

WV STATE GOVERNMENT

HIPAA BUSINESS ASSOCIATE STATEWIDE CONTRACT ADDENDUM

This Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (hereafter, "HIPAA") Business Associate Addendum ("Addendum") supplements and is made a part of the Agreement ("Agreement") by and between the West Virginia Department of Administration, Purchasing Division, on behalf of all state agencies executing a release order to the underlying contract to which this Addendum is appended ("Agency"), and the statewide contract vendor, the Business Associate ("Associate"), and is effective as of the date of the Release Order executed by the Agency to participate in the statewide contract.

Whereas the parties have a business relationship; and

Whereas it is desirable, in order to further the continued efficient operations of Agency to disclose to its Associate certain information which may contain confidential individually identifiable health information (hereafter, Protected Health Information or PHI); and

Whereas, it is the desire of both parties that the confidentiality of the PHI disclosed hereunder be maintained and treated in accordance with all applicable laws relating to confidentiality, including the Privacy and Security Rules, and the parties do agree to at all times treat the PHI and interpret this Addendum consistently with that desire.

NOW THEREFORE; the parties agree that in consideration of the mutual promises herein, in the Agreement; and of the exchange of PHI hereunder that:

**1. Definitions.**

- a. Terms used, but not otherwise defined, in this Addendum shall have the same meaning as those terms in the Privacy and Security Rules.
- b. **Privacy Rule.** Privacy Rule means the Standards for Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information found at 45 CFR Parts 160 and Part 164, Subparts A and E, as amended.
- c. **Security Rule.** Security Rule means the Standards for the security of electronic protected health information found at 45 CFR Part 164, Subpart C, as amended.

**2. PHI Disclosed; Permitted Uses.**

- a. **PHI Described.** PHI disclosed by the Agency to the Business Associate, PHI created by the Business Associate on behalf of the Agency, and PHI received by the Business Associate from a third party on behalf of the Agency are disclosable under this Addendum. The disclosable PHI is limited to the minimum necessary to complete the tasks, or to provide the services, associated with the terms of the original contract.
- b. **Purposes.** Except as otherwise limited in this Addendum, Associate may use or disclose the PHI on behalf of, or to provide services to, Agency for the purposes necessary to complete the tasks, or provide the services, associated with, and required by the terms of the original contract, if such use or disclosure of the PHI would not violate the Privacy or Security Rules or applicable state law if done by Agency or violate the minimum necessary policies and procedures of the Agency.

### 3. Obligations of Business Associate.

a. **Stated Purposes Only.** The PHI may not be used by the Associate for any purpose other than stated in this Addendum or as required by law.

b. **Limited Disclosure.** The PHI is confidential and will not be disclosed by the Associate other than as required by this Addendum or by law.

c. **Safeguards.** The Associate will use appropriate safeguards to prevent use or disclosure of the PHI except as provided for in this Addendum. This shall include, but not be limited to:

(i) Limitation of the groups of its employees or agents to whom the PHI is disclosed to those reasonably required to accomplish the purposes stated in this Addendum, and the use and disclosure of the minimum PHI necessary;

(ii) Appropriate notification and training of its employees or agents to whom the PHI will be disclosed in order to protect the PHI from unauthorized disclosure;

(iii) Maintenance of a comprehensive written PHI privacy and security program that includes administrative, technical and physical safeguards appropriate to the size, nature, scope and complexity of the Associate's operations.

d. **Compliance With Law.** The Associate will not use or disclose the PHI in a manner in violation of existing law and specifically not in violation of laws relating to confidentiality of PHI, including but not limited to, the Privacy and Security Rules.

e. **Report of Disclosure.** The Associate will promptly report to the Agency, in writing, any use or disclosure of the PHI not provided for by this Addendum of which it becomes aware.

f. **Mitigation.** Associate agrees to mitigate, to the extent practicable, any harmful effect that is known to Associate of a use or disclosure of the PHI by Associate in violation of the requirements of this Addendum.

g. **Documentation.** Associate agrees to document disclosures of the PHI and information related to such disclosures as would be required for Agency to respond to a request by an individual for an accounting of disclosures of PHI in accordance with 45 CFR §§ 164.528 and 164.316. This should include a process that allows for an accounting to be collected and maintained by Associate and its agents or subcontractors for at least six (6) years from the date of disclosure, or longer if required by state law. At a minimum, such PHI shall include: (i) the date of disclosure; (ii) the name of the entity or person who received the PHI, and if known, the address of the entity or person; (iii) a brief description of the PHI disclosed; and (iv) a brief statement of purposes of the disclosure that reasonably informs the individual of the basis for the disclosure, or a copy of the individual's authorization, or a copy of the written request for disclosure.

h. **Accounting Rights.** Within ten (10) days of notice of a request for an accounting of disclosures of the PHI, Associate and its agents or subcontractors shall make available to Agency the PHI required to provide an accounting of disclosures to enable Agency to fulfill its obligations under the Privacy Rule, including, but not limited to, 45 CFR § 164.528.

i. **Access to PHI.** Associate shall make the PHI maintained by Associate or its agents or subcontractors in Designated Record Sets available to Agency for inspection and copying within ten (10) days of a request by Agency to enable Agency to fulfill its obligations under the Privacy Rule, including, but not limited to, 45 CFR § 164.524.

j. **Amendment of PHI.** Within ten (10) days of receipt of a request from Agency for an amendment of the PHI or a record about an individual contained in a Designated Record Set, Associate or its agents or subcontractors shall make such PHI available to Agency for amendment and incorporate any such amendment to enable Agency to fulfill its obligations under the Privacy Rule, including, but not limited to, 45 CFR § 164.526.

k. **Retention of PHI.** Notwithstanding section 4.a. of this Addendum, Associate and its subcontractors or agents shall retain all PHI pursuant to state and federal law and shall continue to maintain the PHI required under Section 3.g. of this Addendum for a period of six (6) years after termination of the Agreement, or longer if required under state law.

l. **Agents, Subcontractors Compliance.** The Associate will ensure that any of its agents, including any subcontractors, to whom it provides any of the PHI it receives hereunder, or to whom it provides any PHI which the Associate creates or receives on behalf of the Agency, agree to the restrictions and conditions which apply to the Associate hereunder.

m. **Amendments.** The Associate shall make available to the specific Individual to whom it applies any PHI; make such PHI available for amendment; and make available the PHI required to provide an accounting of disclosures, all to the extent required by 45 CFR §§ 164.524, 164.526, and 164.528 respectively.

n. **Federal Access.** The Associate shall make its internal practices books, and records relating to the use and disclosure of PHI received from, or created or received by the Associate on behalf of the Agency available to the U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services consistent with 45 CFR § 164.504.

#### 4. Termination.

a. **Duties at Termination.** Upon any termination of this Addendum, if feasible, the Associate shall return or destroy all PHI received from, or created or received by the Associate on behalf of the Agency that the Associate still maintains in any form and retain no copies of such PHI or, if such return or destruction is not feasible, the Associate shall extend the protections of this Addendum to the PHI and limit further uses and disclosures to the purposes that make the return or destruction of the PHI infeasible. This shall also apply to all agents and subcontractors of Associate. The duty of the Associate and its agents and subcontractors to assist the Agency with any HIPAA required accounting of disclosures survives the termination of this Addendum.

b. **Termination For Cause.** Agency may terminate this Addendum if at any time it determines that the Associate has violated a material term of the Addendum. Agency may, at its sole discretion, allow Associate a reasonable period of time to cure the material breach before termination.

c. **Survival.** The respective rights and obligations of Associate under Section 3.k. of this Addendum shall survive the termination of this Addendum.

#### 5. General Provisions/Ownership of PHI.

a. **Retention of Ownership.** Ownership of the PHI resides with the Agency and is to be returned on demand.

b. **Secondary PHI.** Any data or PHI generated from the PHI disclosed hereunder which would permit identification of an individual must be held confidential and is also the property of Agency.

c. **Electronic Transmission.** Except as permitted by law or this Addendum, the PHI or any data generated from the PHI which would permit identification of an individual must not be transmitted to another party by electronic or other means for additional uses not authorized by this Addendum or to another contractor, or allied agency, or affiliate without prior written approval of Agency.

d. **No Sales.** Reports or data containing the PHI may not be sold without Agency's or the affected individual's written consent.

e. **No Third-Party Beneficiaries.** Nothing express or implied in this Addendum is intended to confer, nor shall anything herein confer, upon any person other than Agency, Associate and their respective successors or assigns, any rights remedies, obligations or liabilities whatsoever.

f. **Interpretation.** The provisions of this Addendum shall prevail over any provisions in the Agreement that may conflict or appear inconsistent with any provisions in this Addendum. The interpretation of this Addendum shall be made under the laws of the state of West Virginia.

g. **Amendment.** The parties agree that to the extent necessary to comply with applicable law they will agree to further amend this Addendum.

h. **Additional Terms and Conditions.** Additional discretionary terms may be included in the release order or change order process.

i. **Applicability.** If the Agency which executes the Release Order and Agreement to participate in the underlying statewide contract is not a HIPAA covered entity, per 45 CFR § 160.103, or if the vendor does not use or disclose any PHI, this Addendum shall be null and void.

**AGREED:**

Name of Business Associate: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency: David Tincher, Director, Purchasing Division, Department of Administration, on behalf of all state agencies executing a release order to the underlying contract to which this Addendum is appended.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**APPROVED AS TO FORM PRIOR TO  
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT THEREOF, THIS**  
27<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2004  
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