

“EXHIBIT A”

BUSINESS ASSOCIATE AGREEMENT

Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, (CARL CLINE), hereinafter referred to as BUSNISESS ASSOCIATE, may use or disclose Protected Health Information to perform functions, activities or services for or on behalf of the COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO, hereinafter referred to as the COVERED ENTITY, as specified in the Standard Agreement “Paragraph I Duties and Responsibilities of Contractor”, provided such use or disclosure does not violate the Health Insurance Portability Act (HIPAA), 42 U.S.C. 1320d et seq., and its implementing regulations, including but not limited to, 45 Code of Regulations Parts 160, 162, and 164, hereinafter referred to as the Privacy Rule.

The term of this agreement shall commence upon the approval of the Parties hereto and shall remain in effect until the business relationship is terminated pursuant to one Party's fourteen (14) day written notice to the other Party.

I. Obligations and Activities of Business Associate.

- a. Business Associate shall not use or further disclose Protected Health Information other than as permitted or required by this Agreement or as Required By Law.
- b. Business Associate shall implement administrative, physical, and technical safeguards to:
 1. Prevent use or disclosure of the Protected Health Information other than as provided for by this Agreement.
 2. Reasonably and appropriately protect the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of the electronic Protected Health Information that it creates, receives, maintains, or transmits on behalf of the Covered Entity.
- c. Business Associate shall mitigate, to the extent practicable, any harmful effect that is known to Business Associate of a use or disclosure of Protected Health Information by Business Associate in violation of the requirements of this Agreement.
- d. Business Associate shall report to Covered Entity any use or disclosure of the Protected Health Information not provided for by this Agreement of which it becomes aware.
- e. Business Associate shall ensure that any agent, including a subcontractor, to whom it provides Protected Health Information received from, or created or received by Business Associate on behalf of Covered Entity, shall comply with the same restrictions and conditions that apply through this Agreement to Business Associate with respect to such information.

- f. Business Associate shall provide access to Protected Health Information in a Designated Record Set to Covered Entity or to an Individual, at the request or direction of Covered Entity and in the time and manner designated by the Covered Entity, in order to meet the requirements of 45 CFR 164.524.
- g. Business Associate shall make any amendment(s) to Protected Health Information in a Designated Record Set that the Covered Entity directs or agrees to pursuant to 45 CFR 164.526, in the time and manner designated by the Covered Entity.
- h. Business Associate shall 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, or created or received by Business Associate on behalf of, Covered Entity available to the Covered Entity, and/or to the Secretary for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, in a time and manner designated by the Covered Entity or the Secretary, for purposes of the Secretary determining Covered Entity's compliance with the Privacy Rule.
- i. Business Associate shall document such disclosures of Protected Health Information and information related to such disclosures as would be required for Covered Entity to respond to a request by an Individual for an accounting of disclosures of Protected Health Information in accordance with 45 CFR 164.528.
- j. Business Associate shall provide to Covered Entity or an Individual, in time and manner designated by the Covered Entity], information collected in accordance with provision (i), above, to permit Covered Entity to respond to a request by the Individual for an accounting of disclosures of Protected Health Information in accordance with 45 CFR 164.528.
- k. Upon termination of this Agreement, Business Associate shall return all Protected Health Information required to be retained (and return or destroy all other Protected Health Information) received from the Covered Entity, or created or received by the Business Associate on behalf of the Covered Entity. In the event the Business Associate determines that returning the Protected Health Information is not feasible, the Business Associate shall provide the Covered Entity with notification of the conditions that make return not feasible.

II. Specific Use and Disclosure Provisions.

- a. Except as otherwise limited in this Agreement, 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.
- b. Except as otherwise limited in this Agreement, Business Associate may disclose Protected Health Information for the proper management and administration of the Business Associate, provided that disclosures are Required By Law, or 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 is aware in which the confidentiality of the information has been breached.

- c. Except as otherwise limited in this Agreement, Business Associate may use Protected Health Information to provide Data Aggregation services to Covered Entity as permitted by 42 CFR 164.504(e)(2)(i)(B).
- d. Business Associate may use Protected Health Information to report violations of law to appropriate Federal and State authorities, consistent with 42 CFR 164.502(j)(1).

III. Obligations of Covered Entity:

- a. Covered Entity shall notify Business Associate of any limitation(s) in its notice of privacy practices of Covered Entity in accordance with 45 CFR 164.520, to the extent that such limitation may affect Business Associate's use or disclosure of Protected Health Information.
- b. Covered Entity shall notify Business Associate of any changes in, or revocation of, permission by Individual to use or disclose Protected Health Information, to the extent that such changes may affect Business Associate's use or disclosure of Protected Health Information.
- c. Covered Entity shall notify Business Associate of any restriction to the use or disclosure of Protected Health Information that Covered Entity has agreed to in accordance with 45 CFR 164.522, to the extent that such restriction may affect Business Associate's use or disclosure of Protected Health Information.

IV. Miscellaneous:

- a. Remedies. Business Associate agrees that Covered Entity shall be entitled to seek immediate injunctive relief as well as to exercise all other rights and remedies which Covered Entity may have at law or in equity in the event of an authorized use or disclosure of Protected Health Information by Business Associate or any agent or subcontractor of Business Associate that received Protected Health Information from Business Associate.
- b. Ownership. The Protected Health Information shall be and remain the property of the Covered Entity. Business Associate agrees that it acquires not title or rights to the Protected Health Information.
- c. Regulatory References. A reference in this Agreement to a section in the Privacy Rule means the section as in effect or as amended.

- d. Amendment. The Parties agree to take such action as is necessary to amend this Agreement from time to time as is necessary for Covered Entity to comply with the requirements of the Privacy Rule and the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, Pub. L. No. 104-191.
- c. Interpretation. Any ambiguity in this Agreement shall be resolved to permit Covered Entity to comply with the Privacy Rule.