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**PRIVACY POLICY OPERATIONS MANUAL**

**Section H - SPECIAL CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS**

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**Purpose:** This HIPAA Compliance Clause template is a guide for assisting the health care components of the District of Columbia, a hybrid entity with covered and non-covered business activities, to comply with the business associate contract requirements of the implementing regulations issued by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (45 C.F.R. Parts 160 and 164) (the “Privacy Rule”) under Title II, Subtitle F of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (“HIPAA”). This HIPAA Compliance Clause’s contract terms contain the “satisfactory assurance” required by the Privacy Rule to ensure the integrity and confidentiality of protected health information (“PHI”) that a business associate may create or receive for or from the *[insert agency name]*.

**Applicability:** This HIPAA Compliance Clause and the contract terms therein represent the minimal contractual language and baseline agreement for binding each of *[insert agency name abbreviation]*’s business associates. A “Business Associate” is any person or organization that *[insert agency name abbreviation]* engages to perform or assist in performing functions or activities that involve the use or disclosure of PHI created or received for or from *[insert agency name abbreviation]* or that involves the electronic transmission of transactions for which the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services have established standards. A “Business Associate” is also any person or organization that provides legal, actuarial, accounting, consulting, data aggregation, management, administration, accreditation, or financial services to or for *[insert agency name abbreviation]* and receives PHI from *[insert agency name]* or another business associate of *[insert agency name]*.

**Instructions:** Carefully read and insert the appropriate information for bracketed and bolded material. Consult with the *[insert agency name]* Privacy Office or the District’s Privacy Official to ensure that *[insert agency name]*, through the Office of Contracting and Procurement, binds each business associate to these contract terms by having the business associate execute this HIPAA Compliance Clause. Additionally, although this HIPAA Compliance Clause constitutes the minimum satisfactory assurance requirement, agencies are encouraged to insert their own fact specific terms where appropriate.

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**SECTION H. HIPAA PRIVACY COMPLIANCE**

*[insert agency name abbreviation]* is a “Covered Entity” as that term is defined in the Privacy Rule and *[insert business associate name]*, as a recipient of Protected Health Information from *[insert agency name abbreviation]*, is a “Business Associate” as that term is defined in the Privacy Rule.

1. **Definitions**

- a. ***Business Associate*** means a person or entity, who performs, or assists in the performance of a function or activity on behalf of a covered entity or an organized health care organization in which the covered entity participates, involving the use or disclosure of individually identifiable health information, other than in the capacity of a workforce member of such covered entity or organization. A business associate is also any person or organization that provides, other than in the capacity of a workforce member of such covered entity, legal, actuarial, accounting, consulting, data aggregation, management, administration, accreditation, or financial services to or for the covered entity and receives individually identifiable health information from a covered entity or another business associate on behalf of a covered entity. In some instances, a covered entity may be a business associate of another covered entity.
- b. ***Covered Entity*** means a health plan, a health care clearinghouse, or a health care provider who transmits any health information in electronic form in connection with a transaction covered by 45 C.F.R. Parts 160 and 164 of the Privacy Rule. With respect to this HIPAA

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Compliance Clause, *Covered Entity* shall also include the designated health care components of a hybrid entity.

- c. *Data Aggregation* means, with respect to Protected Health Information created or received by a business associate in its capacity as the business associate of a covered entity, the combining of such Protected Health Information by the business associate with the Protected Health Information received by the business associate in its capacity as a business associate of another covered entity, to permit data analyses that relate to the health care operations of the respective covered entities.
- d. *Designated Record Set* means a group of records maintained by or for the Covered Entity that is:
  - i. The medical records and billing records about individuals maintained by or for a covered health care provider;
  - ii. The enrollment, payment, claims adjudication, and case or medical management record systems maintained by or for a health plan; or
  - iii. Used, in whole or in part, by or for the Covered Entity to make decisions about individuals.
- e. *Health Care* means care services, or services, or supplies related to the health of an individual. Health care includes, but is not limited to, the following:
  - i. Preventive, diagnostic, therapeutic, rehabilitative, maintenance, or palliative care, and counseling, service, assessment, or procedure with respect to the physical or mental condition, or functional status, of an individual or that affects the structure or function of the body; and
  - ii. Sale or dispensing of a drug, device, equipment, or other item in accordance with the prescription.
- f. *Health Care Components* means a component or a combination of components of a hybrid entity designated by a hybrid entity in accordance with 45 C.F.R. § 164.105(a)(2)(iii)(C). *Health Care Components* must include non-covered functions that provide services to the covered functions for the purpose of facilitating the sharing of Protected Health Information with such functions of the hybrid entity without business associate agreements or individual authorizations.
- g. *Health Care Operations* shall have the same meaning as the term “health care operations” in 45 C.F.R. § 164.501.
- h. *Hybrid Entity* means a single legal entity that is a covered entity and whose business activities include both covered and non-covered functions, and that designates health care components in accordance with 45 C.F.R. § 164.105(a)(2)(iii)(C). A *Hybrid Entity* is required to designate as a health care component, any other components of the entity that provide services to the covered functions for the purpose of facilitating the sharing of Protected Health Information with such functions of the hybrid entity without business associate agreements or individual authorizations.

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- i. *Record* shall mean any item, collection, or grouping of information that includes Protected Health Information and is maintained, collected, used, or disseminated by or for the Covered Entity.
- j. *Individual* shall have the same meaning as the term "individual" in 45 C.F.R. § 164.501 and shall include a person who qualifies as a personal representative in accordance with 45 C.F.R. § 164.502(g).
- k. *Individually Identifiable Health Information* is information that is a subset of health information, including demographic information collected from an individual, and;
  - i. Is created or received by a health care provider, health plan, employer, or health care clearinghouse; and
  - ii. Relates to the past, present, or future physical or mental health or condition of an individual; or the past, present, or future payment for the provision of health care to an individual; and
  - iii. That identifies the individual; or
  - iv. With respect to which there is a reasonable basis to believe the information can be used to identify the individual.
- l. *Privacy Official*. The person designated by the District of Columbia, a *Hybrid Entity*, who is responsible for developing, maintaining, implementing and enforcing the District-wide Privacy Policies and Procedures, and for overseeing full compliance with this Manual, the Privacy Rules, and other applicable federal and state privacy law.
- m. *Privacy Officer*. The person designated by the Privacy Official or one of the District of Columbia's designated health care components, who is responsible for enforcing the provisions of this Manual as well as overseeing full compliance with the Covered Agency's Privacy Policies and Procedures, the Privacy Rules, and other applicable federal and state privacy law(s). The Covered Agency's privacy officer will follow the guidance of the District's Privacy Official, and shall be responsive to and report to the District's Privacy Official.
- n. *Privacy Rule*. "Privacy Rule" shall mean the Standards for Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information at 45 C.F.R. part 160 and part 164, subparts A and E.
- o. *Protected Health Information*. "Protected Health Information" means individually identifiable health information that is:
  - i. Transmitted by electronic media;
  - ii. Maintained in electronic media; or
  - iii. Transmitted or maintained in any other form or medium;
  - iv. Limited to the information created or received by the Business Associate from or on behalf of the Covered Entity; and
  - v. Excluding information in the records listed in subsection (2) of the definition in 45 C.F.R. §160.103.

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- p. *Required By Law.* "Required By Law" shall have the same meaning as the term "required by law" in 45 C.F.R. § 164.103.
- q. *Secretary.* "Secretary" shall mean the Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services or his or her designee.
- r. *Workforce.* "Workforce" shall mean employees, volunteers, trainees, and other persons whose conduct, in the performance of work for a covered entity or business associate, is under the direct control of such entity, whether or not they are paid by the covered entity or business associate.

2. Obligations and Activities of Business Associate

- a. The Business Associate agrees not to use or disclose Protected Health Information other than as permitted or required by this HIPAA Compliance Clause or as Required By Law.
- b. The Business Associate agrees to use commercially reasonable efforts and appropriate safeguards to maintain the security of the Protected Health Information and to prevent use or disclosure of such Protected Health Information other than as provided for by this Clause.
- c. The Business Associate agrees to establish procedures for mitigating, and to mitigate to the extent practicable, any deleterious effect that is known to the Business Associate of a use or disclosure of Protected Health Information by the Business Associate in violation of the requirements of this Clause.
- d. The Business Associate agrees to report to Covered Entity, in writing, any use or disclosure of the Protected Health Information not permitted or required by this HIPAA Compliance Clause to the District Privacy Official or agency Privacy Officer within ten (10) days from the time the Business Associate becomes aware of such unauthorized use or disclosure.
- e. The Business Associate agrees to ensure that any workforce member or any agent, including a subcontractor, agrees to the same restrictions and conditions that apply through this Clause with respect to Protected Health Information received from the Business Associate, Protected Health Information created by the Business Associate, or Protected Health Information received by the Business Associate on behalf of the Covered Entity.
- f. The Business Associate agrees to provide access, at the request of the Covered Entity or an Individual, **at a mutually agreed upon location, during normal business hours, and in a format** [*delete bolded material and insert negotiated terms if applicable*] as directed by the District Privacy Official or agency Privacy Officer, or as otherwise mandated by the Privacy Rule or applicable District of Columbia laws, rules and regulations, to Protected Health Information in a Designated Record Set, to the Covered Entity or an Individual, in compliance with applicable portions of [*Insert Applicable Agency Access Policy*], attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated by reference, and within five (5) business days of the request to facilitate the District's compliance with the requirements under 45 C.F.R. §164.524.

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- g. The Business Associate agrees to make any amendment(s) to the Protected Health Information in a Designated Record Set that the Covered Entity directs or agrees to pursuant to 45 CFR 164.526 **in a format** *[agency should insert appropriate terms for amendment if applicable]* or as directed by the District Privacy Official or agency Privacy Officer, or as otherwise mandated by the Privacy Rule or applicable District of Columbia laws, in compliance with applicable portions of *[Insert Applicable Agency Amendment Policy]*, attached hereto as Exhibit B and incorporated by reference, and within five (5) business days of the directive in order to facilitate the District's compliance with the requirements under 45 C.F.R. §164.526.
- h. The Business Associate agrees to use the standard practices of the Covered Entity to verify the identification and authority of an Individual who requests the Protected Health Information in a Designated Record Set of a recipient of services from or through the Covered Entity. The Business Associate agrees to comply with the applicable portions of the *[Insert Applicable Agency Identity And Procedure Verification Policy]*, attached hereto as Exhibit C and incorporated by reference.
- i. The Business Associate agrees to record authorizations and log such disclosures of Protected Health Information and information related to such disclosures as would be required for the Covered Entity to respond to a request by an Individual for an accounting of disclosures of Protected Health Information in accordance with 45 C.F.R. § 164.528 and applicable District of Columbia laws, rules and regulations. The Business Associate agrees to comply with the applicable portions of the *[Insert Applicable Agency Logging Disclosures for Accounting Policy]* attached hereto as Exhibit D and incorporated by reference.
- j. The Business Associate agrees to provide to the Covered Entity or an Individual, within five (5) business days of a request **at a mutually agreed upon location, during normal business hours, and in a format designated** *[delete bolded material and insert agency appropriate terms if applicable]* by the District Privacy Official or agency Privacy Officer and the duly authorized Business Associate workforce member, information collected in accordance with Paragraph (i) of this Section above, to permit the Covered Entity to respond to a request by an Individual for an accounting of disclosures of Protected Health Information in accordance with 45 C.F.R. § 164.528, and applicable District of Columbia laws, rules and regulations. The Business Associate agrees to comply with the applicable portions of the *[Insert Applicable Agency Disclosure Accounting Policy]* attached hereto as Exhibit E and incorporated by reference.
- k. The Business Associate agrees to make internal practices, books, and records, including policies and procedures, and Protected Health Information, relating to the use and disclosure of Protected Health Information received from the Business Associate, or created, or received by the Business Associate on behalf of the Covered Entity, available to the Covered Entity, or to the Secretary, within five (5) business days of their request and **at a mutually agreed upon location, during normal business hours, and in a format designated** *[delete bolded material and insert negotiated terms if applicable]* by the District Privacy Official or agency Privacy Officer and the duly authorized Business Associate workforce member, or in a time and manner designated by the Secretary, for purposes of the Secretary in determining compliance of the Covered Entity with the Privacy Rule.
- l. The Business Associate may aggregate Protected Health Information in its possession with the Protected Health Information of other Covered Entities that Business Associate has in its

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possession through its capacity as a Business Associate to said other Covered Entities provided that the purpose of such aggregation is to provide the Covered Entity with data analyses to the Health Care Operations of the Covered Entity. Under no circumstances may the Business Associate disclose Protected Health Information of one Covered Entity to another Covered Entity absent the explicit written authorization and consent of the Privacy Officer or a duly authorized workforce member of the Covered Entity.

- m. Business Associate may de-identify any and all Protected Health Information provided that the de-identification conforms to the requirements of 45 C.F.R. § 164.514(b). Pursuant to 45 C.F.R. § 164.502(d)(2), de-identified information does not constitute Protected Health Information and is not subject to the terms of this HIPAA Compliance Clause.

3. Permitted Uses and Disclosures by the Business Associate

- a. Except as otherwise limited in this HIPAA Compliance Clause, the Business Associate may use or disclose Protected Health Information to perform functions, activities, or services for, or on behalf of, the Covered Entity as specified in the Contract, provided that such use or disclosure would not violate the Privacy Rule if same activity were performed by the Covered Entity or would not violate the minimum necessary policies and procedures of the Covered Entity.
- b. Except as otherwise limited in this HIPAA Compliance Clause, the Business Associate may use Protected Health Information for the proper management and administration of the Business Associate or to carry out the legal responsibilities of the Business Associate.
- c. Except as otherwise limited in this HIPAA Compliance Clause, the Business Associate may disclose Protected Health Information for the proper management and administration of the Business Associate, provided that the disclosures are Required By Law, or the Business Associate obtains reasonable assurances from the person to whom the information is disclosed that it will remain confidential and used, or further disclosed, only as Required By Law, or for the purpose for which it was disclosed to the person, and the person notifies the Business Associate of any instances of which it has knowledge that the confidentiality of the information has been breached.
- d. Except as otherwise limited in this HIPAA Compliance Clause, the Business Associate may use Protected Health Information to provide Data Aggregation services to the Covered Entity as permitted by 45 C.F.R. § 164.504(e)(2)(i)(B).
- e. Business Associate may use Protected Health Information to report violations of the Law to the appropriate federal and District of Columbia authorities, consistent with 45 C.F.R. § 164.502(j)(1).

4. Additional Obligations of the Business Associate

- a. Business Associate shall submit a written report to the Covered Entity that identifies the files and reports that constitute the Designated Record Set of the Covered Entity. Business Associate shall submit said written report to the Privacy Officer no later than thirty (30) days after the commencement of the HIPAA Compliance Clause. In the event that Business Associate utilizes new files or reports which constitute the Designated Record Set, Business Associate shall notify the Covered Entity of said event within thirty (30) days of the

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commencement of the file's or report's usage. The Designated Record Set file shall include, but not be limited to the identity of the following:

- i. Name of the Business Associate of the Covered Entity;
- ii. Title of the Report/File;
- iii. Confirmation that the Report/File contains Protected Health Information (Yes or No);
- iv. Description of the basic content of the Report/File;
- v. Format of the Report/File (Electronic or Paper);
- vi. Physical location of Report/File;
- vii. Name and telephone number of current member(s) of the workforce of the Covered Entity or other District of Columbia Government agency responsible for receiving and processing requests for Protected Health Information; and
- viii. Supporting documents if the recipient/personal representative has access to the Report/File.

5. Sanctions

Business Associate agrees that its workforce members, agents and subcontractors who violate the provisions of the Privacy Rules or other applicable federal or state privacy law will be subject to discipline in accordance with Business Associate's District Personnel Manual and applicable collective bargaining agreements. Business Associate agrees to impose sanctions consistent with Business Associate's personnel policies and procedures and applicable collective bargaining agreements with respect to persons employed by it. Members of the Business Associate Workforce who are not employed by Business Associate are subject to the policies and applicable sanctions for violation of this Manual as set forth in business associate agreements. In the event Business Associate imposes sanctions against any member of its workforce, agents and subcontractors for violation of the provisions of the Privacy Rules or other applicable federal or state privacy laws, the Business Associate shall inform the District Privacy Official or the agency Privacy Officer of the imposition of sanctions.

6. Obligations of the Covered Entity

- a. The Covered Entity shall notify the Business Associate of any limitation(s) in its Notice of Privacy Practices of the Covered Entity in accordance with 45 C.F.R. § 164.520, to the extent that such limitation may affect the use or disclosure of Protected Health Information by the Business Associate.
- b. The Covered Entity shall notify the Business Associate of any changes in, or revocation of, permission by the Individual to the use or disclosure of Protected Health Information, to the extent that such changes may affect the use or disclosure of Protected Health Information by the Business Associate.
- c. The Covered Entity shall notify the Business Associate of any restriction to the use or disclosure of Protected Health Information that the Covered Entity has agreed to in accordance with 45 C.F.R. § 164.522, to the extent that such restriction may affect the use or disclosure of Protected Health Information by the Business Associate.

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7. Permissible Requests by Covered Entity

Covered Entity shall not request the Business Associate to use or disclose Protected Health Information in any manner that would not be permissible under the Privacy Rule if done by the Covered Entity.

8. Representations and Warranties.

The Business Associate represents and warrants to the Covered Entity:

- a. That it is duly organized, validly existing, and in good standing under the laws of the jurisdiction in which it is organized or licensed, it has the full power to enter into this HIPAA Compliance Clause and it, its employees, agents, subcontractors, representatives and members of its workforce are licensed and in good standing with the applicable agency, board, or governing body to perform its obligations hereunder, and that the performance by it of its obligations under this HIPAA Compliance Clause has been duly authorized by all necessary corporate or other actions and will not violate any provision of any license, corporate charter or bylaws;
- b. That it, its employees, agents, subcontractors, representatives and members of its workforce are in good standing with the District of Columbia, that it, its employees, agents, subcontractors, representatives and members of its workforce will submit a letter of good standing from the District of Columbia, and that it, its employees, agents, subcontractors, representatives and members of its workforce have not been de-barred from being employed as a contractor by the federal government or District of Columbia;
- c. That neither the execution of this HIPAA Compliance Clause, nor its performance hereunder, will directly or indirectly violate or interfere with the terms of another agreement to which it is a party, or give any governmental entity the right to suspend, terminate, or modify any of its governmental authorizations or assets required for its performance hereunder. The Business Associate represents and warrants to the Covered Entity that it will not enter into any agreement the execution or performance of which would violate or interfere with this HIPAA Compliance Clause;
- d. That it is not currently the subject of a voluntary or involuntary petition in bankruptcy, does not currently contemplate filing any such voluntary petition, and is not aware of any claim for the filing of an involuntary petition;
- e. That all of its employees, agents, subcontractors, representatives and members of its workforce, whose services may be used to fulfill obligations under this HIPAA Compliance Clause are or shall be appropriately informed of the terms of this HIPAA Compliance Clause and are under legal obligation to the Business Associate, by contract or otherwise, sufficient to enable the Business Associate to fully comply with all provisions of this HIPAA Compliance Clause; provided that modifications or limitations that the Covered Entity has agreed to adhere to with regard to the use and disclosure of Protected Health Information of any individual that materially affects or limits the uses and disclosures that are otherwise permitted under the Privacy Rule will be communicated to the Business Associate, in writing, and in a timely fashion;



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- f. That it will reasonably cooperate with the Covered Entity in the performance of the mutual obligations under this Agreement;
- g. That neither the Business Associate, nor its shareholders, members, directors, officers, agents, subcontractors, employees or members of its workforce have been excluded or served a notice of exclusion or have been served with a notice of proposed exclusion, or have committed any acts which are cause for exclusion, from participation in, or had any sanctions, or civil or criminal penalties imposed under, any federal or District healthcare program, including but not limited to Medicare or Medicaid, or have been convicted, under federal or District law (including without limitation following a plea of *nolo contendere* or participation in a first offender deferred adjudication or other arrangement whereby a judgment of conviction has been withheld), of a criminal offense related to (a) the neglect or abuse of a patient, (b) the delivery of an item or service, including the performance of management or administrative services related to the delivery of an item or service, under a federal or District healthcare program, (c) fraud, theft, embezzlement, breach of fiduciary responsibility, or other financial misconduct in connection with the delivery of a healthcare item or service or with respect to any act or omission in any program operated by or financed in whole or in part by any federal, District or local government agency, (d) the unlawful, manufacture, distribution, prescription or dispensing of a controlled substance, or (e) interference with or obstruction of any investigation into any criminal offense described in (a) through (d) above. The Business Associate further agrees to notify the Covered Entity immediately after the Business Associate becomes aware that any of the foregoing representations and warranties may be inaccurate or may become incorrect.

9. Term and Termination

- a. *Term.* The requirements of this HIPAA Compliance Clause shall be effective as of the date of the contract award, and shall terminate when all of the Protected Health Information provided by the Covered Entity to the Business Associate, or created or received by the Business Associate on behalf of the Covered Entity, is confidentially destroyed or returned to the Covered Entity within five (5) business days of its request, with the Protected Health Information returned in a format mutually agreed upon by and between the Privacy Official and/or Privacy Officer or his or her designee and the appropriate and duly authorized workforce member of the Business Associate; or, if it is infeasible to return or confidentially destroy the Protected Health Information, protections are extended to such information, in accordance with the termination provisions in this Section and communicated to the Privacy Official or Privacy Officer or his or her designee.
- b. *Termination for Cause.* Upon the Covered Entity's knowledge of a material breach of this HIPAA Compliance Clause by the Business Associate, the Covered Entity shall either:
  - i. Provide an opportunity for the Business Associate to cure the breach or end the violation and terminate the Contract if the Business Associate does not cure the breach or end the violation within the time specified by the Covered Entity;
  - ii. Immediately terminate the Contract if the Business Associate breaches a material term of this HIPAA Compliance Clause and a cure is not possible; or
  - iii. If neither termination nor cure is feasible, the Covered Entity shall report the violation to the Secretary.

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c. *Effect of Termination.*

- i. Except as provided in paragraph (ii) of this section, upon termination of the Contract, for any reason, the Business Associate shall return in a **mutually agreed upon format or confidentially destroy** [*delete bolded material and insert negotiated terms and conditions if applicable*] all Protected Health Information received from the Covered Entity, or created or received by the Business Associate on behalf of the Covered Entity within five (5) business days of termination. This provision shall apply to Protected Health Information that is in the possession of ALL subcontractors, agents or workforce members of the Business Associate. The Business Associate shall retain no copies of Protected Health Information in any media form.
- ii. In the event that the Business Associate determines that returning or destroying the Protected Health Information is infeasible, the Business Associate shall provide to the Covered Entity notification of the conditions that make the return or confidential destruction infeasible. Upon determination by the agency Privacy Officer that the return or confidential destruction of the Protected Health Information is infeasible, the Business Associate shall extend the protections of this HIPAA Compliance Clause to such Protected Health Information and limit further uses and disclosures of such Protected Health Information to those purposes that make the return or confidential destruction infeasible, for so long as the Business Associate maintains such Protected Health Information. The obligations outlined in Section 2. Obligations and Activities of Business Associate will remain in force to the extent applicable.

10. Miscellaneous

- a. *Regulatory References.* A reference in this HIPAA Compliance Clause to a section in the Privacy Rule means the section as in effect or as amended.
- b. *Amendment.* The Parties agree to take such action as is necessary to amend this HIPAA Compliance Clause from time to time as is necessary for the Covered Entity to comply with the requirements of the Privacy Rule and HIPAA. Except for provisions required by law as defined herein, no provision hereof shall be deemed waived unless in writing and signed by duly authorized representatives of the Parties. A waiver with respect to one event shall not be construed as continuing, or as a bar to or waiver of any other right or remedy under this HIPAA Compliance Clause.
- c. *Survival.* The respective rights and obligations of the Business Associate under Section 9. Term and Termination of this HIPAA Compliance Clause and Sections 8 and 16 of the Standard Contract Provisions for use with the District of Columbia Government Supply and Services Contracts, effective November 2004, shall survive termination of the Contract.
- d. *Interpretation.* Any ambiguity in this HIPAA Compliance Clause shall be resolved to permit the Covered Entity to comply with applicable federal and District of Columbia laws, rules and regulations, and the Privacy Rule, and any requirements, rulings, interpretations, procedures, or other actions related thereto that are promulgated, issued or taken by or on behalf of the Secretary; provided that applicable federal and District of Columbia laws, rules and regulations shall supersede the Privacy Rule if, and to the extent that they impose additional requirements, have requirements that are more stringent than or provide greater protection of

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patient privacy or the security or safeguarding of Protected Health Information than those of HIPAA and its Privacy Rule.

The terms of this HIPAA Compliance Clause amend and supplement the terms of the Contract, and whenever possible, all terms and conditions in this HIPAA Compliance Clause are to be harmonized. In the event of a conflict between the terms of the HIPAA Compliance Clause and the terms of the Contract, the terms of this HIPAA Compliance Clause shall control; provided, however, that this HIPAA Compliance Clause shall not supersede any other federal or District of Columbia law or regulation governing the legal relationship of the Parties, or the confidentiality of records or information, except to the extent that the Privacy Rule preempts those laws or regulations. In the event of any conflict between the provisions of the Contract (as amended by this HIPAA Compliance Clause) and the Privacy Rule, the Privacy Rule shall control.

- e. *No Third-Party Beneficiaries.* The Covered Entity and the Business Associate are the only parties to this HIPAA Compliance Clause and are the only parties entitled to enforce its terms. Except for the rights of Individuals, as defined herein, to access to and amendment of their Protected Health Information, and to an accounting of the uses and disclosures thereof, in accordance with Paragraphs (2)(f), (g) and (j), nothing in the HIPAA Compliance Clause gives, is intended to give, or shall be construed to give, or shall be construed to give or provide any benefit or right, whether directly, indirectly, or otherwise, to third persons unless such third persons are individually identified by name herein and expressly described as intended beneficiaries of the terms of this HIPAA Compliance Clause.
- f. *Compliance with Applicable Law.* The Business Associate shall comply with all federal, District of Columbia laws, regulations, executive orders and ordinances, as they may be amended from time to time during the term of this HIPAA Compliance Clause and the Contract, to the extent they are applicable to this HIPAA Compliance Clause and the Contract.
- g. *Governing Law and Forum Selection.* This Contract shall be construed broadly to implement and comply with the requirements relating to the Privacy Rule, and other applicable laws and regulations. All other aspects of this Contract shall be governed under the laws of the District of Columbia. The Covered Entity and the Business Associate agree that all disputes which cannot be amicably resolved by the Covered Entity and the Business Associate regarding this HIPAA Compliance Clause shall be litigated by and before the District of Columbia Contract Appeals Board, the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, or the United States District Court for the District of Columbia having jurisdiction, as the case may be. The Covered Entity and the Business Associate expressly waive any and all rights to initiate litigation, arbitration, mediation, negotiations and/or similar proceedings outside the physical boundaries of the District of Columbia and expressly consent to the jurisdiction of the above tribunals.
- h. *Indemnification.* The Business Associate shall indemnify, hold harmless and defend the Covered Entity from and against any and all claims, losses, liabilities, costs, and other expenses incurred as a result or arising directly or indirectly out of or in connection with (a) any misrepresentation, breach of warranty or non-fulfillment of any undertaking of the Business Associate under this HIPAA Compliance Clause; and (b) any claims, demands, awards, judgments, actions and proceedings made by any person or organization, arising out of or in any way connected with the performance of the Business Associate under this HIPAA Compliance Clause.

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- i. *Injunctive Relief.* Notwithstanding any rights or remedies under this HIPAA Compliance Clause or provided by law, the Covered Entity retains all rights to seek injunctive relief to prevent or stop the unauthorized use or disclosure of Protected Health Information by the Business Associate, its workforce, any of its subcontractors, agents, or any third party who has received Protected Health Information from the Business Associate.
  
- j. *Assistance in litigation or administrative proceedings.* The Business Associate shall make itself and any agents, affiliates, subsidiaries, subcontractors or its workforce assisting the Business Associate in the fulfillment of its obligations under this HIPAA Compliance Clause and the Contract, available to the Covered Entity, to testify as witnesses, or otherwise, in the event of litigation or administrative proceedings being commenced against the Covered Entity, its directors, officers or employees based upon claimed violation of HIPAA, the Privacy Rule or other laws relating to security and privacy, except where the Business Associate or its agents, affiliates, subsidiaries, subcontractors or its workforce are a named adverse party.
  
- k. *Notices.* Any notices between the Parties or notices to be given under this HIPAA Compliance Clause shall be given in writing and delivered by personal courier delivery or overnight courier delivery, or by certified mail with return receipt requested, to the Business Associate or to the Covered Entity, to the addresses given for each Party below or to the address either Party hereafter gives to the other Party. Any notice, being addressed and mailed in the foregoing manner, shall be deemed given five (5) business days after mailing. Any notice delivered by personal courier delivery or overnight courier delivery shall be deemed given upon notice upon receipt.

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- l. *Headings.* Headings are for convenience only and form no part of this HIPAA Compliance Clause and shall not affect its interpretation.
  
- m. *Counterparts; Facsimiles.* This HIPAA Compliance Clause may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original. Facsimile copies hereof shall be deemed to be originals.
  
- n. *Successors and Assigns.* The provisions of this HIPAA Compliance Clause shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the Parties hereto and their respective successors and permitted assigns, if any.
  
- o. *Severance.* In the event that any provision of this HIPAA Compliance Clause is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of the provisions of this HIPAA Compliance Clause will remain in full force and effect. In addition, in the event a Party believes in good faith that any provision of this HIPAA Compliance Clause fails

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to comply with the then-current requirements of the Privacy Rule, such party shall notify the other Party in writing, in the manner set forth in Section 10. Miscellaneous, Paragraph k. Notices. Within ten (10) business days from receipt of notice, the Parties shall address in good faith such concern and amend the terms of this HIPAA Compliance Clause, if necessary to bring it into compliance. If, after thirty (30) days, the HIPAA Compliance Clause fails to comply with the Privacy Rule, then either Party has the right to terminate this HIPAA Compliance Clause upon written notice to the other Party.

- p. *Independent Contractor.* The Business Associate will function as an independent contractor and shall not be considered an employee of the Covered Entity for any purpose. Nothing in this HIPAA Compliance Clause shall be interpreted as authorizing the Business Associate workforce, its subcontractor(s) or its agent(s) or employee(s) to act as an agent or representative for or on behalf of the Covered Entity.
  
- q. *Entire Agreement.* This HIPAA Compliance Clause, as may be amended from time to time pursuant to Section 10. Miscellaneous, Paragraph b. Amendment, which incorporates by reference the Contract, and specific procedures from the District of Columbia Department of Health Privacy Policy Operations Manual, constitutes the entire agreement and understanding between the Parties and supersedes all prior oral and written agreements and understandings between them with respect to applicable District of Columbia and federal laws, rules and regulations, HIPAA and the Privacy Rule, and any rules, regulations, requirements, rulings, interpretations, procedures, or other actions related thereto that are promulgated, issued or taken by or on behalf of the Secretary.

Attachments:

- Exhibit A [Insert Applicable Agency Access Policy]
- Exhibit B [Insert Applicable Agency Amendment Policy]
- Exhibit C [Insert Applicable Agency Identity and Procedure Verification Policy]
- Exhibit D [Insert Applicable Agency Logging Disclosures for Accounting Policy]
- Exhibit E [Insert Applicable Agency Disclosure Accounting Policy]