

**Department of Vermont Health Access  
Grants Information Sheet**

V# 41866

**Name of Grantee:** Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital  
**Grant Manager:** Jim Morgan **Phone:** (802) 865-7705  
**Grant Tracking Number:** 03410-6104-11 **SFY:** 2011  
**Type:** **Renewal:** X **New:**          **Amendment:**           
**Grant period:** **Start Date:** 07/01/10 **End Date:** 6/30/2011

**Maximum Amount:** \$ 307,317.56 **Prior Amount:** \$ 348,469.48 **% of Change** -11.81%

**Funding Source: (please enter dollar amount)**

SCHIP \$ - Global Commitment: \$ 307,317.56 Medicaid: \$ -  
(CFDA# 93.767) (CFDA# 93.778) (CFDA# 93.778)  
Special Fund: \$ - Other Specify Source: \$ -

**Justification for Agreement:** Blueprint Integrated Pilot Grant

Contents of Grant Award				
	Yes	No		
Standard Grant Agreement:	x		Attachment A - Scope of Work to be Performed:	x
Attachment B - Payment Provisions:	x		Attachment C - Customary State Grant Provisions:	x
Attachment D - Modifications to Insurance:		x	Attachment E - Business Associate Agreement	x
Attachment F - AHS Grant Provisions	x		MOU (If Needed)	x
Other (Please Specify)		x	Justification Notification from Unit Leader	

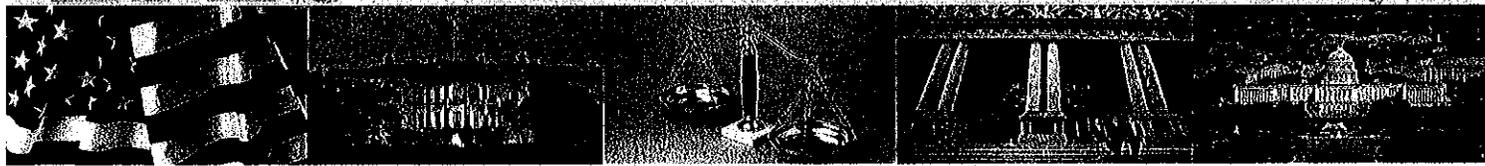
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	Reviewer	Print Name	Reviewer Initials	In Date	Out Date	Resubmit Date (if necessary)
Division Review						
Administrator Review	Melissa Jenkins	Melissa Jenkins	<i>[Signature]</i>	8/19/10	8/19/10	
Business Office Review	Carrie Hathaway/Jill Gould	Jill Gould	<i>[Signature]</i>	8/19/10	8/19/10	
AAG Approval	Seth Steinzor	Seth Steinzor	<i>[Signature]</i>		8/27/10	
Grantee Signature on Grant	Authorized Grantee Signor	Sawyer Joecks	S.J.	9/10/10		
Director Signature	Susan Besio	Susan W Besio	SWBS	9/15/10	9/15/10	
Distribution of Grant Copies:	Grantee:	Business Office:	Grant Manager:			

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1. Parties: This is a Grant Agreement between the State of Vermont, Agency of Human Services, **Department of Vermont Health Access** (hereinafter called "State"), and **Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital** with a principal place of business at St. Johnsbury (hereinafter called "Subrecipient"). Subrecipient is required by law to have a Business Account Number from the Vermont Department of Taxes.
2. Subject Matter: The subject matter of this Grant Agreement is to implement and sustain a Blueprint Integrated Pilot for the Blueprint for Health program. Detailed services to be provided by the Subrecipient are described in Attachment A.
3. Maximum Amount: In consideration of the services to be performed by Subrecipient, the State agrees to pay Subrecipient, in accordance with the payment provisions specified in Attachment B, a sum not to exceed **\$307,317.56**
4. Grant Term: The period of Subrecipient's performance shall begin on **July 1, 2010** and end on **June 30, 2011**.
5. Source of Funds: Global Commitment to Health 100%
6. CFDA Title: Medical Assistance Program, Medicaid Title XIX  
CFDA Number: 93.778  
Award Name: Medicaid  
Award Number: 03410-6104-11  
Award Year: SFY 2011  
Federal Granting Agency: Department of Health and Human Services  
Research and Development Grant? No.
7. Amendment: No changes, modifications, or amendments in the terms and conditions of this Grant Agreement shall be effective unless reduced to writing, numbered, and signed by the duly authorized representative of the State and Subrecipient.
8. Cancellation: This Grant Agreement may be suspended or cancelled by either party by giving written notice at least 30 days in advance.
9. Contact persons: The Subrecipient's contact person for this award is:  
  
Laural Ruggles; 802-748-7590; [l.ruggles@nvrh.org](mailto:l.ruggles@nvrh.org)
10. Fiscal Year: The Subrecipient's fiscal year begins 10/1 and ends 9/30.

**State of Vermont  
Standard Grant Agreement  
Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital**

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Attachments: This Grant consists of 23 pages including the following attachments that are incorporated herein:

- Attachment A - Scope of Work to be Performed
- Attachment B - Payment Provisions
- Attachment C - Customary Provisions for Grants and Contracts
- Attachment E - Business Associates Agreement
- Attachment F - Other AHS Customary Provisions

The order of precedence of documents shall be as follows:

1. This document
2. Attachment C
3. Attachment A
4. Attachment B
5. Attachment E
6. Attachment F

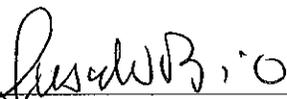
WE, THE UNDERSIGNED PARTIES, AGREE TO BE BOUND BY THIS GRANT AGREEMENT.

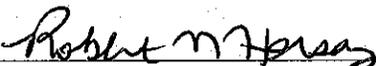
STATE OF VERMONT

SUBRECIPIENT

By:

by:

  
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Susan Besio, Commissioner  
Department of Vermont Health Access

  
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Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital  
P.O. Box 905  
St. Johnsbury, Vermont 05819

Date: 9/15/10

Date: 9/9/10

**ATTACHMENT A**  
**SPECIFICATIONS OF WORK TO BE PERFORMED**

**GENERAL PURPOSE STATEMENT**

The Blueprint pilots represent an opportunity to help shape the future of healthcare delivery in the state of Vermont. The goal for these pilots is to establish an evidence-based and sustainable infrastructure for practices that want to become a health information-enhanced medical home. Participation as a pilot site depends on NVRH's commitment to implement and sustain the following components of the pilot.

**SPECIFICATION OF WORK TO BE PERFORMED**

1. NVRH will establish local care coordination and support services in the form of a Community Health Team (CHT). The staffing and administrative structure for CHT operations will be based on your existing infrastructure and reflect the needs in your community. The intent is to have a flexible locally designed approach based on the expertise of the leaders in your Blueprint communities. It is important however, that the staffing structure for the CHT includes expertise that can support the following goals and activities.
2. The CHT will form a local infrastructure that will support primary care provider-coordinated care for chronic conditions, health maintenance and prevention in accordance with national guidelines (or locally approved guidelines that super cede national standards). The CHT will provide and coordinate other community-based services such as behavioral health, substance abuse, social and economic services.
3. Primary care providers and the CHT will work together to provide outcomes oriented care such that the intensity of contacts, visits, and services will be guided by the principle of optimizing clinical outcomes for each patient with a chronic condition(s) as well as for health maintenance.
4. The CHT will form a local infrastructure to support evidence based self management activities for individual patients and patient groups. The capacity of the CHT must be for a population of 20,000 patients.
5. Primary providers and the CHT will work together to provide outcome oriented self management support such that the intensity of contacts, visits, and services will be guided by the principle of optimizing behavior change and meeting individual goals oriented towards disease control and prevention.
6. The CHT will include a Chronic Disease Prevention Specialist hired by the local Department of Health District Office. Care support personnel on the CHT and this public health specialist will work closely together to identify priorities and opportunities for evidence based prevention programs.
7. The CHT will meet on a regular basis for evidence based evaluation and improvement of care support and prevention activities (CHT level PE / PI).

**Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital**

8. The CHT will work with primary care providers on a regular basis to support evidence based evaluation and improvement of healthcare processes (Provider Practice-CHT level PE / PI).
9. Primary care providers, the CHT, The NVRH Blueprint team, and appropriate hospital administrators and staff will work together to implement a transitional care approach for patients who are hospitalized. The goal is to have a structured approach that streamlines, simplifies, and optimizes the opportunity for patients to engage in effective outpatient management.
10. The NVRH Blueprint team including primary care providers will work with the Blueprint team, the Blueprint Director, payers, and other key stakeholders to obtain a commitment from the payers for financial support of the CHT for a two year period. During the pilot period the Blueprint and each payer will provide an equal share of the financial support for the costs of the CHT. The local pilot Blueprint teams, the Blueprint team, the Blueprint Director, payers and other key stakeholders will begin planning a sustainable financial support model that is evidence and experience based, and transitions financial support to the payers at the beginning of year 2 of this grant. The ultimate goal is to have payers transition their disease management / care support expenditures from distant to local CHT services.
11. The NVRH Blueprint team including primary providers will work with the Blueprint team, the Blueprint Director, payers, consultants, and other key stakeholders to establish a common structure of provider payment reform for the Blueprint pilots. The Blueprint project manager will participate in the Payer Implementation Work Group, which meets by phone monthly and face-to-face quarterly.
12. The NVRH Blueprint team including primary providers will work with the Blueprint team and the Blueprint Director to determine; a) how the DocSite clinical tracking system offered by the Blueprint can be used to support care in the medical home pilots, and b) to plan continued implementation in the pilot practices. In addition to care support, the clinical tracking system will offer providers and the CHT the opportunity to coordinate care and conduct evidence based population management. The electronic medical record (s) in use will be updated with the DocSite data element list, the templates created to enter the structured data for population reporting, and the interfaces created and implemented to link the EMR to the DocSite reporting system.
13. Appropriate leaders, faculty, and personnel from NVRH will work with the Blueprint team, the Blueprint Director, and other key stakeholders to implement an evaluation plan that will support; a) routine program evaluation and improvement, and, b) outcomes analysis including health process, health impact, and healthcare cost measures. The methodology will include (but may not be limited to) direct chart reviews, extraction of data from the clinical tracking system, and analysis of claims data. A representative of NVRH will participate in the bi-monthly meetings of the Blueprint Pilot Design and Evaluation Committee.

**PERFORMANCE STANDARDS**

These commitments and goals are necessary to establish an evidence based and sustainable infrastructure for Integrated Health system expansion across the state. We believe these specific commitments functionally align the Integrated Pilots with the overall goals of the Blueprint program.

**ATTACHMENT B**  
**PAYMENT PROVISIONS**

**A final financial report will be due no later than 30 days after the end date of the Grant. The final financial report will report actual approved expenditures against payments received.**

Subrecipient will invoice the Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA) on a monthly basis, for the previous month's actual and approved expenditures. Monthly invoicing in arrears will continue through the life of the grant. The maximum payable amount under this Grant shall not exceed **\$307,317.56**.

The State will pay invoices of actual expenses upon receipt of the DVHA Financial Report Form with documentation of expenses and all other required reports in Attachment A; when in receipt of an invoice with supporting documentation articulating actual expenditures for approved activities during the said time period.

Subrecipient agrees to provide DVHA all meeting minutes associated with the Blueprint for Health initiative, during the grant time period.

On or before April 30<sup>th</sup> 2011, Subrecipient will submit a mid-year report include a financial report (which will report actual approved expenditures against payments received); and, a program report addressing projects in your approved work plan.

A final expenditure report is due no later than 30 days after the end of the grant and will be reconciled to actual costs incurred for the grant term. Any overpayment of expenses will be returned to the State no later than 60 days after the end of the grant term.

All reports related to this grant should be submitted in electronic format. Reports should reference this grant number and be submitted to:

Lisa Dulsky Watkins MD  
Department of Vermont Health Access  
312 Hurricane Lane  
Suite 201  
Williston, Vermont 05495-2806  
[Lisa.Watkins@ahs.state.vt.us](mailto:Lisa.Watkins@ahs.state.vt.us)

An electronic copy of all reports and a **hard copy of invoices with original signature** should be sent to:

James R. Morgan MSW  
Department of Vermont Health Access  
312 Hurricane Lane  
Suite 201  
Williston, Vermont 05495-2806

[Jim.Morgan@ahs.state.vt.us](mailto:Jim.Morgan@ahs.state.vt.us)

The state reserves the right to withhold part or all of the grant funds if the state does not receive timely documentation of the successful completion of grant deliverables.

Payments consist of:

Medicaid CCT costs		\$70,000.00
Medicare CCT costs		\$70,000.00
Corner Medicare Patients	$3175 \times 1.52 \times 12 =$	\$57,912.00
Concord Medicare Patients	$769 \times 1.52 \times 12 =$	\$14,026.56
Caledonia Medicare Patients	$1521 \times 2.00 \times 12 =$	\$36,504.00
Danville Medicare Patients	$1237 \times 2.00 \times 12 =$	\$29,688.00
St. J Medicare Patients	$1175 \times 2.07 \times 12 =$	\$29,187.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$307,317.56</b>

Department of Vermont Health Access		
Financial Report Form		
	Original Budget	
<b>Subrecipient Name:</b>		<b>Grant/Contract Number</b>
Northeastern VT Regional Hospital		
<b>Grantee's/Contractor's Contact Person:</b>		
Laural Ruggles		
<b>Grantee's/Contractor's Email</b>		
<b>Address:</b>		<b>Phone:</b>
l.ruggles@nvrh.org		1-802-748-7590
	<b>TOTAL GRANT/CONTRACT BUDGET</b>	<b>FOCUS AREA</b>
<b>PERSONNEL</b>		
<b>Salaries and Benefits</b>		
Care Integration Coordinator	40,000.00	CHT
Chronic Care Coordinator	25,000.00	CHT
Community Health Worker	20,000.00	CHT
<b>Sub Grantee/Sub Contractors</b>		
Chronic Care Coordinator- NCHC	25,000.00	CHT
Chronic Care Coordinator - NCHC	25,000.00	CHT
<b>Total Personnel</b>	<b>135,000.00</b>	
<b>OPERATING</b>		
Practice Operations	167,317.56	Enhanced Payment
Travel and Training	5,000.00	CHT
<b>Other</b>		
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>172,317.56</b>	
<b>INDIRECT COSTS/ADMIN</b>		
List		
<b>Total Administration</b>		
<b>TOTAL GRANT/CONTRACT AMOUNT</b>	<b>\$ 307,317.56</b>	
<b>Total CHT</b>	<b>140,000.00</b>	
<b>Total PPPM</b>	<b>167,317.56</b>	

ATTACHMENT C  
CUSTOMARY PROVISIONS FOR CONTRACTS AND GRANTS

1. **Entire Agreement.** This Agreement, whether in the form of a Contract, State Funded Grant, or Federally Funded Grant, represents the entire agreement between the parties on the subject matter. All prior agreements, representations, statements, negotiations, and understandings shall have no effect.
2. **Applicable Law.** This Agreement will be governed by the laws of the State of Vermont.
3. **Definitions:** For purposes of this Attachment, "Party" shall mean the Contractor, Grantee or Subrecipient, with whom the State of Vermont is executing this Agreement and consistent with the form of the Agreement.
4. **Appropriations:** If appropriations are insufficient to support this Agreement, the State may cancel on a date agreed to by the parties or upon the expiration or reduction of existing appropriation authority. In the case that this Agreement is funded in whole or in part by federal or other non-State funds, and in the event those funds become unavailable or reduced, the State may suspend or cancel this Agreement immediately, and the State shall have no obligation to fund this Agreement from State revenues.
5. **No Employee Benefits For Party:** The Party understands that the State will not provide any individual retirement benefits, group life insurance, group health and dental insurance, vacation or sick leave, workers compensation or other benefits or services available to State employees, nor will the state withhold any state or federal taxes except as required under applicable tax laws, which shall be determined in advance of execution of the Agreement. The Party understands that all tax returns required by the Internal Revenue Code and the State of Vermont, including but not limited to income, withholding, sales and use, and rooms and meals, must be filed by the Party, and information as to Agreement income will be provided by the State of Vermont to the Internal Revenue Service and the Vermont Department of Taxes.
6. **Independence, Liability:** The Party will act in an independent capacity and not as officers or employees of the State.

The Party shall defend the State and its officers and employees against all claims or suits arising in whole or in part from any act or omission of the Party or of any agent of the Party. The State shall notify the Party in the event of any such claim or suit, and the Party shall immediately retain counsel and otherwise provide a complete defense against the entire claim or suit. The Party shall notify its insurance company and the State within 10 days of receiving any claim for damages, notice of claims, pre-claims, or service of judgments or claims, for any act or omissions in the performance of this Agreement.

After a final judgment or settlement the Party may request recoupment of specific defense costs and may file suit in Washington Superior Court requesting recoupment. The Party shall be entitled to recoup costs only upon a showing that such costs were entirely unrelated to the defense of any claim arising from an act or omission of the Party.

The Party shall indemnify the State and its officers and employees in the event that the State, its officers or employees become legally obligated to pay any damages or losses arising from any act or omission of the Party.

7. **Insurance:** Before commencing work on this Agreement the Party must provide certificates of insurance to show that the following minimum coverage is in effect. It is the responsibility of the Party to maintain current certificates of insurance on file with the state through the term of the Agreement. No warranty is made that the coverage and limits listed herein are adequate to cover and protect the interests of the Party for the Party's operations. These are solely minimums that have been established to protect the interests of the State.

**Workers Compensation:** With respect to all operations performed, the Party shall carry workers' compensation insurance in accordance with the laws of the State of Vermont.

**General Liability and Property Damage:** With respect to all operations performed under the Agreement, the Party shall carry general liability insurance having all major divisions of coverage including, but not limited to:

Premises - Operations  
Products and Completed Operations  
Personal Injury Liability  
Contractual Liability

The policy shall be on an occurrence form and limits shall not be less than:

\$1,000,000 Per Occurrence  
\$1,000,000 General Aggregate  
\$1,000,000 Products/Completed Operations Aggregate  
\$ 50,000 Fire/ Legal/Liability

Party shall name the State of Vermont and its officers and employees as additional insureds for liability arising out of this Agreement.

**Automotive Liability:** The Party shall carry automotive liability insurance covering all motor vehicles, including hired and non-owned coverage, used in connection with the Agreement. Limits of coverage shall not be less than: \$1,000,000 combined single limit.

Party shall name the State of Vermont and its officers and employees as additional insureds for liability arising out of this Agreement.

**Professional Liability:** Before commencing work on this Agreement and throughout the term of this Agreement, the Party shall procure and maintain professional liability insurance for any and all services performed under this Agreement, with minimum coverage of **\$1,000,000** per occurrence, and **\$3,000,000** aggregate.

8. **Reliance by the State on Representations:** All payments by the State under this Agreement will be made in reliance upon the accuracy of all prior representations by the Party, including but not limited to bills, invoices, progress reports and other proofs of work.
9. **Requirement to Have a Single Audit:** In the case that this Agreement is a Grant that is funded in whole or in part by federal funds, and if this Subrecipient expends \$500,000 or more in federal assistance during its fiscal year, the Subrecipient is required to have a single audit conducted in accordance with the Single Audit Act, except when it elects to have a program specific audit.

The Subrecipient may elect to have a program specific audit if it expends funds under only one

federal program and the federal program's laws, regulating or grant agreements do not require a financial statement audit of the Party.

A Subrecipient is exempt if the Party expends less than \$500,000 in total federal assistance in one year.

The Subrecipient will complete the Certification of Audit Requirement annually within 45 days after its fiscal year end. If a single audit is required, the sub-recipient will submit a copy of the audit report to the primary pass-through Party and any other pass-through Party that requests it within 9 months. If a single audit is not required, the Subrecipient will submit the Schedule of Federal Expenditures within 45 days. These forms will be mailed to the Subrecipient by the Department of Finance and Management near the end of its fiscal year. These forms are also available on the Finance & Management Web page at: <http://finance.vermont.gov/forms>

10. **Records Available for Audit:** The Party will maintain all books, documents, payroll papers, accounting records and other evidence pertaining to costs incurred under this agreement and make them available at reasonable times during the period of the Agreement and for three years thereafter for inspection by any authorized representatives of the State or Federal Government. If any litigation, claim, or audit is started before the expiration of the three year period, the records shall be retained until all litigation, claims or audit findings involving the records have been resolved. The State, by any authorized representative, shall have the right at all reasonable times to inspect or otherwise evaluate the work performed or being performed under this Agreement.
11. **Fair Employment Practices and Americans with Disabilities Act:** Party agrees to comply with the requirement of Title 21 V.S.A. Chapter 5, Subchapter 6, relating to fair employment practices, to the full extent applicable. Party shall also ensure, to the full extent required by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 that qualified individuals with disabilities receive equitable access to the services, programs, and activities provided by the Party under this Agreement. Party further agrees to include this provision in all subcontracts.
12. **Set Off:** The State may set off any sums which the Party owes the State against any sums due the Party under this Agreement; provided, however, that any set off of amounts due the State of Vermont as taxes shall be in accordance with the procedures more specifically provided hereinafter.
13. **Taxes Due to the State:**
  - a. Party understands and acknowledges responsibility, if applicable, for compliance with State tax laws, including income tax withholding for employees performing services within the State, payment of use tax on property used within the State, corporate and/or personal income tax on income earned within the State.
  - b. Party certifies under the pains and penalties of perjury that, as of the date the Agreement is signed, the Party is in good standing with respect to, or in full compliance with, a plan to pay any and all taxes due the State of Vermont.
  - c. Party understands that final payment under this Agreement may be withheld if the Commissioner of Taxes determines that the Party is not in good standing with respect to or in full compliance with a plan to pay any and all taxes due to the State of Vermont.

Party also understands the State may set off taxes (and related penalties, interest and fees) due to the State of Vermont, but only if the Party has failed to make an appeal within the time allowed by

law, or an appeal has been taken and finally determined and the Party has no further legal recourse to contest the amounts due.

**14. Child Support:** (Applicable if the Party is a natural person, not a corporation or partnership.) Party states that, as of the date the Agreement is signed, he/she:

- a. is not under any obligation to pay child support; or
- b. is under such an obligation and is in good standing with respect to that obligation; or
- c. has agreed to a payment plan with the Vermont Office of Child Support Services and is in full compliance with that plan.

Party makes this statement with regard to support owed to any and all children residing in Vermont. In addition, if the Party is a resident of Vermont, Party makes this statement with regard to support owed to any and all children residing in any other state or territory of the United States.

**15. Sub-Agreements:** Party shall not assign, subcontract or subgrant the performance of his Agreement or any portion thereof to any other Party without the prior written approval of the State. Party also agrees to include in subcontract or subgrant agreements a tax certification in accordance with paragraph 13 above.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the State agrees that the Party may assign this agreement, including all of the Party's rights and obligations hereunder, to any successor in interest to the Party arising out of the sale of or reorganization of the Party.

**16. No Gifts or Gratuities:** Party shall not give title or possession of any thing of substantial value (including property, currency, travel and/or education programs) to any officer or employee of the State during the term of this Agreement.

**17. Copies:** All written reports prepared under this Agreement will be printed using both sides of the paper.

**18. Certification Regarding Debarment:** Party certifies under pains and penalties of perjury that, as of the date that this Agreement is signed, neither Party nor Party's principals (officers, directors, owners, or partners) are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible or excluded from participation in federal programs or programs supported in whole or in part by federal funds.

**ATTACHMENT E  
BUSINESS ASSOCIATE AGREEMENT**

THIS BUSINESS ASSOCIATE AGREEMENT ("AGREEMENT") IS ENTERED INTO BY AND BETWEEN THE STATE OF VERMONT AGENCY OF HUMAN SERVICES OPERATING BY AND THROUGH ITS **DEPARTMENT OF VERMONT HEALTH ACCESS** ("COVERED ENTITY") AND **NORTHEASTERN VERMONT REGIONAL HOSPITAL** ("BUSINESS ASSOCIATE") AS OF **JULY 01, 2010** ("EFFECTIVE DATE"). THIS AGREEMENT SUPPLEMENTS AND IS MADE A PART OF THE CONTRACT TO WHICH IT IS AN ATTACHMENT.

Covered Entity and Business Associate enter into this Agreement to comply with standards promulgated under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 ("HIPAA") including the Standards for the Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information at 45 CFR Parts 160 and 164 ("Privacy Rule") and the Security Standards at 45 CFR Parts 160 and 164 ("Security Rule"), as amended by subtitle D of the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act.

The parties agree as follows:

1. **Definitions.** All capitalized terms in this Agreement have the meanings identified in this Agreement, 45 CFR Part 160, or 45 CFR Part 164.

The term "Services" includes all work performed by the Business Associate for or on behalf of Covered Entity that requires the use and/or disclosure of protected health information to perform a business associate function described in 45 CFR 160.103 under the definition of Business Associate.

The term "Individual" includes a person who qualifies as a personal representative in accordance with 45 CFR 164.502(g).

The term "Breach" means the acquisition, access, use or disclosure of protected health information (PHI) in a manner not permitted under the HIPAA Privacy Rule, 45 CFR part 164, subpart E, which compromises the security or privacy of the PHI. "Compromises the security or privacy of the PHI" means poses a significant risk of financial, reputational or other harm to the individual.

2. **Permitted and Required Uses/Disclosures of PHI.**

2.1 Except as limited in this Agreement, Business Associate may use or disclose PHI to perform Services, as specified in the underlying contract with Covered Entity. Business Associate shall not use or disclose PHI in any manner that would constitute a violation of the Privacy Rule if used or disclosed by Covered Entity in that manner. Business Associate may not use or disclose PHI other than as permitted or required by this Agreement or as Required by Law.

2.2 Business Associate may make PHI available to its employees who need access to perform Services provided that Business Associate makes such employees aware of the use and disclosure restrictions in this Agreement and binds them to comply with such restrictions. Business Associate may only disclose PHI for the purposes authorized by this Agreement: (a) to its agents (including subcontractors) in accordance with Sections 8 and 16 or (b) as otherwise permitted by Section 3.

3. **Business Activities.** Business Associate may use PHI received in its capacity as a “Business Associate” to Covered Entity if necessary for Business Associate’s proper management and administration or to carry out its legal responsibilities. Business Associate may disclose PHI received in its capacity as “Business Associate” to Covered Entity for Business Associate’s proper management and administration or to carry out its legal responsibilities if a disclosure is Required by Law or if (a) Business Associate obtains reasonable written assurances via a written agreement from the person to whom the information is to be disclosed that the PHI shall remain confidential and be used or further disclosed only as Required by Law or for the purpose for which it was disclosed to the person and (b) the person notifies Business Associate, within three business days (who in turn will notify Covered Entity within three business days after receiving notice of a Breach as specified in Section 5.1), in writing of any Breach of Unsecured PHI of which it is aware. Uses and disclosures of PHI for the purposes identified in this Section must be of the minimum amount of PHI necessary to accomplish such purposes.
4. **Safeguards.** Business Associate shall implement and use appropriate safeguards to prevent the use or disclosure of PHI other than as provided for by this Agreement. With respect to any PHI that is maintained in or transmitted by electronic media, Business Associate shall comply with 45 CFR sections 164.308 (administrative safeguards), 164.310 (physical safeguards), 164.312 (technical safeguards) and 164.316 (policies and procedures and documentation requirements). Business Associate shall identify in writing upon request from Covered Entity all of the safeguards that it uses to prevent impermissible uses or disclosures of PHI.
5. **Documenting and Reporting Breaches.**
- 5.1 Business Associate shall report to Covered Entity any Breach of Unsecured PHI as soon as it (or any of its employees or agents) become aware of any such Breach, and in no case later than three (3) business days after it (or any of its employees or agents) becomes aware of the Breach, except when a law enforcement official determines that a notification would impede a criminal investigation or cause damage to national security.
- 5.2 Business Associate shall provide Covered Entity with the names of the individuals whose Unsecured PHI has been, or is reasonably believed to have been, the subject of the Breach and any other available information that is required to be given to the affected individuals, as set forth in 45 CFR §164.404(c), and, if requested by Covered Entity, information necessary for Covered Entity to investigate the impermissible use or disclosure. Business Associate shall continue to provide to Covered Entity information concerning the Breach as it becomes available to it.
- 5.3 When Business Associate determines that an impermissible acquisition, use or disclosure of PHI by a member of its workforce does not pose a significant risk of harm to the affected individuals, it shall document its assessment of risk. Such assessment shall include: 1) the name of the person(s) making the assessment, 2) a brief summary of the facts, and 3) a brief statement of the reasons supporting the determination of low risk of harm. When requested by Covered Entity, Business Associate shall make its risk assessments available to Covered Entity.

6. **Mitigation and Corrective Action.** Business Associate shall mitigate, to the extent practicable, any harmful effect that is known to it of an impermissible use or disclosure of PHI, even if the impermissible use or disclosure does not constitute a Breach. Business Associate shall draft and carry out a plan of corrective action to address any incident of impermissible use or disclosure of PHI. If requested by Covered Entity, Business Associate shall make its mitigation and corrective action plans available to Covered Entity.
  
7. **Providing Notice of Breaches.**
  - 7.1 If Covered Entity determines that an impermissible acquisition, access, use or disclosure of PHI for which one of Business Associate's employees or agents was responsible constitutes a Breach as defined in 45 CFR §164.402, and if requested by Covered Entity, Business Associate shall provide notice to the individuals whose PHI was the subject of the Breach. When requested to provide notice, Business Associate shall consult with Covered Entity about the timeliness, content and method of notice, and shall receive Covered Entity's approval concerning these elements. The cost of notice and related remedies shall be borne by Business Associate.
  - 7.2 The notice to affected individuals shall be provided as soon as reasonably possible and in no case later than 60 calendar days after Business Associate reported the Breach to Covered Entity.
  - 7.3 The notice to affected individuals shall be written in plain language and shall include, to the extent possible, 1) a brief description of what happened, 2) a description of the types of Unsecured PHI that were involved in the Breach, 3) any steps individuals can take to protect themselves from potential harm resulting from the Breach, 4) a brief description of what the Business associate is doing to investigate the Breach, to mitigate harm to individuals and to protect against further Breaches, and 5) contact procedures for individuals to ask questions or obtain additional information, as set forth in 45 CFR §164.404(c).
  - 7.4 Business Associate shall notify individuals of Breaches as specified in 45 CFR §164.404(d) (methods of individual notice). In addition, when a Breach involves more than 500 residents of Vermont, Business associate shall, if requested by Covered Entity, notify prominent media outlets serving Vermont, following the requirements set forth in 45 CFR §164.406.
  
8. **Agreements by Third Parties.** Business Associate shall ensure that any agent (including a subcontractor) to whom it provides PHI received from Covered Entity or created or received by Business Associate on behalf of Covered Entity agrees in a written agreement to the same restrictions and conditions that apply through this Agreement to Business Associate with respect to such PHI. For example, the written contract must include those restrictions and conditions set forth in Section 14. Business Associate must enter into the written agreement before any use or disclosure of PHI by such agent. The written agreement must identify Covered Entity as a direct and intended third party beneficiary with the right to enforce any breach of the agreement concerning the use or disclosure of PHI. Business Associate shall provide a copy of the written agreement to Covered Entity upon request. Business Associate may not make any disclosure of PHI to any agent without the prior written consent of Covered Entity.

9. **Access to PHI.** Business Associate shall provide access to PHI in a Designated Record Set to Covered Entity or as directed by Covered Entity to an Individual to meet the requirements under 45 CFR 164.524. Business Associate shall provide such access in the time and manner reasonably designated by Covered Entity. Within three (3) business days, Business Associate shall forward to Covered Entity for handling any request for access to PHI that Business Associate directly receives from an Individual.
10. **Amendment of PHI.** Business Associate shall make any amendments to PHI in a Designated Record Set that Covered Entity directs or agrees to pursuant to 45 CFR 164.526, whether at the request of Covered Entity or an Individual. Business Associate shall make such amendments in the time and manner reasonably designated by Covered Entity. Within three (3) business days, Business Associate shall forward to Covered Entity for handling any request for amendment to PHI that Business Associate directly receives from an Individual.
11. **Accounting of Disclosures.** Business Associate shall document disclosures of PHI and all 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 PHI in accordance with 45 CFR 164.528. Business Associate shall provide such information to Covered Entity or as directed by Covered Entity to an Individual, to permit Covered Entity to respond to an accounting request. Business Associate shall provide such information in the time and manner reasonably designated by Covered Entity. Within three (3) business days, Business Associate shall forward to Covered Entity for handling any accounting request that Business Associate directly receives from an Individual.
12. **Books and Records.** Subject to the attorney-client and other applicable legal privileges, Business Associate shall make its internal practices, books, and records (including policies and procedures and PHI) relating to the use and disclosure of PHI received from Covered Entity or created or received by Business Associate on behalf of Covered Entity available to the Secretary in the time and manner designated by the Secretary. Business Associate shall make the same information available to Covered Entity (without regard to the attorney-client or other applicable legal privileges) upon Covered Entity's request in the time and manner reasonably designated by Covered Entity so that Covered Entity may determine whether Business Associate is in compliance with this Agreement.
13. **Termination.**
  - 13.1 This Agreement commences on the Effective Date and shall remain in effect until terminated by Covered Entity or until all of the PHI provided by Covered Entity to Business Associate or created or received by Business Associate on behalf of Covered Entity is destroyed or returned to Covered Entity subject to Section 17.7.
  - 13.2 If Business Associate breaches any material term of this Agreement, Covered Entity may either: (a) provide an opportunity for Business Associate to cure the breach and Covered Entity may terminate this Contract without liability or penalty if Business Associate does not cure the breach within the time specified by Covered Entity; or (b) immediately terminate this Contract without liability or penalty if Covered Entity believes that cure is not reasonably possible; or (c) if neither termination nor cure are feasible, Covered Entity shall report the breach to the Secretary. Covered Entity has the right to seek to cure any breach by Business Associate and

this right, regardless of whether Covered Entity cures such breach, does not lessen any right or remedy available to Covered Entity at law, in equity, or under this Contract, nor does it lessen Business Associate's responsibility for such breach or its duty to cure such breach.

**14. Return/Destruction of PHI.**

14.1 Business Associate in connection with the expiration or termination of this Contract shall return or destroy all PHI received from Covered Entity or created or received by Business Associate on behalf of Covered Entity pursuant to this Contract that Business Associate still maintains in any form or medium (including electronic) within thirty (30) days after such expiration or termination. Business Associate shall not retain any copies of the PHI. Business Associate shall certify in writing for Covered Entity (1) when all PHI has been returned or destroyed and (2) that Business Associate does not continue to maintain any PHI. Business Associate is to provide this certification during this thirty (30) day period.

14.2 Business Associate shall provide to Covered Entity notification of any conditions that Business Associate believes make the return or destruction of PHI infeasible. If Covered Entity agrees that return or destruction is infeasible, Business Associate shall extend the protections of this Agreement to such PHI and limit further uses and disclosures of such PHI to those purposes that make the return or destruction infeasible for so long as Business Associate maintains such PHI.

**15. Penalties and Training.** Business Associate understands that: (a) there may be civil or criminal penalties for misuse or misappropriation of PHI and (b) violations of this Agreement may result in notification by Covered Entity to law enforcement officials and regulatory, accreditation, and licensure organizations. If requested by Covered Entity, Business Associate shall participate in training regarding the use, confidentiality, and security of PHI.

**16. Security Rule Obligations.** The following provisions of this Section apply to the extent that Business Associate creates, receives, maintains or transmits Electronic PHI on behalf of Covered Entity.

16.1 Business Associate shall implement and use administrative, physical, and technical safeguards in compliance with 45 CFR sections 164.308, 164.310, and 164.312 with respect to the Electronic PHI that it creates, receives, maintains or transmits on behalf of Covered Entity. Business Associate shall identify in writing upon request from Covered Entity all of the safeguards that it uses to protect such Electronic PHI.

16.2 Business Associate shall ensure that any agent (including a subcontractor) to whom it provides Electronic PHI agrees in a written agreement to implement and use administrative, physical, and technical safeguards that reasonably and appropriately protect the Confidentiality, Integrity and Availability of the Electronic PHI. Business Associate must enter into this written agreement before any use or disclosure of Electronic PHI by such agent. The written agreement must identify Covered Entity as a direct and intended third party beneficiary with the right to enforce any breach of the agreement concerning the use or disclosure of Electronic PHI. Business Associate shall provide a copy of the written agreement to Covered Entity upon request. Business Associate may not make any disclosure of Electronic PHI to any agent without the prior written consent of Covered Entity.

16.3 Business Associate shall report in writing to Covered Entity any Security Incident pertaining to such Electronic PHI (whether involving Business Associate or an agent, including a subcontractor). Business Associate shall provide this written report as soon as it becomes aware of any such Security Incident, and in no case later than three (3) business days after it becomes aware of the incident. Business Associate shall provide Covered Entity with the information necessary for Covered Entity to investigate any such Security Incident.

16.4 Business Associate shall comply with any reasonable policies and procedures Covered Entity implements to obtain compliance under the Security Rule.

**17. Miscellaneous.**

17.1 In the event of any conflict or inconsistency between the terms of this Agreement and the terms of the Contract, the terms of this Agreement shall govern with respect to its subject matter. Otherwise the terms of the Contract continue in effect.

17.2 Business Associate shall cooperate with Covered Entity to amend this Agreement from time to time as is necessary for Covered Entity to comply with the Privacy Rule, the Security Rule, or any other standards promulgated under HIPAA.

17.3 Any ambiguity in this Agreement shall be resolved to permit Covered Entity to comply with the Privacy Rule, Security Rule, or any other standards promulgated under HIPAA.

17.4 In addition to applicable Vermont law, the parties shall rely on applicable federal law (e.g., HIPAA, the Privacy Rule and Security Rule) in construing the meaning and effect of this Agreement.

17.5 As between Business Associate and Covered Entity, Covered Entity owns all PHI provided by Covered Entity to Business Associate or created or received by Business Associate on behalf of Covered Entity.

17.6 Business Associate shall abide by the terms and conditions of this Agreement with respect to all PHI it receives from Covered Entity or creates or receives on behalf of Covered Entity under this Contract even if some of that information relates to specific services for which Business Associate may not be a "Business Associate" of Covered Entity under the Privacy Rule.

17.7 The provisions of this Agreement that by their terms encompass continuing rights or responsibilities shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement. For example: (a) the provisions of this Agreement shall continue to apply if Covered Entity determines that it would be infeasible for Business Associate to return or destroy PHI as provided in Section 14.2 and (b) the obligation of Business Associate to provide an accounting of disclosures as set forth in Section 11 survives the expiration or termination of this Agreement with respect to accounting requests, if any, made after such expiration or termination.

**ATTACHMENT F**  
**AGENCY OF HUMAN SERVICES CUSTOMARY PROVISIONS**

1. **Agency of Human Services – Field Services Directors** will share oversight with the department (or field office) that is a party to the grant for provider performance using outcomes, processes, terms and conditions agreed to under this grant.
2. **2-1-1 Data Base**: The Grantee providing a health or human services within Vermont, or near the border that is readily accessible to residents of Vermont, will provide relevant descriptive information regarding its agency, programs and/or contact and will adhere to the "Inclusion/Exclusion" policy of Vermont's 2-1-1. If included, the Grantee will provide accurate and up to date information to their data base as needed. The "Inclusion/Exclusion" policy can be found at [www.vermont211.org](http://www.vermont211.org)

3. **Medicaid Program Grantees**:

**Inspection of Records**: Any grants accessing payments for services through the Global Commitment to Health Waiver and Vermont Medicaid program must fulfill state and federal legal requirements to enable the Agency of Human Services (AHS), the United States Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and the Government Accounting Office (GAO) to:

Evaluate through inspection or other means the quality, appropriateness, and timeliness of services performed; and

Inspect and audit any financial records of such Grantee or subgrantee.

**Subcontracting for Medicaid Services**: Having a subcontract does not terminate the Grantee, receiving funds under Vermont's Medicaid program, from its responsibility to ensure that all activities under this agreement are carried out. Subcontracts must specify the activities and reporting responsibilities of the Grantee or subgrantee and provide for revoking delegation or imposing other sanctions if the Grantee or subgrantee's performance is inadequate. The Grantee agrees to make available upon request to the Agency of Human Services; the Office of Vermont Health Access; the Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living; and the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) all grants and subgrants between the Grantee and service providers.

**Medicaid Notification of Termination Requirements**: Any Grantee accessing payments for services under the Global Commitment to Health Waiver and Medicaid programs who terminates their practice will follow the Office of Vermont Health Access, Managed Care Organization enrollee notification requirements.

**Encounter Data**: Any Grantee accessing payments for services through the Global Commitment to Health Waiver and Vermont Medicaid programs must provide encounter data to the Agency of Human Services and/or its departments and ensure that it can be linked to enrollee eligibility files maintained by the State.

4. **Non-discrimination Based on National Origin as evidenced by Limited English Proficiency**. The Grantee agrees to comply with the non-discrimination requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 USC Section 2000d, et seq., and with the federal guidelines promulgated

pursuant to Executive Order 13166 of 2000, which require that Grantees and subgrantees receiving federal funds must assure that persons with limited English proficiency can meaningfully access services. To the extent the Grantee provides assistance to individuals with limited English proficiency through the use of oral or written translation or interpretive services in compliance with this requirement, such individuals cannot be required to pay for such services.

5. **Voter Registration.** When designated by the Secretary of State, the Grantee agrees to become a voter registration agency as defined by 17 V.S.A. §2103 (41), and to comply with the requirements of state and federal law pertaining to such agencies.
6. **Drug Free Workplace Act.** The Grantee will assure a drug-free workplace in accordance with 45 CFR Part 76.
7. **Privacy and Security Standards.**

**Protected Health Information:** The Grantee shall maintain the privacy and security of all individually identifiable health information acquired by or provided to it as a part of the performance of this grant. The Grantee shall follow federal and state law relating to privacy and security of individually identifiable health information as applicable, including the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) and its federal regulations.

**Substance Abuse Treatment Information:** The confidentiality of any alcohol and drug abuse treatment information acquired by or provided to the Grantee or subgrantee shall be maintained in compliance with any applicable state or federal laws or regulations and specifically set out in 42 CFR Part 2.

**Other Confidential Consumer Information:** The Grantee agrees to comply with the requirements of AHS Rule No. 08-048 concerning access to information. The Grantee agrees to comply with any applicable Vermont State Statute, including but not limited to 12 VSA §1612 and any applicable Board of Health confidentiality regulations. The Grantee shall ensure that all of its employees and subgrantees performing services under this agreement understand the sensitive nature of the information that they may have access to and sign an affirmation of understanding regarding the information's confidential and non-public nature.

**Social Security numbers:** The Grantee agrees to comply with all applicable Vermont State Statutes to assure protection and security of personal information, including protection from identity theft as outlined in Title 9, Vermont Statutes Annotated, Ch. 62.

8. **Abuse Registry.** The Grantee agrees not to employ any individual, use any volunteer, or otherwise provide reimbursement to any individual in the performance of services connected with this agreement, who provides care, custody, treatment, transportation, or supervision to children or vulnerable adults if there is a substantiation of abuse or neglect or exploitation against that individual. The Grantee will check the Adult Abuse Registry in the Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living. Unless the Grantee holds a valid child care license or registration from the Division of Child Development, Department for Children and Families, the Grantee shall also check the Central Child Abuse Registry. (See 33 V.S.A. §4919(a)(3) & 33 V.S.A. §6911 (c)(3)).

9. **Reporting of Abuse, Neglect, or Exploitation.** Consistent with provisions of 33 V.S.A. §4913(a) and §6903, any agent or employee of a Grantee who, in the performance of services connected with this agreement, has contact with clients or is a caregiver and who has reasonable cause to believe that a child or vulnerable adult has been abused or neglected as defined in Chapter 49 or abused, neglected, or exploited as defined in Chapter 69 of Title 33 V.S.A. shall make a report involving children to the Commissioner of the Department for Children and Families within 24 hours or a report involving vulnerable adults to the Division of Licensing and Protection at the Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living within 48 hours. This requirement applies except in those instances where particular roles and functions are exempt from reporting under state and federal law. Reports involving children shall contain the information required by 33 V.S.A. §4914. Reports involving vulnerable adults shall contain the information required by 33 V.S.A. §6904. The Grantee will ensure that its agents or employees receive training on the reporting of abuse or neglect to children and abuse, neglect or exploitation of vulnerable adults.

10. **Intellectual Property/Work Product Ownership.** All data, technical information, materials first gathered, originated, developed, prepared, or obtained as a condition of this agreement and used in the performance of this agreement - including, but not limited to all reports, surveys, plans, charts, literature, brochures, mailings, recordings (video or audio), pictures, drawings, analyses, graphic representations, software computer programs and accompanying documentation and printouts, notes and memoranda, written procedures and documents, which are prepared for or obtained specifically for this agreement - or are a result of the services required under this grant - shall be considered "work for hire" and remain the property of the State of Vermont, regardless of the state of completion - unless otherwise specified in this agreement. Such items shall be delivered to the State of Vermont upon 30 days notice by the State. With respect to software computer programs and / or source codes first developed for the State, all the work shall be considered "work for hire," i.e., the State, not the Grantee or subgrantee, shall have full and complete ownership of all software computer programs, documentation and/or source codes developed.

The Grantee shall not sell or copyright a work product or item produced under this agreement without explicit permission from the State.

If the Grantee is operating a system or application on behalf of the State of Vermont, then the Grantee shall not make information entered into the system or application available for uses by any other party than the State of Vermont, without prior authorization by the State. Nothing herein shall entitle the State to pre-existing Grantee's materials.

11. **Security and Data Transfers.** The State shall work with the Grantee to ensure compliance with all applicable State and Agency of Human Services' policies and standards, especially those related to privacy and security. The State will advise the Grantee of any new policies, procedures, or protocols developed during the term of this agreement as they are issued and will work with the Grantee to implement any required.

The Grantee will ensure the physical and data security associated with computer equipment - including desktops, notebooks, and other portable devices - used in connection with this agreement. The Grantee will also assure that any media or mechanism used to store or transfer data to or from the State includes industry standard security mechanisms such as continually up-to-date malware

protection and encryption. The Grantee will make every reasonable effort to ensure media or data files transferred to the State are virus and spyware free. At the conclusion of this agreement and after successful delivery of the data to the State, the Grantee shall securely delete data (including archival backups) from the Grantee's equipment that contains individually identifiable records, in accordance with standards adopted by the Agency of Human Services.

12. **Computing and Communication:** The Grantee shall select, in consultation with the Agency of Human Services' Information Technology unit, one of the approved methods for secure access to the State's systems and data, if required. Approved methods are based on the type of work performed by the Grantee as part of this agreement. Options include, but are not limited to:

1. Grantee's provision of certified computing equipment, peripherals and mobile devices, on a separate Grantee's network with separate internet access. The Agency of Human Services' accounts may or may not be provided.
2. State supplied and managed equipment and accounts to access state applications and data, including State issued active directory accounts and application specific accounts, which follow the National Institutes of Standards and Technology (NIST) security and the Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act (HIPAA) standards.

The State will not supply e-mail accounts to the Grantee.

13. **Lobbying.** No federal funds under this agreement may be used to influence or attempt to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any federal contract, continuation, renewal, amendments other than federal appropriated funds.

14. **Non-discrimination.** The Grantee will prohibit discrimination on the basis of age under the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, on the basis of handicap under section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, on the basis of sex under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, or on the basis of race, color or national origin under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. No person shall on the grounds of sex (including, in the case of a woman, on the grounds that the woman is pregnant) or on the grounds of religion, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination, to include sexual harassment, under any program or activity supported by state and/or federal funds.

15. **Environmental Tobacco Smoke.** Public Law 103-227, also known as the Pro-children Act of 1994 (Act), requires that smoking not be permitted in any portion of any indoor facility owned or leased or contracted for by an entity and used routinely or regularly for the provision of health, child care, early childhood development services, education or library services to children under the age of 18, if the services are funded by federal programs either directly or through state or local governments, by federal grant, contract, loan or loan guarantee. The law also applies to children's services that are provided in indoor facilities that are constructed, operated, or maintained with such Federal funds.

The law does not apply to children's services provided in private residences; portions of facilities used for inpatient drug or alcohol treatment; service providers whose sole source of applicable federal funds is Medicare or Medicaid; or facilities where Women, Infants, & Children (WIC) coupons are redeemed.

Failure to comply with the provisions of the law may result in the imposition of a civil monetary penalty of up to \$1,000 for each violation and/or the imposition of an administrative compliance order on the responsible entity. Grantees are prohibited from promoting the use of tobacco products for all clients. Facilities supported by state and federal funds are prohibited from making tobacco products available to minors.

*Attachment F- Revised AHS 12/08/09*

Dear Sir,

I have the pleasure to inform you that your application for the position of [Job Title] has been reviewed and we are pleased to offer you the position. The salary for this position is [Salary] per annum, plus benefits. The position is full-time and permanent. The start date is [Start Date].

Please contact [Name] at [Phone Number] or [Email Address] to discuss the offer further. We look forward to your response.

Yours faithfully,  
[Name]  
[Title]

[Company Name]  
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