractor's verification method shall be based on random samples and will specify the percentage of total services provided that shall be verified. Contractor's verification process shall be submitted to and approved by the NCBH Quality Assurance Manager. Contractor will report the outcome of service verification activities to the NCBH Quality Assurance Manager quarterly. Contractor shall provide County with notification and a summary of any internal audit exceptions and the specific corrective actions taken to sufficiently reduce the errors that are discovered through Contractor's internal audit process. Contractor shall provide this notification and summary to County in a timely manner.

CONFIDENTIALITY IN AUDIT PROCESS

1. Contractor and County mutually agree to maintain the confidentiality of Contractor's client records and information, in compliance with all applicable state and federal statutes and regulations, including but not limited to HIPAA, 42 CFR Part 2, and California Welfare and Institutions Code, § 5328, to the extent that these requirements are applicable. Contractor shall inform all of its officers, employees and agents of the confidentiality provisions of all applicable statutes.
2. Contractor's fiscal records shall contain sufficient data to enable auditors to perform a complete audit and shall be maintained in conformance with standard procedures and accounting principles.
3. Contractor's records shall be maintained as required by the Director and DHCS on forms furnished by DHCS or the County. All statistical data or information requested by the Director shall be provided by the Contractor in a complete and timely manner.

REASONS FOR RECOUPMENT

1. County will conduct periodic audits of Contractor files to ensure appropriate clinical documentation, high quality service provision and compliance with applicable federal, state and county regulations.
2. Such audits may result in requirements for Contractor to reimburse County for services previously paid in the following circumstances:
 - 2.1. Identification of Fraud, Waste or Abuse as defined in federal regulation.
 - 2.1.1. Fraud and abuse are defined in Code of Federal Regulations, Title 42, § 455.2 and Welfare & Institutions Code, § 14107.11, subdivision (d).
 - 2.1.2. Definitions for "fraud," "waste," and "abuse" can also be found in the Medicare Managed Care Manual available at www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Manuals/Downloads/mc86c21.pdf.
 - 2.2. Overpayment of Contractor by County due to errors in claiming or documentation.
3. Contractor shall reimburse County for all overpayments identified by Contractor, County and/or state or federal oversight agencies as an audit exception within the timeframes required by law or Country or state or federal agency.

COOPERATION WITH AUDITS

1. Contractor shall cooperate with County in any review and/or audit initiated by County, DHCS, or any other applicable regulatory body. This cooperation may include such activities as onsite program, fiscal, or chart reviews and/or audits.

2. In addition, Contractor shall comply with all requests for any documentation or files including, but not limited to, client and personnel files.
3. Contractor shall notify the County of any scheduled or unscheduled external evaluation or site visits when it becomes aware of such visit. County shall reserve the right to attend any or all parts of external review processes.
4. Contractor shall allow inspection, evaluation and audit of its records, documents and facilities for 10 years from the term end date of this Agreement or in the event Contractor has been notified that an audit or investigation of this Agreement has been commenced, until such time as the matter under audit or investigation has been resolved, including the exhaustion of all legal remedies, whichever is later pursuant to 42 C.F.R. §§ 438.3(h) and 438.230(c)(3)(i-iii).
5. Contractor shall comply with findings and recommendations of any audits; certification process and / or state reviews.

Article 6. CLIENT PROTECTIONS

1. GRIEVANCES, APPEALS AND NOTICES OF ADVERSE BENEFIT DETERMINATION

- 1.1. Contractor shall inform Medi-Cal Beneficiaries of their rights regarding appeals and grievances. Procedures and timeframes for responding to grievances, issuing, and responding to adverse benefit determinations, appeals, and state hearings must be followed as per 42 C.F.R., Part 438, Subpart F (42 C.F.R. §§ 438.400 – 438.424).
- 1.2. All grievances (as defined by 42 C.F.R. § 438.400) and complaints received by Contractor must be immediately forwarded to the County's Quality Management Department or other designated persons via a secure method (e.g., encrypted email or by fax) to allow ample time for the Quality Management staff to acknowledge receipt of the grievance and complaints and issue appropriate responses.
- 1.3. Contractor shall not discourage the filing of grievances and clients do not need to use the term "grievance" for a complaint to be captured as an expression of dissatisfaction and, therefore, a grievance.
- 1.4. Aligned with MHSUDS 18-010E and 42 C.F.R. § 438.404, the appropriate and delegated Notice of Adverse Benefit Determination (NOABD) must be issued by Contractors within the specified timeframes using the template provided by the County.
- 1.5. Contractor shall immediately notify the County in writing of any actions that may require a NOABD be issued, including, but not limited to:
 - 1.5.1. not meeting timely access standards
 - 1.5.2. not meeting medical necessity for any substance use disorder treatment services
 - 1.5.3. Terminating or reducing authorized covered services.
- 1.6. NOABDs must be issued to clients anytime the Contractor has made or intends to make an adverse benefit determination that includes the reduction, suspension, or termination of a previously authorized service and/or the failure to provide services in a timely manner. The notice must have a clear and concise explanation of the reason(s) for the decision as established by DHCS and the County. The Contractor must inform the County immediately after issuing a NOABD. The Contractor must use the County approved NOABD forms.
- 1.7. Contractor must provide clients with any reasonable assistance in completing forms and taking other procedural steps related to a grievance or appeal such as auxiliary aids and interpreter services.
- 1.8. Contractor must maintain records of grievances and appeals and must review the information as part of its ongoing monitoring procedures. The record must be accurately maintained in a manner accessible to the County and available upon request to DHCS.

2. ADVANCED DIRECTIVES

Contractor must comply with all County policies and procedures regarding Advanced Directives in compliance with the requirements of 42 C.F.R. §§ 422.128 and 438.6(i) (1), (3) and (4).

3. TRANSITION OF CARE

3.1. Contractor shall follow County's transition of care policy in accordance with applicable state and federal regulations, MHSUDS IN 18-051: DMC-ODS Transition of Care Policy, and any BHINs issued by DHCS for parity in SUD and mental health benefits subsequent to the effective date of this Agreement (42 C.F.R. § 438.62(b)(1)-(2).)

3.2. Clients shall be allowed to continue receiving covered DMC-ODS services with an out-of-network provider when their assessment determines that, in the absence of continued services, the client would suffer serious detriment to their health or be at risk of hospitalization or institutionalization. DMC-ODS treatment services with the existing provider (out-of-network) provider shall continue for a period of no more than 90 days unless medical necessity requires the services to continue for a longer period of time, not exceeding 12 months. Specific criteria must be met.

3.3. Denial of Service, Involuntary Discharge from Service, or Reduction of Service

3.3.1. Contractor shall inform all beneficiaries of their right to a Fair Hearing related to denial, involuntary discharge, or reduction in Drug Medi-Cal substance abuse services as it relates to their eligibility or benefits.

3.3.1.1. Contractor shall advise beneficiaries in writing at least 10 days prior to the effective date of the intended action to deny, reduce or terminate services. The written notice shall include:

3.3.1.2. Statement of Action the Contractor intends to take.

3.3.1.3. Reason for intended action.

3.3.1.4. A citation of the specific regulation(s) supporting intended action.

3.3.1.5. Explanation of beneficiary's right to a Fair Hearing for the purpose of appealing intended action.

3.3.1.6. An explanation that the beneficiary may request a Fair Hearing by submitting a written request to:

California Department of Social Service State Hearings Division
P.O. Box 944243, MS 9-17-37
Sacramento, CA 94244-2430
Telephone: 1-800-952-525 T.D.: 1-800-952-8349

3.3.1.7. An explanation that the Contractor shall continue treatment services pending a Fair Hearing decision only if the beneficiary appeals in writing to the Department of Social Services for a hearing within 10 calendar days of the mailing or personal delivery of the notice of intended action.

4. ADVERTISING REQUIREMENTS

4.1. Contractor, to protect the health, safety, and welfare of clients with a SUD, shall not use false or misleading advertisement for their medical treatment or medical services as per SB 434 Health and Safety Code § 11831.9 and BHIN 22-022.

4.2. Licensed SUD recovery or treatment facilities and certified alcohol or other drug programs shall not do any of the following:

4.2.1. Make a false or misleading statement or provide false or misleading information about the entity's products, goods, services, or geographical locations in its marketing, advertising materials, or media, or on its internet website or on a third-party internet website.

- 4.2.2. Include on its internet website a picture, description, staff information, or the location of an entity, along with false contact information that surreptitiously directs the reader to a business that does not have a contract with the entity.
- 4.2.3. Include on its internet website false information or an electronic link that provides false information or surreptitiously directs the reader to another internet website.
- 4.3. Contractor shall comply with these requirements and any subsequent regulations around advertising requirements for SUD recovery or treatment facilities issued by DHCS.

ORIENTATION, TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

1. County will endeavor to provide Contractor with training and support in the skills and competencies to (a) conduct, participate in, and sustain the performance levels called for in the Agreement and (b) conduct the quality management activities called for by the Agreement.
2. County will provide the Contractor with all applicable standards for the delivery and accurate documentation of services.
3. County will make ongoing technical assistance available in the form of direct consultation to Contractor upon Contractor's request to the extent that County has capacity and capability to provide this assistance. In doing so, the County is not relieving Contractor of its duty to provide training and supervision to its staff or to ensure that its activities comply with applicable regulations and other requirements included in the terms and conditions of this Agreement.
4. Any requests for technical assistance by Contractor regarding any part of this Agreement shall be directed to the County's designated contract monitor.
5. Contractor shall require all new employees in positions designated as "covered individuals" to complete compliance training within the first 30 days of their first day of work. Contractor shall require all covered individuals to attend, at minimum, one compliance training annually.
 - 5.1. These trainings shall be conducted by County or, at County's discretion, by Contractor staff, or both, and may address any standards contained in this Agreement.
 - 5.2. Covered individuals who are subject to this training are any Contractor staff who have or will have responsibility for, or who supervises any staff who have responsibility for, ordering, prescribing, providing, or documenting client care or medical items or services.
6. Contractor shall require that physicians receive a minimum of five hours of continuing medical education related to addiction medicine each year.
7. Contractor shall require that professional staff (LPHAs) receive a minimum of five hours of continuing education related to addiction medicine each year.
8. Additional Requirements
 - 8.1. Applicable staff are required to participate in the following training:
 - 8.1.1. DMC ODS overview and documentation training (annually)
 - 8.1.2. Information Privacy and Security (At least annually)
 - 8.1.3. ASAM E-modules 1 and 2
 - 8.2. All direct treatment staff will complete the ASAM E-modules 1 and 2 upon hire and prior to delivering services. All service providers using the ASAM criteria to determine Level of Care will complete an annual refresher.
 - 8.3. Cultural Competency (At least annually)
 - 8.4. All LPHA staff is required to complete a minimum of five (5) hours of continuing education related to addiction medicine each year.
 - 8.5. All direct treatment staff will attend at least two of the following Evidence-Based Practices (EBPs) each year:
 - 8.5.1. Motivational Interviewing

- 8.5.2. Relapse Prevention
- 8.5.3. Trauma Focused Care
- 8.5.4. Seeking Safety
- 8.5.5. Cognitive Behavioral Therapy
- 8.5.6. Matrix Model

Article 7. PROGRAM INTEGRITY

1. GENERAL

As a condition of receiving payment under a Medi-Cal managed care program, the Contractor shall comply with the provisions of 42 C.F.R. §§ 438.604, 438.606, 438.608 and 438.610. (42 C.F.R. § 438.600 (b)).

2. ASAM STANDARDS OF CARE

- 2.1. In accordance with Health and Safety Code section 111834.015, DHCS has adopted the ASAM treatment criteria, or other equivalent evidenced based criteria as the minimum standard of care for AOD facilities.
- 2.2. For this Agreement and subsequent services, Contractor shall adopt ASAM as the evidenced based practice standard for LOC.
- 2.3. Contractor shall ensure treatment staff of all SUD treatment programs receive adequate training in ASAM criteria prior to providing services that includes but is not limited to in person or e-training modules:
 - 2.3.1. ASAM Module I- Multidimensional Assessment
 - 2.3.2. ASAM Module II- From Assessment to Service Planning and Level of Care
 - 2.3.3. ASAM Module III- Introduction to the ASAM Criteria

3. CREDENTIALING AND RE-CREDENTIALING OF PROVIDERS

- 3.1. Contractors must follow the uniform process for credentialing and recredentialing of network providers established by County, including disciplinary actions such as reducing, suspending, or terminating provider's privileges. Failure to comply with specified requirements can result in suspension or termination of a provider.
- 3.2. Upon request, the Contractor must demonstrate to the County that each of its providers are qualified in accordance with current legal, professional, and technical standards, and that they are appropriately licensed, registered, waived, and/or certified.
- 3.3. Contractor must not employ or subcontract with providers debarred, suspended or otherwise excluded (individually, and collectively referred to as "Excluded") from participation in Federal Health Care Programs, including Medi-Cal/Medicaid or procurement activities, as set forth in 42 C.F.R. § 438.610. See relevant section below regarding specific requirements for exclusion monitoring.
- 3.4. Contractors shall ensure that all of their network providers, delivering covered services, sign and date an attestation statement on a form provided by County, in which each provider attests to the following:
 - 3.4.1. Any limitations or disabilities that affect the provider's ability to perform any of the position's essential functions, with or without accommodation;
 - 3.4.2. A history of loss of license or felony convictions;
 - 3.4.3. A history of loss or limitation of privileges or disciplinary activity;
 - 3.4.4. A lack of present illegal drug use; and
 - 3.4.5. The application's accuracy and completeness

- 3.5. Contractor must file and keep track of attestation statements for all of their providers and must make those available to the County upon request at any time.
- 3.6. Contractor is required to sign an annual attestation statement at the time of Agreement renewal in which they will attest that they will follow County's Credentialing Policy and MHSUDS IN 18-019 and ensure that all of their rendering providers are credentialed as per established guidelines.
- 3.7. Contractor is required to verify and document at a minimum every three years that each network provider that delivers covered services continues to possess valid credentials, including verification of each of the credentialing requirements as per the County's uniform process for credentialing and recredentialing. If any of the requirements are not up-to-date, updated information should be obtained from network providers to complete the re-credentialing process.
4. **SCREENING AND ENROLLMENT REQUIREMENTS**
 - 4.1. County shall ensure that all Contractor providers are enrolled with the state as Medi-Cal providers consistent with the provider disclosure, screening, and enrollment requirements of 42 C.F.R. Part 455, subparts B and E. (42 C.F.R. § 438.608(b)).
 - 4.2. County may execute this Agreement, pending the outcome of screening, enrollment, and revalidation of Contractor, of up to 120 days but must terminate this Agreement immediately upon determination that Contractor cannot be enrolled, or the expiration of one 120-day period without enrollment of the Contractor, and notify affected clients (42 C.F.R. § 438.602(b)(2)).
 - 4.3. Contractor shall ensure that all Providers and/or subcontracted Providers consent to a criminal background check, including fingerprinting to the extent required under state law and 42 C.F.R. § 455.434(a). Contractor shall provide evidence of completed consents when requested by the County, DHCS or the US Department of Health & Human Services (US DHHS).
5. **PROVIDER APPLICATION AND VALIDATION FOR ENROLLMENT (PAVE)**
Contractor shall ensure that all of its required clinical staff, who are rendering SUD services to Medi-Cal clients on behalf of Contractor, are registered through DHCS' Provider Application and Validation for Enrollment (PAVE) portal, pursuant to DHCS requirements, the 21st Century Cures Act, and the CMS Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) Managed Care Final Rule.
6. **COMPLIANCE PROGRAM, INCLUDING FRAUD PREVENTION AND OVERPAYMENTS**
 - 6.1. Contractor shall have in place a compliance program designed to detect and prevent fraud, waste and abuse, as per 42 C.F.R. § 438.608 (a)(1), that must include:
 - 6.1.1. Written policies, procedures, and standards of conduct that articulate the organization's commitment to comply with all applicable requirements and standards under the Agreement, and all applicable federal and state requirements.
 - 6.1.2. A Compliance Office (CO) who is responsible for developing and implementing policies, procedures, and practices designed to ensure compliance with the requirements of this Agreement and who reports directly to the CEO and the Board of Directors.
 - 6.1.3. A Regulatory Compliance Committee on the Board of Directors and at the senior management level charged with overseeing the organization's compliance program and its compliance with the requirements under the Agreement.
 - 6.1.4. A system for training and education for the Compliance Officer, the organization's senior management, and the organization's employees for the federal and state standards and requirements under the Agreement.
 - 6.1.5. Effective lines of communication between the Compliance Officer and the organization's employees.
 - 6.1.6. Enforcement of standards through well-publicized disciplinary guidelines.

- 6.1.7. The establishment and implementation of procedures and a system with dedicated staff for routine internal monitoring and auditing of compliance risks, prompt response to compliance issues as they are raised, investigation of potential compliance problems as identified in the course of self-evaluation and audits, corrections of such problems promptly and thoroughly to reduce the potential for recurrence, and ongoing compliance with the requirements under the Agreement.
- 6.1.8. The requirement for prompt reporting and repayment of any overpayments identified.
- 6.2. Contractor must have administrative and management arrangements or procedures designed to detect and prevent fraud, waste and abuse of federal or state health care funding. Contractor must report fraud and abuse information to the County including but not limited to:
 - 6.2.1. Any potential fraud, waste, or abuse as per 42 C.F.R. § 438.608(a), (a)(7),
 - 6.2.2. All overpayments identified or recovered, specifying the overpayment due to potential fraud as per 42 C.F.R. § 438.608(a), (a)(2).
 - 6.2.3. Information about change in a client's circumstances that may affect the client's eligibility including changes in the client's residence or the death of the client as per 42 C.F.R. § 438.608(a)(3).
 - 6.2.4. Information about a change in the Contractor's circumstances that may affect the network provider's eligibility to participate in the managed care program, including the termination of this Agreement with the Contractor as per 42 C.F.R. § 438.608 (a)(6).
- 6.3. Contractor shall implement written policies that provide detailed information about the False Claims Act ("Act") and other federal and state Laws described in section 1902(a)(68) of the Act, including information about rights of employees to be protected as whistleblowers.
- 6.4. Contractor shall make prompt referral of any potential fraud, waste or abuse to County or potential fraud directly to the State Medicaid Fraud Control Unit.
- 6.5. County may suspend payments to Contractor if DHCS or County determine that there is a credible allegation of fraud in accordance with 42 C.F.R. § 455.23. (42 C.F.R. § 438.608 (a)(8)).
- 6.6. Contractor shall report to the County all identified overpayments and reason for the overpayment, including overpayments due to potential fraud. Contractor shall return any overpayments to the County within 30 calendar days after the date on which the overpayment was identified. (42 C.F.R. § 438.608 (a)(2), (c)(3)). County shall maintain the right to suspend payments to Contractor when County determines there is a credible allegation of fraud. Contractor shall comply with County's retention policies for the treatment of recoveries of all overpayments from Contractor, including specifically the retention policies for the treatment of recoveries of overpayments due to fraud, waste, or abuse.

7. INTEGRITY DISCLOSURES

- 7.1. Contractor shall provide information on ownership and controlling interests, disclosures related to business transactions, and disclosures related to persons convicted of crimes in the form and manner requested by the County, by the Effective Date, each time the Agreement is renewed and within 35 days of any change in ownership or controlling interest of Contractor. (42 C.F.R. §§ 455.104, 455.105, and 455.106)
- 7.2. Upon the execution of this Agreement, Contractor shall furnish County a Provider Disclosure Statement, which, upon receipt by County, shall be kept on file with County and may be disclosed to DHCS. If there are any changes to the information disclosed in the Provider Disclosure Statement, an updated statement should be completed and submitted to the County within 35 days of the change. (42 C.F.R. § 455.104).

- 7.3. Contractor must disclose the following information as requested in the Provider Disclosure Statement:
- 7.3.1. Disclosure of 5% or More Ownership Interest:
- 7.3.1.1. In the case of corporate entities with an ownership or control interest in the disclosing entity, the primary business address as well as every business location and P.O. Box address must be disclosed. In the case of an individual, the date of birth and Social Security Number must be disclosed.
- 7.3.1.2. In the case of a corporation with ownership or control interest in the disclosing entity or in any subcontractor in which the disclosing entity has a five percent (5%) or more interest, the corporation tax identification number must be disclosed.
- 7.3.1.3. For individuals or corporations with ownership or control interest in any subcontractor in which the disclosing entity has a five percent (5%) or more interest, the disclosure of familial relationship is required.
- 7.3.1.4. For individuals with five percent (5%) or more direct or indirect ownership interest of a disclosing entity, the individual shall provide evidence of completion of a criminal background check, including fingerprinting, if required by law, prior to execution of Agreement. (42 C.F.R. § 455.434)
- 7.4. Disclosures Related to Business Transactions:
- 7.4.1. The ownership of any subcontractor with whom Contractor has had business transactions totaling more than \$25,000 during the 12-month period ending on the date of the request.
- 7.4.2. Any significant business transactions between Contractor and any wholly owned supplier, or between Contractor and any subcontractor, during the 5-year period ending on the date of the request. (42 C.F.R. § 455.105(b).)
- 7.5. Disclosures Related to Persons Convicted of Crimes:
- 7.5.1. The identity of any person who has an ownership or control interest in the Contractor or is an agent or managing employee of the Contractor who has been convicted of a criminal offense related to that person's involvement in any program under the Medicare, Medicaid, or the Title XXI services program since the inception of those programs. (42 C.F.R. § 455.106.)
- 7.5.2. County shall terminate the enrollment of Contractor if any person with five percent (5%) or greater direct or indirect ownership interest in the disclosing entity has been convicted of a criminal offense related to the person's involvement with Medicare, Medicaid, or Title XXI program in the last 10 years.
- 7.6. Contractor must provide disclosure upon execution of Contract, extension for renewal, and within 35 days after any change in Contractor ownership or upon request of County. County may refuse to enter into an Agreement or terminate an existing Agreement with a Contractor if the Contractor fails to disclose ownership and control interest information, information related to business transactions and information on persons convicted of crimes, or if the Contractor did not fully and accurately make the disclosure as required.
- 7.7. Contractor must provide the County with written disclosure of any prohibited affiliations under 42 C.F.R. § 438.610. Contractor must not employ or subcontract with providers or have other relationships with providers Excluded from participating in Federal Health Care Programs, including Medi-Cal/Medicaid or procurement activities, as set forth in 42 C.F.R. § 438.610.
8. CERTIFICATION OF NON-EXCLUSION OR SUSPENSION FROM PARTICIPATION IN A FEDERAL HEALTH CARE PROGRAM
- 8.1. Prior to the effective date of this Agreement, the Contractor must certify that it is not excluded from participation in Federal Health Care Programs under either section 1128 or 1128A of the

Social Security Act. Failure to certify will render all provisions of this Agreement null and void and may result in the immediate termination of the Agreement.

- 8.2. Contractor shall certify, prior to the execution of the Contract, that the Contractor does not employ or subcontract with providers or have other relationships with providers Excluded from participation in Federal Health Care Programs, including Medi-Cal/Medicaid or procurement activities, as set forth in 42 C.F.R. § 438.610. Contractor shall conduct initial and monthly Exclusion & Suspension searches of the following databases and provide evidence of these completed searches when requested by County, DHCS or the US DHHS:
 - 8.2.1. Office of Inspector General's List of Excluded Individuals/Entities (LEIE)
 - 8.2.2. System for Award Management (SAM)
 - 8.2.3. DHCS Suspended & Ineligible Provider List
 - 8.2.4. National Plan and Provider Enumeration System (NPPES)
 - 8.2.5. any other database required by DHCS or DHHS.
- 8.3. Contractor shall certify, prior to the execution of the Agreement, that Contractor does not employ staff or individual contractors/vendors that are on the Social Security Administration's Death Master File. Contractor shall check the following database prior to employing staff or individual contractors/vendors and provide evidence of these completed searches when requested by the County, DHCS or the US DHHS.
- 8.4. Social Security Death Master File
- 8.5. Contractor is required to notify County immediately if Contractor becomes aware of any information that may indicate their (including employees/staff and individual contractors/vendors) potential placement on an exclusions list.
- 8.6. Contractor shall screen and periodically revalidate all network providers in accordance with the requirements of 42 C.F.R., Part 455, Subparts B and E.
- 8.7. Contractor must confirm the identity and determine the exclusion status of all its providers, as well as any person with an ownership or control interest, or who is an agent or managing employee of the contracted agency through routine checks of federal and state databases. This includes the Social Security Administration's Death Master File, NPPES, the Office of Inspector General's List of Excluded Individuals/Entities (LEIE), the Medi-Cal Suspended and Ineligible Provider List (S&I List) as consistent with the requirements of 42 C.F.R. § 455.436.
- 8.8. If a Contractor finds a provider that is Excluded, it must promptly notify the County as per 42 C.F.R. § 438.608(a)(2), (4). Contractor shall not certify or pay any Excluded provider with Medi-Cal funds, must treat any payments made to an Excluded provider as an overpayment, and any such inappropriate payments may be subject to recovery.

Article 8. QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

1. QUALITY IMPROVEMENT ACTIVITIES AND PARTICIPATION

- 1.1. Contractor shall comply with the County's ongoing comprehensive Quality Assessment and Performance Improvement (QAPI) Program (42 C.F.R. § 438.330(a)) and work with the County to improve established outcomes by following structural and operational processes and activities that are consistent with current practice standards.
- 1.2. Contractor shall participate in quality improvement (QI) activities, including clinical and non-clinical performance improvement projects (PIPs), as requested by the County in relation to state and federal requirements and responsibilities, to improve health outcomes and clients' satisfaction over time. Other QI activities include quality assurance, collection and submission of performance measures specified by the County, mechanisms to detect both underutilization and overutilization of services, client and system outcomes, utilization management, utilization

- review, provider appeals, provider credentialing and re-credentialing, and client grievances. Contractor shall measure, monitor, and annually report to the County its performance.
- 1.3. Contractor shall implement mechanisms to assess client/family satisfaction based on County's guidance. The Contractor shall assess client/family satisfaction by:
 - 1.3.1. Surveying client/family satisfaction with the Contractor's services at least annually.
 - 1.3.2. Evaluating client grievances, appeals and State Hearings at least annually.
 - 1.3.3. Evaluating requests to change persons providing services at least annually.
 - 1.3.4. Informing the County and clients of the results of client/family satisfaction activities.
 - 1.4. Contractor, if applicable, shall implement mechanisms to monitor the safety and effectiveness of medication practices. This mechanism shall be under the supervision of a person licensed to prescribe or dispense prescription drugs, at least annually.
 - 1.5. Contractor shall implement mechanisms to monitor appropriate and timely intervention of occurrences that raise quality of care concerns. The Contractor shall take appropriate follow-up action when such an occurrence is identified. The results of the intervention shall be evaluated by the Contractor at least annually and shared with the County.
 - 1.6. Contractor shall collaborate with County to create a QI Work Plan with documented annual evaluations and documented revisions as needed. The QI Work Plan shall evaluate the impact and effectiveness of its quality assessment and performance improvement program.
 - 1.7. Contractor shall attend and participate in the County's Quality Improvement Committee (QIC) to recommend policy decisions, review and evaluate results of QI activities, including PIPs, institute needed QI actions, and ensure follow-up of QI processes. Contractor shall ensure that there is active participation by the Contractor's practitioners and providers in the QIC.
 - 1.8. Contractor shall assist County, as needed, with the development and implementation of Corrective Action Plans.
 - 1.9. Contractor shall participate, as required, in annual, independent external quality reviews (EQR) of the quality, timeliness, and access to the services covered under this Contract, which are conducted pursuant to Subpart E of Part 438 of the Code of Federal Regulations. (42 C.F.R. §§ 438.350(a) and 438.320)
2. NETWORK ADEQUACY
 - 2.1. Contractor shall ensure that all services covered under this Agreement are available and accessible to clients in a timely manner and in accordance with the network adequacy standards required by regulation. (42 C.F.R. § 438.206 (a),(c)).
 - 2.2. Contractor shall submit, when requested by County and in a manner and format determined by the County, network adequacy certification information to County, utilizing a provided template or other designated format.
 - 2.3. Contractor shall submit updated network adequacy information to the County any time there has been a significant change that would affect the adequacy and capacity of services. Significant changes include, but are not limited to, changes in services or providers available to clients, and changes in geographic service area.
 3. TIMELY ACCESS
 - 3.1. Contractor shall comply with the requirements set forth in CCR, Title 9, § 1810.405, including meeting County and State Contract standards for timely access to care and services, taking into account the urgency of the need for services. County shall monitor Contractor to determine compliance with timely access requirements and shall take corrective action in the event of non-compliance.

- 3.2. Timely access standards include:
 - 3.2.1. Contractors must have hours of operation during which services are provided to Medi-Cal clients that are no less than the hours of operation during which the Contractor offers services to non-Medi-Cal clients. If the Contractor's provider only serves Medi-Cal clients, the provider must provide hours of operation comparable to the hours the Contractor makes available for Medi-Cal services that are not covered by the Agreement or another County.
 - 3.2.2. Appointments data, including wait times for requested services, must be recorded and tracked by Contractor, and submitted to the County on a monthly basis in a format specified by the County. Appointments' data should be submitted to the County's Quality Management department or other designated persons.
 - 3.2.3. Contractor shall ensure that all clients seeking NTP services are provided with an appointment within three business days of a service request.
 - 3.2.4. Contractor shall ensure that all clients seeking outpatient and intensive outpatient (non-NTP) services are provided with an appointment within 10 business days of a non-NTP service request.
 - 3.2.5. Contractor shall ensure that all clients seeking non-urgent appointments with a non-physician SUD provider are provided within 10 business days of the request for the appointment. Similarly, Contractor shall ensure that all clients seeking non-urgent follow-up appointments with a non-physician SUD provider are provided within 10 business days of the prior appointment for those undergoing a course of treatment for an ongoing SUD condition. These timely standards must be followed, except in the following circumstances:
 - 3.2.5.1. The referring or treating licensed health care provider, or the health professional providing triage or screening services, as applicable, has determined and noted that in the relevant record that a longer waiting time will not have a detrimental impact on the client's health.
 - 3.2.5.2. Preventive care services and periodic follow-up care, including office visits for SUD conditions, may be scheduled in advance consistent with professionally recognized standards of practice as determined by the treating licensed health care provider acting within the scope of their practice.
- 3.3. Contractor shall ensure that, if necessary for a client or a provider to reschedule an appointment, the appointment is promptly rescheduled in a manner that is appropriate for the client's health care needs and ensures continuity of care consistent with good professional practice.
- 3.4. Contractor shall ensure that during normal business hours, the waiting time for a client to speak by telephone with staff knowledgeable and competent regarding the client's questions and concerns does not exceed 10 minutes.
4. DATA REPORTING REQUIREMENTS
 - 4.1. Contractor shall comply with data reporting compliance standards as established by DHCS and/or SAMHSA depending on the specific source of funding.
 - 4.2. Contractor shall ensure that all data stored or submitted to the County, DHCS or other data collection sites is accurate and complete.
 - 4.2.1. California Outcomes Measurement System Treatment (CalOMS Tx)
 - 4.2.1.1. Contractor agrees to cooperate with the County for the collection of data for the California Outcomes Measurement System (CalOMS), a statewide client-based data compilation and outcomes measurement system, as related to services rendered under this Agreement or as may be needed for completion of state report(s). Contractor shall collect and report data for the California Outcomes Measurement System (CalOMS), pursuant to state regulations and county protocols.

- 4.2.1.2. CalOMS forms must be submitted within two (2) weeks of opening the client to the facility. When a client has completed treatment with the Contractor, CalOMS closing will be completed and sent to Behavioral Health within two weeks.
 - 4.2.1.3. All new Contractor staff involved in completing and/or submitting CalOMS forms to County will complete a six (6) hour web-based training and present a Certificate of Completion to County AOD Program Manager or Designee for the CalOMS web-based training prior to completing and/or submitting CalOMS forms to County.
 - 4.2.2 Drug and Alcohol Treatment Access Report (DATAR)
 - 4.2.2.1 DATAR data shall be submitted by Contractor as specified by County, either directly to DHCS or by other means established by County, by the 10th of the month following the report activity month.
 - 4.3 Substance Abuse and Prevention Treatment Block Grant (SABG) Funding reporting
 - 4.3.1 Contractors providing services to beneficiaries in counties using SABG funds will collect and report performance data to County monthly.
 - 4.4 Contractor shall also cooperate with County Behavioral Health Department and County Probation Department for collection of any other data of informational reports as may be needed pertaining to services rendered under this Agreement.
- 5 TREATMENT PERCEPTION SURVEY (TPS)

Contractor shall conduct the annual Treatment Perception Survey (TPS) consistent with DMC-ODS requirements and under the direction of County.
- 6 PRACTICE GUIDELINES
 - 6.1 Contractor shall adopt practice guidelines (or adopt County's practice guidelines) that meet the following requirements as per 42 C.F.R. § 438.236:
 - 6.1.1 Are based on valid and reliable clinical evidence or a consensus of providers in the field.
 - 6.1.2 Consider the needs of the Contractor's clients
 - 6.1.3 Are adopted in consultation with network providers
 - 6.1.4 Are reviewed and updated periodically as appropriate
 - 6.2 Contractor shall disseminate the guidelines to all affected providers and, upon request, to clients and potential clients.
- 7 EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICES (EBPs)
 - 7.1 Contractors will comply with County and DHCS standards related to evidenced-based practices (EBPs).
 - 7.2 Contractor will implement at least two of the following EBP to fidelity per provider, per service modality:
 - 7.2.1 Motivational Interviewing
 - 7.2.2 Cognitive-Behavioral Services
 - 7.2.3 Relapse Prevention
 - 7.2.4 Trauma-Informed Treatment
 - 7.2.5 Psycho-Education
- 8 PHYSICIAN INCENTIVE PLAN

If Contractor wants to institute a Physician Incentive Plan, Contractor shall submit the proposed plan to the County which will in turn submit the Plan to the State for approval, in accordance with the provisions of 42 C.F.R. § 438.6(c).
- 9 REPORTING UNUSUAL OCCURRENCES
 - 9.1 Contractor shall report unusual occurrences to the Director. An unusual occurrence is any event which jeopardizes the health and/or safety of clients, staff, and/or members of the community, including, but not limited to, physical injury and death.

- 9.2 Unusual occurrences are to be reported to the County within timelines specified in County policy after becoming aware of the unusual event. Reports are to include the following elements:
- 9.2.1 Complete written description of event including outcome;
 - 9.2.2 Written report of Contractor's investigation and conclusions;
 - 9.2.3 List of persons directly involved and/or with direct knowledge of the event.
- 9.3 County and DHCS retain the right to independently investigate unusual occurrences and the Contractor will cooperate in the conduct of such independent investigations.

Article 9. ADDITIONAL FINAL RULE PROVISIONS

1. NON-DISCRIMINATION

- 1.1. Contractor shall not discriminate against Medi-Cal eligible individuals in its County who require an assessment or meet medical necessity criteria for DMC-ODS in the provision of SUD services because of race, color, religion, ancestry, marital status, national origin, ethnic group identification, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, age, medical condition, genetic information, health status or need for health care services, or mental or physical disability as consistent with the requirements of applicable federal law, such as 42 C.F.R. § 438.3(d)(3) and (4), BHIN 22-060 Enclosure 4 and state law.
- 1.2. Contractor shall take affirmative action to ensure that services to intended Medi-Cal clients are provided without use of any policy or practice that has the effect of discriminating on the basis of race, color, religion, ancestry, marital status, national origin, ethnic group identification, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, age, medical condition, genetic information, health status or need for health care services, or mental or physical disability.

2. PHYSICAL ACCESSIBILITY

In accordance with the accessibility requirements of section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1973, Contractor must provide physical access, reasonable accommodations, and accessible equipment for Medi-Cal clients with physical or mental disabilities.

3. APPLICABLE FEES

- 3.1. Contractor shall not charge any clients or third-party payers any fee for service unless directed to do so by the Director at the time the client is referred for services. When directed to charge for services, Contractor shall use the uniform billing and collection guidelines prescribed by DHCS.
- 3.2. Contractor will perform eligibility and financial determinations for each beneficiary prior to rendering services in accordance with the Drug Medi-Cal Billing Manual, unless directed otherwise by the Director.
- 3.3. Contractor shall not submit a claim to, or demand or otherwise collect reimbursement from, the client or persons acting on behalf of the client for any SUD or related administrative services provided under this Agreement, except to collect other health insurance coverage, share of cost, and co-payments (California Code of Regulations, tit. 9, § 1810.365(c)).
- 3.4. The Contractor must not bill clients, for covered services, any amount greater than would be owed if the County provided the services directly as per and otherwise not bill client as set forth in 42 C.F.R. § 438.106.

4. CULTURAL COMPETENCE

- 4.1. All services, policies and procedures must be culturally and linguistically appropriate. Contractor must participate in the implementation of the most recent Cultural Competency Plan for the County and shall adhere to all cultural competency standards and requirements. Contractor shall participate in the County's efforts to promote the delivery of services in a culturally competent and equitable manner to all clients, including those with limited English proficiency and diverse cultural and ethnic backgrounds, disabilities, and regardless of gender, sexual orientation, or gender identity.

4.1.1. Performance Standard

- 4.1.1.1. 100% of beneficiaries that speak a threshold language are provided services in their preferred language.
 - 4.1.1.2. At least 80% of beneficiaries completing the Treatment Perceptions Survey reported being satisfied (3.5+ out of 5.0) with cultural sensitivity of services
 - 4.1.1.3. Despite progress in addressing explicit discrimination, racial inequities continue to be deep, pervasive, and persistent across the country. Though we have made many strides toward racial equity, policies, practices, and implicit bias have created and still create disparate results. Through partnerships with the community, Nevada County Behavioral Health strives to address these inequities and continue progress in moving forward.
- 4.2. Contractor is encouraged to have a diverse and inclusive workforce that includes representation from the disparate communities served by our county. Contractor will be expected to think holistically about creating services, program sites and an employee culture that is welcoming and inclusive. Contractor should track metrics on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion outcomes within their service delivery. Additional efforts should be made to identify and highlight growth opportunities for equitable outcomes, access to services, and other opportunities. Contractor shall contact County contract manager about proposed metrics to track.
- 4.3. Services should be designed to meet clients' diverse needs. Contractor will be expected to participate in the NCBH Cultural Competency program, participate in trainings and tailor outreach efforts and marketing materials to engage a diverse population of community members. Given that Spanish is a threshold language in Nevada County, special emphasis should be placed on engaging Latinx communities and providing services in Spanish.

5. CLIENT INFORMING MATERIALS

5.1. Basic Information Requirements

- 5.1.1. Contractor shall provide information in a manner and format that is easily understood and readily accessible to clients. (42 C.F.R. § 438.10(c)(1)). Contractor shall provide all written materials for clients in easily understood language, format, and alternative formats that take into consideration the special needs of clients in compliance with 42 C.F.R. § 438.10(d)(6). Contractor shall inform clients that information is available in alternate formats and how to access those formats in compliance with 42 C.F.R. § 438.10.
- 5.1.2. Contractor shall provide the required information in this section to each client receiving SUD services under this Agreement and upon request.
- 5.1.3. Contractor shall utilize the County's website that provides the content required in this section and 42 C.F.R. § 438.10 and complies with all the requirements regarding the same set forth in 42 C.F.R. § 438.10.
- 5.1.4. Contractor shall use DHCS/County developed model beneficiary handbook and client notices. (42 C.F.R. §§ 438.10(c)(4)(ii), 438.62(b)(3)).
- 5.1.5. Client information required in this section may only be provided electronically by the Contractor if all of the following conditions are met:
 - 5.1.5.1. The format is readily accessible;
 - 5.1.5.2. The information is placed in a location on the Contractor's website that is prominent and readily accessible;
 - 5.1.5.3. The information is provided in an electronic form which can be electronically retained and printed;
 - 5.1.5.4. The information is consistent with the content and language requirements of this Agreement;

- 5.1.5.5. The client is informed that the information is available in paper form without charge upon request and the Contractor provides it upon request within five business days. (42 C.F.R. § 438.10(c)(6)).

5.1 Language and Format

- 5.1.1 Contractor shall provide all written materials for potential clients and clients in a font size no smaller than 12 point. (42 C.F.R. § 438.10(d)(6)(ii).)
- 5.1.2 Contractor shall ensure its written materials that are critical to obtaining services are available in alternative formats, upon request of the client or potential client at no cost.
- 5.1.3 Contractor shall make its written materials that are critical to obtaining services, including, at a minimum, provider directories, beneficiary handbook, appeal and grievance notices, denial and termination notices, and the Contractor's SUD health education materials, available in the prevalent non-English languages in the County. (42 C.F.R. § 438.10(d)(3).)

5.2 Contractor shall notify clients, prospective clients, and members of the public that written translation is available in prevalent languages free of cost and how to access those materials. (42 C.F.R. § 438.10(d)(5)(i), (iii); Welfare & Institutions Code § 14727(a)(1); California Code of Regulations. tit. 9 § 1810.410, subd. (e), para. (4))

- 5.2.1 Contractor shall make auxiliary aids and services available upon request and free of charge to each client. (42 C.F.R. § 438.10(d)(3)-(4).)
- 5.2.2 Contractor shall make oral interpretation and auxiliary aids, such as Teletypewriter Telephone/Text Telephone (TTY/TDY) and American Sign Language (ASL), available and free of charge for any language in compliance with 42 C.F.R. § 438.10(d)(2), (4)-(5).
- 5.2.3 Taglines for written materials critical to obtaining services must be printed in a conspicuously visible font size.

6 Beneficiary Informing Materials

- 6.1 Each client must receive and have access to the beneficiary informing materials upon request by the client and when first receiving SUD services. Beneficiary informing materials include but are not limited to:
- 6.1.1 County DMC-ODS Beneficiary Handbook (BHIN 22-060)
- 6.1.2 Provider Directory
- 6.1.3 DMC-ODS Formulary
- 6.1.4 Advance Health Care Directive Form (required for adult clients only)
- 6.1.5 Notice of Language Assistance Services available upon request at no cost to the client
- 6.1.6 Language Taglines
- 6.1.7 Grievance/Appeal Process and Form
- 6.1.8 Notice of Privacy Practices
- 6.1.9 EPSDT poster (if serving clients under the age of 21)
- 6.2 Contractor shall provide each client with a beneficiary handbook at the time the client first accesses services. The beneficiary handbook shall be provided to beneficiaries within 14 business days after receiving notice of enrollment.
- 6.3 Contractor shall give each client notice of any significant change to the information contained in the beneficiary handbook at least 30 days before the intended effective date of change as per BHIN 22-060.
- 6.4 Required informing materials must be electronically available on the Contractor's website and must be physically available at the Contractor agency facility lobby for clients' access.
- 6.5 Informing materials must be made available upon request, at no cost, in alternate formats (i.e., Braille or Audio) and Auxiliary Aids (i.e., California Relay Service (CRS) 711 and American

Sign Language) and must be provided to clients within five business days. Large print materials shall be in a minimum 18-point font size.

6.6 Informing materials will be considered provided to the client if Contractor does one or more of the following:

- 6.6.1 Mails a printed copy of the information to the client's mailing address before the client first receives a SUD service;
- 6.6.2 Mails a printed copy of the information upon the client's request to the client's mailing address;
- 6.6.3 Provides the information by email after obtaining the client's agreement to receive the information by email;
- 6.6.4 Posts the information on the Contractor's website and advises the client in paper or electronic form that the information is available on the internet and includes applicable internet addresses, provided that clients with disabilities who cannot access this information online are provided auxiliary aids and services upon request and at no cost; or,
- 6.6.5 Provides the information by any other method that can reasonably be expected to result in the client receiving that information. If the Contractor provides informing materials in person, when the client first receives SUD services, the date and method of delivery shall be documented in the client's file.

7 Provider Directory

- 7.1 Contractor must follow the County's provider directory policy, in compliance with MHSUDS IN 18-020.
- 7.2 Contractor must make available to clients, in paper form upon request and electronic form, specified information about its provider network as per 42 C.F.R. § 438.10(h). The most current provider directory is electronically available on the County website and is updated by the County no later than 30 calendar days after information is received to update provider information. A paper provider directory must be updated as set forth in 42 C.F.R. § 438.10(h)(3)(i).
- 7.3 Any changes to information published in the provider directory must be reported to the County within two weeks of the change.
- 7.4 Contractor will only need to report changes/updates to the provider directory for each licensed SUD service provider.

8 Medication Formulary

- 8.1 Contractor shall make available in electronic or paper form, the following information about the County's formulary as outlined in 42 C.F.R. § 438.10(i):
 - 8.1.1 Which medications are covered (for both generic and name brand).
 - 8.1.2 What tier each medication resides on.
- 8.2 Contractor shall inform clients about County's formulary drug lists availability in a machine-readable file and format on the County's website.

Article 10. CLIENT RIGHTS

Contractor shall take all appropriate steps to fully protect clients' rights, as specified in Welfare and Institutions Code § 5325 et seq; Title 9 California Code of Regulations (CCR), §§ 862, 883, 884; Title 22 CCR, § 72453 and § 72527; and 42 C.F.R. § 438.100.

Article 13. RIGHT TO MONITOR

- 1. County or any subdivision or appointee thereof, and the State of California or any subdivision or appointee thereof, including the Auditor General, shall have absolute right to review and audit all records, books, papers, documents, corporate minutes, financial records, staff information, client

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records, other pertinent items as requested, and shall have absolute right to monitor the performance of Contractor in the delivery of services provided under this Agreement. Full cooperation shall be given by the Contractor in any auditing or monitoring conducted, according to this Agreement.

2. Contractor shall make all of its premises, physical facilities, equipment, books, records, documents, contracts, computers, or other electronic systems pertaining to Medi-Cal enrollees, Medi-Cal-related activities, services, and activities furnished under the terms of this Agreement, or determinations of amounts payable available at any time for inspection, examination, or copying by County, the State of California or any subdivision or appointee thereof, CMS, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Office of Inspector General, the United States Comptroller General or their designees, and other authorized federal and state agencies. This audit right will exist for at least 10 years from the final date of the Agreement period or in the event the Contractor has been notified that an audit or investigation of this Agreement has commenced, until such time as the matter under audit or investigation has been resolved, including the exhaustion of all legal remedies, whichever is later (42 CFR § 438.230(c)(3)(I)-(ii)).
3. The County, DHCS, CMS, or the HHS Office of Inspector General may inspect, evaluate, and audit the Contractor at any time if there is a reasonable possibility of fraud or similar risk. The Department's inspection shall occur at the Contractor's place of business, premises or physical facilities (42 CFR § 438.230(c)(3)(iv)).
4. Contractor shall cooperate with the County in the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of this Agreement and comply with any and all reporting requirements established by the County. Should the County identify an issue or receive notification of a complaint or potential/actual/suspected violation of requirements, the County may audit, monitor, and/or request information from the Contractor to ensure compliance with laws, regulations, and requirements, as applicable.
5. County reserves the right to place Contractor on probationary status, as referenced in the Probationary Status Article, should Contractor fail to meet performance requirements; including, but not limited to violations such as high disallowance rates, failure to report incidents and changes as contractually required, failure to correct issues, inappropriate invoicing, untimely and inaccurate data entry, not meeting performance outcomes expectations, and violations issued directly from the State. Additionally, Contractor may be subject to Probationary Status or termination if contract monitoring and auditing corrective actions are not resolved within specified timeframes.
6. Contractor shall retain all records and documents originated or prepared pursuant to Contractor's performance under this Agreement, including client grievance and appeal records, and the data, information and documentation specified in 42 C.F.R. parts §§ 438.604, 438.606, 438.608, and 438.610 for a period of no less than 10 years from the term end date of this Agreement or until such time as the matter under audit or investigation has been resolved. Records and documents include but are not limited to all physical and electronic records and documents originated or prepared pursuant to Contractor's or subcontractor's performance under this Agreement including working papers, reports, financial records and documents of account, client records, prescription files, subcontracts, and any other documentation pertaining to covered services and other related services for clients.
7. Contractor shall maintain all records and management books pertaining to service delivery and demonstrate accountability for contract performance and maintain all fiscal, statistical, and management books and records pertaining to the program. Records should include, but are not limited to, monthly summary sheets, sign-in sheets, and other primary source documents. Fiscal records shall be kept in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles and must account for all funds, tangible assets, revenue and expenditures. Fiscal records must also comply with the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Title II, Subtitle A, Chapter 11, Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards.

8. All records shall be complete and current and comply with all Agreement requirements. Failure to maintain acceptable records per the preceding requirements shall be considered grounds for withholding of payments for billings submitted and for termination of Agreement.
9. Contractor shall maintain client and community service records in compliance with all regulations set forth by local, state, and federal requirements, laws and regulations, and provide access to clinical records by County staff.
10. Contractor shall comply with Medical Records/Protected Health Information Article regarding relinquishing or maintaining medical records.
11. Contractor shall agree to maintain and retain all appropriate service and financial records for a period of at least 10 years from the date of final payment, the final date of the contract period, final settlement, or until audit findings are resolved, whichever is later.
12. Contractor shall submit audited financial reports on an annual basis to the County. The audit shall be conducted in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and generally accepted auditing standards.
13. In the event the Agreement is terminated, ends its designated term or Contractor ceases operation of its business, Contractor shall deliver or make available to County all financial records that may have been accumulated by Contractor or subcontractor under this Agreement, whether completed, partially completed or in progress within seven calendar days of said termination/end date.
14. Contractor shall provide all reasonable facilities and assistance for the safety and convenience of the County's representatives in the performance of their duties. All inspections and evaluations shall be performed in such a manner that will not unduly delay the work of Contractor.
15. County has the discretion to revoke full or partial provisions of the Agreement, delegated activities or obligations, or application of other remedies permitted by state or federal law when the County or DHCS determines Contractor has not performed satisfactorily.
16. It is not the intent of the County to direct or control the hiring of Contractor's employees; however, the parties acknowledge that in the event a Contractor's employee fails to provide the required services set forth herein in a satisfactory manner, County reserves the right to demand Contractor take appropriate action, up to and including termination of the employee.
17. Contractor shall, at all times, maintain communication and coordination with the Director of the Department of Behavioral Health (hereinafter referred to as "Director") and/or his/her designee, the Director of the Social Services Department and/or his/her designee, the Chief Probation Officer and/or his/her designee, and meet with the Director and/or his designee as needed regarding alcohol/drug treatment services or for any problem/resolution solving related to this Agreement.
18. Contractor agrees that County department staff may participate in any of the treatment groups with reasonable notification to the Contractor. County agrees that its intent is not to be disruptive in any form to the treatment milieu at Contractor's facilities.

Article 14. SITE INSPECTION

- A. Without limiting any other provision related to inspections or audits otherwise set forth in this Agreement, Contractor shall permit authorized County, state, and/or federal agency(ies), through any authorized representative, the right to inspect or otherwise evaluate the work performed or being performed hereunder including subcontract support activities and the premises which it is being performed. Contractor shall provide all reasonable assistance for the safety and convenience of the authorized representative in the performance of their duties. All inspections and evaluations shall be made in a manner that will not unduly delay the work.

EXHIBIT E
SCHEDULE OF HIPAA PROVISIONS
FOR COVERED ENTITY CONTRACTORS

HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT (HIPAA):
HEALTH CARE PROVIDER AGREEMENT

Contractor acknowledges that it is a “health care provider” and therefore is a Covered Entity, for purposes of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (“HIPAA”) and the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act of 2009 (“HITECH”) and therefore is directly subject to the privacy, security and breach notification requirements therein and the civil and criminal penalties and shall implement its standards.

Contractor agrees to:

1. Contractor shall comply with all applicable federal and state laws and regulations pertaining to the confidentiality of individually identifiable protected health information (PHI) or personally identifiable information (PII) including, but not limited to, requirements of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health (HITECH) Act, the California Welfare and Institutions Code regarding confidentiality of client information and records and all relevant County policies and procedures.
2. Contractor shall not use or disclose PHI or PII other than as permitted or required by law.
3. Develop and maintain a written information privacy and security program that includes the designation of Privacy and Security Officer and establishes and maintains appropriate safeguards to prevent any use or disclosure of PHI other than as provided for by this Contract and applicable law. Safeguards shall include administrative, physical, and technical safeguards appropriate to the size and complexity of Contractor’s operations and the nature and scope of its activities. Contractor will provide County with information concerning such safeguards as County may reasonably request from time to time.
4. Track disclosures and make available the information required to provide an accounting of disclosures if requested by the individual or County in accordance with 45 CFR §164.528.
5. Ensure sufficient training and utilize reasonable measures to ensure compliance with requirements of this Contract by Contractor’s workforce members who use or disclose PHI (in any form) to assist in the performance of functions or activities under this contract; and discipline such employees who intentionally violate any provisions of this Contract, including termination of employment. Workforce member training shall be documented and such documents retained for the period of this Contract and made available to County for inspection if requested.
6. Take prompt corrective action in the event of any security incident or any unauthorized use or disclosure of PHI to cure any such deficiencies and to take any action required by applicable federal and state laws and regulations.

7. Report to County any security incident or any unauthorized use or disclosure of PHI (in any form. Security incidents include attempted or successful unauthorized access, use, disclosure, modification, or destruction of information or interference with system operations in an information system. Contractor shall make this report by the next business day following discovery of the use, disclosure, or security incident. Any unauthorized use or disclosure or security incident shall be treated as discovered by Contractor on the first day on which such use or disclosure or security incident is known to Contractor, including any person, other than the individual committing the unauthorized use or disclosure or security incident, that is an employee, officer or other agent of Contractor, or who should reasonably have known such unauthorized activities occurred. Reports should be made by email to privacy.officer@nevadacountyca.gov or by calling (530) 265-1740
8. Make Contractor's internal practices, books, and records relating to the use and disclosure of Protected Health Information received from or created or received by Contractor on behalf of County available to County upon request. In addition, Contractor will make these items available to the Secretary of the United States Health and Human Services for purposes of determining County's or Contractor's compliance with HIPAA and its implementing regulations (in all events Contractor shall immediately notify County of any such request, and shall provide County with copies of any such materials).
9. Contractor agrees that this Contract may be amended from time to time by County if and to the extent required by the provision of 42 U.S.C. § 1171, et seq., enacted by HIPAA and regulations promulgated thereunder, in order to assure that this Contract is consistent therewith; and authorize termination of the Contract by County if County determines that Contractor has violated a material term of this Contract.
10. Ensure that Contractor will enter into "Business Associate Agreements" as required by HIPAA including provisions that the Business Associate agrees to comply with the same restrictions, conditions and terms that apply to Contractor with respect to this Contract and with applicable requirements of HIPAA and HITECH. The Business Associate Agreement must be a written contract including permissible uses and disclosures and provisions where the Business Associate agrees to implement reasonable and appropriate security measures to protect the information (PHI or ePHI) it creates, receives, maintains or transmits on behalf of Contractor or County with respect to this Contract.

EXHIBIT F

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SECURITY

1. Notification of Data Security Incident

For purposes of this section, “Data Security Incident” is defined as unauthorized access to the Contractor’s business and/or business systems by a third party, which access could potentially expose County data or systems to unauthorized access, disclosure, or misuse. In the event of a Data Security Incident, Contractor must notify County **in writing as soon as possible and no later than 48 hours after Contractor determines a Data Security Incident has occurred**. Notice should be made to all parties referenced in the “Notices” section of the Agreement. Notice must reference this contract number. Notice under this section must include the date of incident, Contractor’s systems and/or locations which were affected, and County services or data affected. The duty to notify under this section is broad, requiring disclosure whether any impact to County data is known at the time, to enable County to take immediate protective actions of its data and cloud environments.

Failure to notify under this section is a material breach, and County may immediately terminate the Agreement for failure to comply.

2. Data Location

2.1 Contractor shall not store or transfer non-public County of Nevada data outside the United States. This prohibition includes backup data and Disaster Recovery locations. The Contractor will permit its personnel and contractors to access County of Nevada data remotely only as required to provide technical support. Remote access to data from outside the continental United States is prohibited unless expressly approved in advance and in writing by the County.

2.2 The Contractor must notify the County **in writing within 48 hours** of any location changes to Contractor’s data center(s) that will process or store County data. Notice should be made to all parties referenced in the “Notices” section of the Agreement.

3. Data Encryption

3.1 The Contractor shall encrypt all non-public County data in transit regardless of the transit mechanism.

3.2 The Contractor shall encrypt all non-public County data at rest.

3.3 Encryption algorithms shall be AES-128 or better.

4. Cybersecurity Awareness and Training

The County maintains a robust Cybersecurity Awareness and Training program intended to assist employees and contractors with maintaining current knowledge of changing cybersecurity threats and countermeasures. Any contractor that is assigned a County network account will be assigned User Awareness training and must complete it within the time period it is assigned. Training completion progress is monitored by sponsor departments and non-compliant users may have their account suspended or restricted.

The County conducts email Phish testing on a regular basis to expose account holders to the types of potential threats.

Contractor will maintain a Cybersecurity Awareness and Training program for training staff at a minimum of once a year. Contractor will maintain records of the program for review by the County when requested.

SUMMARY OF CONTRACT**RECOVER MEDICAL GROUP P.C.**

Description of Services: Provision of outpatient rehabilitative treatment services for Medi-Cal beneficiaries for the recovery and treatment of alcohol /drug dependency

SUMMARY OF MATERIAL TERMS

Max Annual Price: \$293,817

Contract Start Date: 7/1/2025

Contract End Date: 6/30/2026

Liquidated Damages: N/A

INSURANCE POLICIES

Commercial General Liability	(\$2,000,000)	Professional Errors and Omissions	(\$1,000,000)
Worker's Compensation	(Statutory Limits)	Cyber Liability	(\$2,000,000)
Automobile Liability	(\$1,000,000)	Technology Liability	(\$2,000,000)
Sexual Abuse or Molestation Liability	(\$1,000,000)		

FUNDING

1589-40105-493-7831/521520	1589-40115-493-2200/521520

LICENSES AND PREVAILING WAGES

Designate all required licenses: All licenses as required to perform professional services as contemplated under this contract

NOTICE & IDENTIFICATION

COUNTY OF NEVADA:		CONTRACTOR:	
Nevada County Behavioral Health Department, Health and Human Services Administration		Recover Medical Group P.C.	
Address:	500 Crown Point Circle, Suite 120	Address	120 Birmingham Dr Ste 240A
City, St, Zip	Grass Valley, CA 95945	City, St, Zip	Cardiff CA 92007
Attn:	Kelly Miner-Gann	Attn:	Nick Gulino
Email:	kelly.miner-gann@nevadacountyca.gov	Email:	nick@letsrecover.com
Phone:	(530) 470-2522	Phone:	(760) 815-8546

Contractor is a: (check all that apply)					EDD Worksheet Required		Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Corporation:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Calif. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other <input type="checkbox"/>	LLC <input type="checkbox"/>	Additional Terms & Conditions Included			
Non- Profit:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Corp. <input type="checkbox"/>			(Grant Specific)			
					Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>			
Partnership:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Calif. <input type="checkbox"/>	Other <input type="checkbox"/>	LLP <input type="checkbox"/>	Subrecipient			
				Limited <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Person:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Indiv. <input type="checkbox"/>	DBA <input type="checkbox"/>	Ass'n <input type="checkbox"/>	Other <input type="checkbox"/>			

ATTACHMENTS

Exhibit A: Schedule of Services	Exhibit D: Behavioral Health Provisions
Exhibit B: Schedule of Charges and Payments	Exhibit E: Schedule of HIPAA Provisions
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