

**ARTICLE 14**  
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- A. This Article is intended to protect the privacy and security of specified County information that Contractor may receive, access, or transmit, under this Agreement. The County information covered under this Article consists of:
1. Protected Health Information (PHI), as defined under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, Public Law 104-191 (HIPAA); and
  2. RESERVED
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- B. This Article consists of the following parts:
1. Article 14.1, Business Associate Agreement, which provides for the privacy and security of PHI as required by HIPAA;
  2. RESERVED
  3. Article 14.3, Data Security Requirements; and
  4. Article 14.4, Miscellaneous.

**14.1 BUSINESS ASSOCIATE AGREEMENT**

14.1.1 Recitals.

- 14.1.1.1 This Business Associate Agreement (“BAA”) constitutes a Business Associate relationship under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, Public Law 104-191, the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act, Public Law 111-005, 42 U.S.C. section 17921 et seq., and their implementing privacy and security regulations at 45 CFR Parts 160 and 164. These provisions shall hereafter be collectively referred to as “HIPAA.”
- 14.1.1.2 The County of San Diego (“County”) wishes to disclose to the Contractor certain information pursuant to the terms of this BAA, some of which may constitute PHI, including PHI in electronic media (“ePHI”) under Federal law.
- 14.1.1.3 As set forth in this BAA, Contractor, hereafter, is the Business Associate of County, acting on County’s behalf and providing services, or performing or assisting in the performance of activities on behalf of County, which include creation, receipt, maintenance, transmittal, use or disclosure of PHI. County and Contractor are each a party to this BAA and are collectively referred to as the “parties.”
- 14.1.1.4 The purpose of this BAA is to protect the privacy and security of the PHI and PI that may be created, received, maintained, transmitted, used or disclosed pursuant to this Agreement, and to comply with HIPAA, including, but not limited to, the requirement that County shall enter into a contract containing specific requirements with Contractor prior to the disclosure of PHI to Contractor, as set forth in HIPAA.

14.1.2 Definitions. Terms used, but not otherwise defined, in this BAA shall have the same meaning as those terms as are defined in 45 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) section 160.103 and 164.501 (All regulatory references in this BAA are to Title 45 of the CFR unless otherwise specified).

- 14.1.2.1 “Breach” shall have the same meaning given to such term under HIPAA.
- 14.1.2.2 “Business Associate” shall have the same meaning as the term under HIPAA, and in reference to the party to this agreement, shall mean the Contractor.
- 14.1.2.3 “County” shall mean that part of County designated as the hybrid entity subject to the Standards for Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information set forth in sections 160 and Part 164, Subparts A and E and those parts of County designated as Business Associates of other entities subject to the Standards for Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information set forth in Parts 160 and 164, Subparts A and E.
- 14.1.2.4 “County PHI” shall have the same meaning as “Protected Health Information” (PHI) below, specific to PHI received from, or created, maintained, transmitted, used, disclosed, or received by Contractor, or its agents, on behalf of County, under this Agreement.
- 14.1.2.5 “Covered Entity” shall generally have the same meaning as the term “covered entity” at section 160.103, and in reference to the party to this BAA, shall mean County.
- 14.1.2.6 “Individual” shall have the same meaning as the term “individual” in section 164.501 and shall include a person who qualifies as a personal representative in accordance with section 164.502(g).

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- 14.1.2.7 “Protected Health Information” (PHI) shall have the same meaning as the term “protected health information” in section 164.501 and is limited to information created or received by Contractor from or on behalf of County.
- 14.1.2.8 “Required by law” shall have the same meaning as the term “required by law” in section 164.501.
- 14.1.2.9 “Secretary” shall mean the Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services or his or her designee.
- 14.1.2.10 “Security incident” means the attempted or successful unauthorized access, use, disclosure, modification, or destruction of County PHI, or interference with system operations in an information system that processes, maintains or stores County PHI.
- 14.1.2.11 “Unsecured PHI” shall have the meaning given to such term under HIPAA and, 42 U.S.C., section 17932(h), and any guidance issued pursuant to such regulations.

14.1.3 Responsibilities of Contractor.

14.1.3.1 Permitted Uses and Disclosures of County PHI by Contractor. Contractor shall only use County PHI as required by the Contract or as required by Law. Any such use or disclosure shall, to the extent practicable, be limited to the limited data set as defined in section 164.514(e)(2), or if needed, to the minimum necessary to accomplish the intended purpose of such use or disclosure in compliance with HIPAA.

14.1.3.1.1 Except as otherwise limited in this Contract, Contractor may use or disclose County PHI on behalf of, or to provide services to, County for the purposes outlined in Exhibit A, if such use or disclosure of PHI would not violate HIPAA if done by County.

14.1.3.1.2 Except as otherwise limited in the Contract, Contractor may use County PHI to provide Data Aggregation services to County as permitted by sections 164.504(e)(2)(i)(B).

14.1.3.2 Prohibited Uses and Disclosures.

14.1.3.2.1 Contractor shall not disclose County PHI to a health plan for payment or health care operations purposes if County PHI pertains solely to a health care item or service for which the health care provider involved has been paid out of pocket in full and the Individual requests such restriction, in accordance with 42 U.S.C. section 17935(a) and HIPAA.

14.1.3.2.2 Contractor shall not directly or indirectly receive remuneration in exchange for County PHI, except with the prior written consent of County and as permitted by 42 U.S.C. section 17935(d)(2).

14.1.3.3 Safeguards.

14.1.3.3.1 Contractor shall comply with HIPAA regarding any and all operations conducted on behalf of County under this Contract and shall use appropriate safeguards that comply with HIPAA to prevent the unauthorized use or disclosure of County PHI.

14.1.3.3.2 Contractor shall develop and maintain a written information privacy and security program that complies with HIPAA, and that includes administrative, physical, and technical safeguards appropriate to the size and complexity of the Contractor’s operations and the nature and scope of its activities.

14.1.3.4 Security. Contractor shall ensure the continuous security of all computerized data systems and paper documents containing County PHI. These steps shall include, at a minimum:

14.1.3.4.1 Comply with all Standards put forth in Article 14.3, Data Security Requirements;

14.1.3.4.2 Achieve and maintain compliance with HIPAA; and

14.1.3.4.3 Provide a level and scope of security that is at least comparable to the level and scope of security established by the Office of Management and Budget in OMB Circular No. A-130, Appendix III - Security of Federal Automated Information Systems, which sets forth guidelines for automated information systems in Federal agencies

14.1.3.5 Mitigation of Harmful Effects. Contractor shall mitigate, to the extent practicable, any harmful effect that is known to Contractor of a use or disclosure of County PHI by Contractor or its agents, including a subcontractor, and/or in violation of the requirements of the Contract.

14.1.3.6 Contractor’s Agents and Subcontractors. Contractor shall ensure that any agent, including a subcontractor, to whom it provides County PHI, imposes the same conditions on such agents that apply to

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Contractor with respect to County PHI under this BAA, and that comply with all applicable provisions of HIPAA, including requirements that such agents implement reasonable and appropriate administrative, physical, and technical safeguards to protect County PHI. Contractor shall incorporate, when applicable, the relevant provisions of this BAA into each subcontract or sub-award to such agents, including the requirement that any security incidents or breaches of unsecured County PHI be reported to Contractor.

- 14.1.3.6.1 In accordance with section 164.504(e)(1)(ii), upon Contractor's knowledge of a material breach or violation by its subcontractor of the agreement between Contractor and the subcontractor, Contractor shall:
  - 14.1.3.6.1.1 Provide an opportunity for the subcontractor to end the violation and terminate the agreement if the subcontractor does not end the violation within the time specified by County; or
  - 14.1.3.6.1.2 Immediately terminate the agreement if the subcontractor has violated a material term of the agreement and cure is not possible.
- 14.1.3.7 Availability of Information to County. Contractor shall provide access to County PHI at the request of County, in the time and manner designated by County, pursuant to section 164.526.
  - 14.1.3.7.1 Contractor shall use the forms and processes developed by County for this purpose and shall respond to all requests for access to records requested by County within forty-eight (48) hours of receipt of request by producing records or verifying there are none.
  - 14.1.3.7.2 Contractor shall make internal practices, books, and records relating to the use and disclosure of County PHI received from, or created or received by Contractor on behalf of County available to County, or at the request of County to the Secretary, in a time and manner designated by County or the Secretary.
- 14.1.3.8 Cooperation with County. Contractor will cooperate and assist County to the extent necessary to ensure County's compliance with the applicable terms of HIPAA, such as, but not limited to:
  - 14.1.3.8.1 Amendment of County PHI. Contractor shall make any required amendment(s) to County PHI that were requested by an Individual, in accordance with HIPAA. Contractor additionally shall make any amendments to County PHI as County directs or agrees to make pursuant to section 164.526. These amendments shall be made in the time and manner designated by County, and in no more than twenty (20) days.
  - 14.1.3.8.2 Documentation of Disclosures. Contractor shall document disclosures of County PHI, respond to a request by an Individual for an accounting of disclosures of County PHI, and make these disclosures available to County or to an Individual at County's request, in accordance with HIPAA, including but not limited to sections 164.528, and 42 USC section 17935, and in the time and manner designated by County.
    - 14.1.3.8.2.1 If Contractor maintains electronic health records as of January 2009, Contractor shall provide an accounting of disclosures including those for Treatment, Payment, and Healthcare Operations (TPO), effective January 2014. If Contractor acquires electronic health records for County after January 1, 2009, Contractor shall provide an accounting of disclosures, including those for TPO, effective with disclosures on or after the date the electronic health record is acquired, or on or after January 1, 2011, whichever date is later.
    - 14.1.3.8.2.2 The electronic accounting of disclosures shall include the three (3) years prior to the request for an accounting. Contractor shall provide to County or an Individual, in the time and manner designated by County, but no more than sixty (60) calendar days, accounting of disclosures necessary to meet requirements in section 164.528.
- 14.1.3.9 Access to County PHI. Contractor shall provide Individuals access and copies of their County PHI, as required by HIPAA, to include:
  - 14.1.3.9.1 If the Contractor maintains County PHI in an Electronic Health Record, and an Individual requests a copy of such information in an electronic format, Contractor shall provide the information in an electronic format, as required under HIPAA.

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- 14.1.3.10 Reporting of Unauthorized Use or Disclosure. Contractor shall implement reasonable systems for the discovery of and prompt reporting to County of any use or disclosure, or suspected use or disclosure, of County PHI not provided for by the Contract and/or any transmission of unsecured County PHI, and to take the following steps.
- 14.1.3.10.1 Contractor shall provide all reports of Unauthorized Uses or Disclosures simultaneously to County Contracting Officer's Representative and Agency Privacy Officer.
- 14.1.3.10.2 Initial Report.
- 14.1.3.10.2.1 Contractor shall notify County immediately by telephone call plus email upon the discovery of a breach of unsecured County PHI in electronic media or in any other media if County PHI was, or is reasonably believed to have been, accessed or acquired by an unauthorized person, or upon the discovery of a suspected security incident that involves data provided to County by the Social Security Administration.
- 14.1.3.10.2.2 Contractor shall notify County by email within twenty-four (24) hours of the discovery of any suspected security incident or breach of County PHI in violation of this BAA, or potential loss of confidential data affecting this BAA.
- 14.1.3.10.2.3 A suspected security incident or breach shall be treated as discovered by Contractor as of the first day the breach or security incident is known, even if it is not confirmed, or by exercising reasonable diligence would have known, to any person (other than the person committing the breach) who is an employee, officer or other agent of Contractor.
- 14.1.3.10.2.4 Reporting shall additionally include emailing of the "County Privacy Incident Report" form within twenty-four (24) hours of any above incident, to include all information known at the time of the notification. Contractor shall use the most current version of this form, which is posted on County's website, [www.cosd.compliance.org](http://www.cosd.compliance.org).
- 14.1.3.10.3 Corrective Action. Upon discovery of a breach or suspected security incident, intrusion or unauthorized access, use or disclosure of County PHI, Contractor shall take prompt corrective action to mitigate any risks or damages involved with the breach and to protect the operating environment; and any action pertaining to such unauthorized disclosure required by applicable Federal and State laws and regulations.
- 14.1.3.10.4 Investigation and Investigation Report. Contractor shall immediately investigate such security incident, breach, or unauthorized access, use or disclosure of County PHI. Within seventy-two (72) hours of the discovery, Contractor shall submit an updated "County Privacy Incident Report."
- 14.1.3.10.5 Complete Report. Contractor shall provide a complete report of the investigation within five (5) working days of the discovery of the breach or unauthorized use or disclosure. The report shall be submitted on County's "Privacy Incident Report" form and shall include an assessment of all known factors relevant to a determination of whether a breach occurred under applicable provisions of HIPAA and applicable state law. The report shall also include a full, detailed corrective action plan, including information on measures that were taken to halt and/or contain the improper use or disclosure. If County requests information in addition to that listed on the "Privacy Incident Report" form, Contractor shall make reasonable efforts to provide County with such information. County will review and approve the determination of whether a breach occurred, Individual notifications are required, and the corrective action plan is adequate.
- 14.1.3.10.6 Responsibilities for Notification of Breaches. If County determines that the cause of a breach of County PHI is attributable to Contractor or its subcontractors, agents or vendors, Contractor shall notify individuals of the breach or unauthorized use or disclosure when notification is required under Federal or State law and shall pay any costs of such notifications, as well as any costs associated with the breach. The notifications shall

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comply with the requirements set forth in 42 U.S.C. section 17932 and its implementing regulations, including, but not limited to, the requirements that:

14.1.3.10.6.1 Notifications be made to Individuals without unreasonable delay and in no event later than sixty (60) calendar days from the date the breach was discovered. County shall approve the time, manner and content of any such notifications before notifications are made.

14.1.3.10.6.2 Notifications be made to media outlets and to the Secretary, if a breach of unsecured County PHI involves more than five-hundred (500) residents of the State of California or its jurisdiction. County shall approve the time, manner and content of any such notifications before notifications are made.

14.1.3.11 **Designation of Individuals.**

14.1.3.11.1 Contractor shall designate a Privacy Officer to oversee its data privacy program who shall be responsible for carrying out the requirements of this section and for communicating on Privacy matters with County.

14.1.3.11.2 Contractor shall designate a Security Officer to oversee its data security program who shall be responsible for carrying out the requirements of this section and for communicating on Security matters with County.

14.1.4 **Responsibilities of County.**

14.1.4.1 County shall provide Contractor with the Notice of Privacy Practices that County produces in accordance with section 164.520, as well as any changes to such notice.

14.1.4.2 County shall provide Contractor with any changes in, or revocation of, permission by Individual to use or disclose County PHI, if such changes affect Contractor's permitted or required uses and disclosures.

14.1.4.3 County shall notify Contractor of any restriction to the use or disclosures of County PHI that County has agreed to in accordance with section 164.522.

14.1.4.4 County shall not request Contractor to use or disclose County PHI in any manner that would not be permissible under HIPAA if done by County.

**14.2 RESERVED**

**14.3 DATA SECURITY REQUIREMENTS**

Contractor shall ensure the continuous security of all computerized data systems and paper documents containing County PHI and/or County PII/PI. These steps shall include, at a minimum:

14.3.1 **Personnel Controls.** Contractor shall ensure: all workforce members who assist in the performance of functions or activities on behalf of County, or access or disclose County PHI and/or County PII/PI, shall:

14.3.1.1 Have undergone a thorough Contractor background check, with evaluation of the results to assure that there is no indication that the worker may present a risk to the security, privacy, or integrity of County PHI and/or County PII/PI, prior to the workforce member obtaining access to County PHI and/or County PII/PI. The Contractor shall retain each workforce member's Contractor background check documentation for a period of three (3) years following contract termination.

14.3.1.2 Complete privacy and security training, at least annually, at Contractor's expense. Each workforce member who receives information privacy and security training shall sign a certification, indicating the workforce member's name and the date on which the training was completed. These certifications shall be retained for a period of six (6) years following contract termination, and shall be available to County upon request. Sign a confidentiality statement that includes, at a minimum, General Use, Security and Privacy Safeguards, Unacceptable Use, and Enforcement Policies. The statement shall be signed by the workforce member prior to access to County PHI and/or County PII /PI and shall be renewed annually. The Contractor shall retain each person's written confidentiality statement for County inspection for a period of six (6) years following contract termination.

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- 14.3.1.3 Be appropriately sanctioned if they fail to comply with security and privacy policies and procedures, including termination of employment when appropriate.
- 14.3.2 **Physical Security Controls.** Contractor shall safeguard County PHI and/or County PII/PI from loss, theft, inadvertent disclosure, and therefore shall:
  - 14.3.2.1 Ensure County PHI and/or County PII/PI is used and stored in an area that is physically safe from access by unauthorized persons during both working hours and nonworking hours;
  - 14.3.2.2 Secure all areas of Contractor facilities where Contractor workers use or disclose County PHI and/or County PII/PI. The Contractor shall ensure that these secured areas are only accessed by authorized individuals with properly coded key cards, authorized door keys or other access authorization, and access to premises is by official identification;
  - 14.3.2.3 Issue workers who assist in the administration of County PHI and/or County PII/PI identification badges and require workers to wear badges at facilities where County PHI and/or County PII/PI is stored or used;
  - 14.3.2.4 Ensure each location where County PHI and/or County PII/PI is used or stored has procedures and controls that ensure an individual whose access to the facility is terminated:
    - 14.3.2.4.1 Is promptly escorted from the facility by an authorized employee; and
    - 14.3.2.4.2 Immediately has their access revoked to any and all County PHI and/or County PII/PI.
  - 14.3.2.5 Ensure there are security guards or a monitored alarm system twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week at facilities where County PHI and/or County PII/PI is stored;
  - 14.3.2.6 Ensure data centers with servers, data storage devices, and critical network infrastructure involved in the use or storage of County PHI and/or County PII/PI have perimeter security and access controls that limit access to only authorized Information Technology Staff. Visitors to the data center area must be escorted by authorized IT staff at all times;
  - 14.3.2.7 Store paper records with County PHI and/or County PII/PI in locked spaces in any facilities that are multi-use, meaning that there are County PHI and/or County PII/PI functions and Contractor functions in one building in work areas that are not securely segregated. The contractor shall have policies that state workers shall not leave records with County PHI and/or County PII/PI unattended at any time in cars or airplanes and shall not check County PHI and/or County PII/PI on commercial flights; and
  - 14.3.2.8 Use all reasonable means to prevent non-authorized personnel and visitors from having access to, control of, or viewing County PHI and/or County PII/PI.
- 14.3.3 **Technical Controls.** Contractor shall ensure:
  - 14.3.3.1 All workstations, copiers, and laptops that process and/or store County PHI and/or County PII/PI shall:
    - 14.3.3.1.1 Be encrypted using a FIPS 140-2 certified algorithm which is 128bit or higher, such as Advanced Encryption Standard (AES). The encryption solution shall be full disk; and
    - 14.3.3.1.2 Install and actively use comprehensive anti-virus software solution with automatic updates scheduled at least daily.
  - 14.3.3.2 Have critical security patches applied, with system reboot if necessary. There shall be a documented patch management process which determines installation timeframe based on risk assessment and vendor recommendations. All applicable patches shall be installed within thirty (30) days of vendor release.
  - 14.3.3.3 All servers containing unencrypted County PHI and/or County PII/PI shall have sufficient administrative, physical, and technical controls in place to protect that data, based upon a risk assessment/system security review.
  - 14.3.3.4 Only the minimum necessary amount of County PHI and/or County PII/PI required to perform necessary business functions may be copied, downloaded, or exported.
  - 14.3.3.5 All electronic files that contain County PHI and/or County PII/PI shall be encrypted when stored on any removable media or portable device (i.e. flash drives, cameras, mobile phones, CD/DVD, backup media, etc). Encryption shall be a FIPS 140-2 certified algorithm, which is 128bit or higher, such as AES.
  - 14.3.3.6 All users shall be issued a unique user name for accessing County PHI and/or County PII/PI. Username shall be promptly disabled, deleted, or the password changed upon the transfer or termination of an employee with knowledge of the password, at maximum within twenty-four (24) hours.

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- 14.3.3.6.1 Passwords shall be:
  - 14.3.3.6.1.1 At least eight characters;
  - 14.3.3.6.1.2 A non-dictionary word;
  - 14.3.3.6.1.3 Changed at least every ninety (90) days;
  - 14.3.3.6.1.4 Changed immediately if revealed or compromised; and
  - 14.3.3.6.1.5 Composed of characters from at least three of the following four groups from the standard keyboard:
    - 14.3.3.6.1.5.1 Upper case letters (A-Z)
    - 14.3.3.6.1.5.2 Lower case letters (a-z)
    - 14.3.3.6.1.5.3 Arabic numerals (0-9)
    - 14.3.3.6.1.5.4 Non-alphanumeric characters (punctuation symbols)
- 14.3.3.6.2 Passwords shall not be shared and shall not be stored in readable format on the computer.
- 14.3.3.7 Appropriate management control and oversight, in conjunction with County of the function of authorizing individual user access to County PHI and/or County PII/PI and over the process of maintaining access controls numbers and passwords.
- 14.3.3.8 When no longer needed, all County PHI and/or County PII/PI shall be wiped using the Gutmann or US Department of Defense (DoD) 5220.22-M (7 Pass) standard, or by degaussing. Media may also be physically destroyed in accordance with NIST Special Publication 800-88.
- 14.3.3.9 All systems providing access to, transport of, or storage of County PHI and/or County PII/PI shall:
  - 14.3.3.9.1 Provide an automatic timeout, requiring re-authentication of the user session after no more than twenty (20) minutes of inactivity.
  - 14.3.3.9.2 Display a warning banner stating that data is confidential systems are logged and system use is for business purposes only by authorized users. Users must be directed to log off the system if they do not agree with these requirements.
  - 14.3.3.9.3 Maintain an automated audit trail that identifies the user or system process which initiates a request for County PHI and/or County PII/PI, or which alters County PHI and/or County PII/PI. The audit trail shall be date and time stamped, shall log both successful and failed accesses, shall be read only, and shall be restricted to authorized users. If County PHI and/or County PII/PI is stored in a database, database logging functionality shall be enabled. Audit trail data shall be archived for at least three (3) years after occurrence, and shall be available to County upon request.
  - 14.3.3.9.4 Use role based access controls for all users, enforcing the principle of least privilege.
  - 14.3.3.9.5 Be protected by a comprehensive intrusion detection and prevention solution if they are accessible via the internet.
- 14.3.3.10 All data transmissions of County PHI and/or County PII/PI outside the secure internal network shall be encrypted using a FIPS 140-2 certified algorithm which is 128bit or higher, such as AES. Encryption can be end to end at the network level, or the data files containing County PHI and/or County PII/PI can be encrypted. This requirement pertains to any type of County PII/PI in motion such as website access, file transfer, and E-Mail.
- 14.3.4 Audit Controls. Contractor shall ensure:
  - 14.3.4.1 All systems processing and/or storing County PHI and/or County PII/PI shall have at least an annual system risk assessment/security review which provides assurance that administrative, physical, and technical controls are functioning effectively and providing adequate levels of protection. Reviews should include vulnerability scanning tools.
  - 14.3.4.2 All systems processing and/or storing County PHI and/or County PII/PI shall have a routine procedure in place to review system logs for unauthorized access.

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- 14.3.4.3 All systems processing and/or storing County PHI and/or County PII/PI shall have a documented change control procedure that ensures separation of duties and protects the confidentiality, integrity and availability of data.
- 14.3.4.4 Investigate anomalies in usage of County PHI and/or County PII/PI identified by County and report conclusions of such investigations and remediations to County.
- 14.3.5 **Business Continuity / Disaster Recovery Controls**
- 14.3.5.1 Contractor shall establish a documented plan to enable continuation of critical business processes and protection of the security of electronic County PHI and/or County PII/PI in the event of an emergency. Emergency means any circumstance or situation that causes normal computer operations to become unavailable for use in performing the work required under this Agreement for more than twenty-four (24) hours.
- 14.3.5.2 Contractor shall ensure Data Centers with servers, data storage devices, and critical network infrastructure involved in the use or storage of County PHI or PII/PI, must include sufficient environmental protection such as cooling, power, fire prevention, detection, and suppression.
- 14.3.5.3 Contractor shall have established documented procedures to backup County PHI and/or County PII/PI to maintain retrievable exact copies of County PHI and/or County PII/PI. The plan shall include a regular schedule for making backups, storing backups offsite, an inventory of backup media, and an estimate of the amount of time needed to restore County PHI and/or County PII/PI should it be lost. At a minimum, the schedule shall be a weekly full backup and monthly offsite storage of County data.
- 14.3.6 **Paper Document Controls.** Contractor shall ensure:
- 14.3.6.1 County PHI and/or County PII/PI in paper form shall not be left unattended at any time, unless it is locked in a file cabinet, file room, desk or separate office inside a larger office. Unattended means that information is not being observed by an employee authorized to access the information. County PHI and/or County PII/PI in paper form shall not be left unattended at any time in vehicles and shall not be checked in baggage during commercial flights.
- 14.3.6.2 Visitors to areas where County PHI and/or County PII/PI are contained shall be escorted and County PHI and/or County PII/PI shall be kept out of sight while visitors are in the area.
- 14.3.6.3 County PHI and/or County PII/PI shall be disposed of through confidential means, such as cross cut shredding and pulverizing.
- 14.3.6.4 County PHI and/or County PII/PI shall not be removed from the premises of the Contractor except for identified routine business purposes or with express written permission of County.
- 14.3.6.5 Faxes containing County PHI and/or County PII/PI shall not be left unattended and fax machines shall be in secure areas. Fax cover sheets shall contain a confidentiality statement instructing persons receiving faxes in error to destroy them. Fax numbers shall be verified with the intended recipient before sending the fax.
- 14.3.6.6 Mailings of County PHI and/or County PII/PI shall be sealed and secured from damage or inappropriate viewing of County PHI and/or County PII/PI to the extent possible. Mailings which include 500 or more individually identifiable records of County PHI and/or County PII/PI in a single package shall be sent using a tracked mailing method which includes verification of delivery and receipt, unless the prior written permission of County's HHS Privacy Officer to use another method is obtained.
- 14.3.6.7 Contractor shall mitigate, to the extent practicable, any harmful effect that is known to Contractor of a use or disclosure of County PHI and/or County PII/PI by Contractor or its agents, including a subcontractor, and/or in violation of the requirements of the Contract.

**14.4 MISCELLANEOUS**

- 14.4.1 **Disclaimer.** County makes no guarantee that compliance with this agreement will be satisfactory for the Contractor's own purposes.
- 14.4.2 **Amendment.** The Parties agree to take action as necessary to amend this Article 14 from time to time as is necessary for County to comply with the requirements of any and all applicable other Federal or State laws and regulations.
- 14.4.3 **Judicial or Admin Proceedings.** Contractor will notify County if it is named as a defendant in any criminal, civil, or administrative proceeding for a violation of any applicable security or privacy law.

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- 14.4.4 Assistance in Litigation or Admin Proceedings. Contractor shall make itself and any of its agents available, at no cost to County, to testify, or otherwise, in the event of litigation or administrative proceedings commenced against County, its directors, officers, or employees, based on claimed violations of any applicable confidentiality, privacy, or security law or regulation, whether Federal or State, if that litigation or proceeding involves actions of Contractor or its agents, except those where Contractor or its Agents are named as an adverse party.
- 14.4.5 Interpretation. Any ambiguity in this Article 14 shall be resolved in favor of a meaning that permits County to comply with the applicable Federal or State law or regulation.
- 14.4.6 Conflict. If a conflict between any of the standards contained in any of these enumerated sources of standards is found, Contractor shall follow the most stringent standard. The most stringent means that safeguard which provides the highest level of protection to County PHI and/or County PII/PI from unauthorized disclosure.
- 14.4.7 Regulatory References. All references in this Article 14 to any regulation or law mean the regulation or law currently in effect, including those legal and regulatory changes that occur after the effective date of this Agreement.
- 14.4.8 Survival. The respective rights and obligations of County and Contractor under this Article 14 shall survive the termination of the Contract.
- 14.4.9 No Waiver of Obligations. No change, waiver, or discharge of any liability or obligation hereunder or any one or more occasions shall be deemed a waiver of performance of any continuing or other obligation, or shall prohibit enforcement of any obligation, on any other occasion.
- 14.4.10 Due Diligence. Contractor shall exercise due diligence and shall take reasonable steps to ensure that it remains in compliance with this Article 14 and is in compliance with all applicable Federal and State laws and regulations, and that its agents, subcontractors, and vendors are in compliance with their obligations as required by this Article 14.
- 14.4.11 Effect of Termination. Upon termination of the Contract, for any reason, with respect to any and all County PHI and/or County PII/PI received from County, or created or received by Contractor on behalf of County:
- 14.4.11.1 Contractor shall return or destroy all County PHI and/or County PII/PI and retain no copies of County PHI and/or County PII/PI, except County PHI and/or County PII/PI necessary for Contractor to continue its proper management and administration or to carry out its legal responsibilities, as mutually agreed upon by the Parties.
  - 14.4.11.2 Upon mutual agreement of the Parties that return or destruction of County PHI and/or County PII/PI is infeasible, Contractor shall extend the protections of this Article to such County PHI and/or County PII/PI for so long as Contractor maintains such County PHI and/or County PII/PI.
  - 14.4.11.3 Contractor shall return to County or destroy, as determined by County, County PHI and/or County PII/PI retained by Contractor when it is no longer needed by Contractor for its proper management and administration or to carry out its legal responsibilities.
  - 14.4.11.4 This provision shall apply to County PHI and/or County PII/PI that is in the possession of subcontractors or agents of Contractor.