DVHA Routing Form

Revision Date 5/1/12

Type of Agreement: **Grant** Agreement #: **03410-115-14** Form of Agreement: **Renewal** Amendment #:

Name of Recipient: **Vermont Legal Aid** Vendor #: **42707**

Program Manager : **Debbie Austin** Phone #: **802-879-5957**

Agreement Manager: **Emily Trantum** Phone #: **802-879-5946**

Brief Explanation of Agreement: **Increase Medicare recoveries to offset Medicaid program costs**

Start Date: **July 1, 2013** End Date: **June 30, 2014** Maximum Amount: **$547,983.00**

Amendments Only: Maximum Prior Amount: Percentage of Change:

Bid Process (Contracts Only): ☐ Standard ☐ Simplified ☐ Sole Source ☐ Statutory ☐ Master Contract SOW

Funding Source

Global Commitment 93.778	**$547,983.00**		

Contents of Attached Packet

☐ AA-14
☒ Attachments A, B, C & F
☐ Attachment G - Academic Research
☐ Sole Source Memo
☐ Attachment D - Modifications to C & F
☐ MOU
☐ Qualitative/Justification Memo
☒ Attachment E - Business Associate Agreement
☐ Other:

Reviewer		Reviewer Initials	Date In	Date Out
DVHA Grant & Contract Administrator	**Kate Jones**	KEJ	6/20	6/21
DVHA BO	~~**Jill Gould**~~ Carrie Hathaway	CH	6-21-13	6-21-13
DVHA Commissioner or Designee	**Mark Larson, Commissioner**	ML	6.24	6.24
AHS Attorney General	**Seth Steinzor, AAG**	SJ		7/1/13
Following Approvals for Contracts Only:				
AHS CIO				
AHS Central Office				
AHS Secretary				

Vision Account Codes: 3410015000/00001/20405/550500/41625 FY14 $547,983- KEJ

☐ FFATA Entry ☐ Grant Tracking Module Vision PO #: Initials & Date: Approval & B/C:

1. **Parties:** This is a Grant Agreement for services between the State of Vermont, Department of Vermont Health Access (hereafter called "State"), and Vermont Legal Aid, Inc. through its Medicare Advocacy Project with a principal place of business at 56 Main Street, Suite 301, Springfield, Vermont 05156-294 (hereafter called "Subrecipient"). It is the Grantee's responsibility to contact the Vermont Department of Taxes to determine if, by law, the Grantee is required to have a Vermont Department of Taxes Business Account Number.

2. **Subject Matter:** The subject matter of this Grant Agreement is to increase Medicare recoveries to offset Medicaid Program Costs. Detailed services to be provided by the Subrecipient are described in Attachment A.

3. **Maximum Amount:** In consideration of services to be performed by the Subrecipient, the State agrees to pay the Subrecipient, per payment provisions specified in Attachment B, a sum not to exceed $547,983.00

4. **Grant Term:** The effective date of this Grant Agreement shall be July 1, 2013 and end on June 30, 2014.

5. **Source of Funds:** Global Commitment to Health 100%

6. **Federal Funds Information:**

   CFDA Title: Medical Assistance Program, Medicaid Title XIX
   CFDA Number: 93.778
   Award Name: Department of Vermont Health Access- Medicaid - Admin & Program
   Award Number: 1105VT5MAP
   Award Year: FFY12
   Federal Granting Agency: Department of Health and Human Services
   Research and Development Grant? Yes ☐ No ☒

7. **Amendment:** No changes, modifications, or amendments in the terms and conditions of this procurement grant 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 the other party written notice at least 60 days in advance. Notwithstanding this provision, if a governmental agency with due authority determines that a program or facility operated by the Subrecipient, wherein services authorized under this grant are provided, is not in compliance with State and Federal law or is operating with deficiencies the State may terminate this grant immediately and notify the Subrecipient accordingly. Also, in the event that federal funds supporting this grant become unavailable or are reduced, the State may cancel this grant with no obligation to pay the Subrecipient from State revenues.

9. **Contact Persons for this Award:**

	For the State	For the Subrecipient
Name:	Debbie Austin	Eric Avildsen
Phone #:	802-879-5951	802-863-5620
E-mail:	debbie.austin@state.vt.us	eavildsen@vtlegalaid.org

10. **Fiscal Year:** Subrecipient's fiscal year starts on October 1 and ends on September 30.

11. **Attachments:** This Grant consists of 21 pages including the following attachments which are incorporated herein:

Attachment A – Scope of Work to be Performed
Attachment B – Payment Provisions
Attachment C – Customary State Contract and Grant Provisions
Attachment D – Modifications of Insurance
Attachment E – Business Associate Agreement (not applicable to this grant)
Attachment F – AHS Customary Grant Provisions
Attachment G – Financial Report & Request for Grant Funds

Order of precedence of these documents shall be as follows:

1. This Document
2. Attachment C – Customary State Contract and Grant Provisions
3. Attachment A – Specifications of Work to be Performed
4. Attachment B – Payment Provisions
5. Attachment E – Business Associate Agreement
6. Attachment F – AHS Customary Grant Provisions

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

BY THE STATE OF VERMONT:

E-SIGNed by Mark Larson
on 2013-Jul-01

MARK LARSON, COMMISSIONER DATE
DEPARTMENT OF VERMONT HEALTH ACCESS

BY THE SUBRECIPIENT:

E-SIGNed by Eric Avildsen
on 2013-Jul-01

ERIC A. AVILDSEN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DATE
VERMONT LEGAL AID, INC.

ATTACHMENT A
SCOPE OF WORK TO BE PERFORMED

The purpose of the Medicare Advocacy Project Grant is to increase recoveries from Medicare to offset costs to the Medicaid Program. The Subrecipient, through its Medicare Advocacy Project, will provide legal and administrative services to secure Medicare reimbursement for dually eligible beneficiaries and provide reimbursement to the State for payment for medical services the Department has made on behalf of beneficiaries where Medicare payment was incorrectly denied.

1. The Subrecipient will provide appropriate legal and administrative services to secure Medicare reimbursement to the State for payments the State has made on behalf of jointly eligible beneficiaries where Medicare payment was incorrectly denied. Such services will be provided by a project operated by the Subrecipient known as the Medicare Advocacy Project (MAP). MAP will also provide technical advice as may be necessary and reasonable to the State on substantive legal changes to the Medicare coverage rules and beneficiary appeal rights under federal law, including, but not limited to, Medicare Part D drug coverage, when such changes impact the work of MAP.

2. The Subrecipient will identify potential recoveries, initiate claims, request reviews, appeals, and legal actions of any type with or against the Secretary of Health and Human Services and her agents in the administration of the Medicare program. The Subrecipient shall determine which such actions are appropriate and necessary to obtain payment for health care services or supplies under 42 U.S.C. §§ 1395d and 1395k and to prevent improper denials of Medicare coverage of services to individuals who are beneficiaries of both Medicare and Vermont Medicaid.

3. The Subrecipient will review State-provided records of Medicaid payments to service or supply providers for services or supplies delivered to Medicaid beneficiaries who may also be eligible for Medicare in order to identify cases for pursuit of recovery from Medicare. From time to time, the State may request that the Subrecipient review specific claims on behalf of dual eligibles of Medicare Part D denials for prescription drug benefits where Medicaid has paid for a dual eligible's prescription drugs due to the beneficiary's demonstration to the State of good cause or hardship. Based on such information and/or requests, the Subrecipient will initiate appropriate claims, requests for review, appeals and legal actions which, in the exercise of its professional judgment, it deems to have merit and be of sufficient value to warrant expenditure of advocate time in pursuit of recovery. The Subrecipient will undertake legal action by obtaining authorization directly from the dual eligible beneficiary for the Medicare appeal, or in limited circumstances, MAP may exercise its discretion in bringing appeals under the State's right of subrogation.

4. The administrative services provided by the Subrecipient will consist of working with health care providers and the State to ensure that full Medicare payment of awards of Medicare coverage obtained through the Subrecipient's efforts are made to the individual providers as quickly as possible. The Subrecipient will also ensure that providers make full reimbursement to the State within six months of receipt of Medicare payment in instances where the State has paid for such coverage.

a. For all such Medicare payments made to providers during the term of this grant, if full reimbursement is not made within six months of receipt by providers of Medicare payment, the Subrecipient will provide notification to appropriate agents of the State to allow provider amounts owed to the State to be recouped from providers or adjusted against future provider payments.

b. For any such Medicare payments made prior to the term of this grant, the Subrecipient shall take all appropriate steps to assure that all reimbursements owed the State are either paid in full or that

information regarding such amounts is provided to agents of the State to allow provider amounts owed to the State to be recouped from providers or adjusted against future provider payments.

5. The Subrecipient will employ sufficient full or part-time staff to carry out its obligations under this grant. At the beginning of the Grant Year, the Subrecipient will provide the State with a list of names, addresses, and telephone numbers of MAP staff and all other persons employed by the Subrecipient to fulfill the work requirements of this grant. The Subrecipient will also notify the State in writing of any changes in personnel as such changes occur.

6. The Subrecipient will prepare an annual personnel and operating budget which will form the basis for the amount to be paid the Subrecipient by the State for review, comments, and suggestions as to reasonableness.

7. The Subrecipient will prepare and submit to the State, semi-annual project performance reports which will include, but not be limited to: a) statistical information on the number of cases opened and closed, and b) the amounts of Medicare recoveries awarded and paid.

8. The Subrecipient will perform all activities required by this grant according to the principles of caseload control and the Code of Professional Responsibility. The grant neither obligates the Subrecipient to handle more cases than the limitations of the paragraph would reasonably allow nor to expend funds beyond those paid to it by the State in pursuit of cases referred to it by the State.

9. The Subrecipient will use all of the funds paid to it by the State under this grant to provide legal services to individuals who are beneficiaries of both Medicare and Medicaid.

10. Failure, on the part of the Subrecipient, to perform its obligations under this grant may result in the suspension or termination in whole or in part of payments made by the State. The State will provide the Subrecipient at least 60 days notice in writing of its intention to suspend or withhold any portion or any payment provided for by this grant.

11. The Subrecipient's performance of its obligation under this grant will be evaluated by the State based on: (a) the number of the Medicare claims appealed or otherwise reviewed by the Medicare fiscal intermediaries and carriers, the Office of Medicare Hearings and Appeals, and any federal court, and (b) the number and dollar value of the reimbursements to the State obtained through the Subrecipient's efforts.

12. In the event this agreement is suspended, terminated or not renewed, the Subrecipient will not be required to continue representation without compensation to fulfill its professional obligations to any individual or tribunal or under the Code of Professional Responsibility. The State will arrange for transfer of performance of this grant to itself or a subsequent Subrecipient as to disrupt as little as possible the continuity of representation in these cases. This provision is not intended to create an automatic right of renewal.

PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

1. While recognizing that increasing the overall number of cases filed and expanding into additional types of cases for possible Medicare recovery are also important goals, the Subrecipient will strive to achieve at least a 50% rate of award from its administrative law judge appeals.

2. The Subrecipient will ensure that providers make full reimbursement to the State within six months of the providers' receipt of Medicare payment in instances where the State has paid for such coverage.

3. The Subrecipient will submit semi-annual performance reports to the State, which will include but not

necessarily be limited to:

(a) Statistical information on the number of recipient cases opened and closed;
(b) Amounts of Medicare recoveries awarded and paid.

QUALITY ASSURANCE

1. The term of this grant follows the State's fiscal year, July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013. In order to allow timely review of this grant in advance of the next fiscal year, the Subrecipient's performance will be evaluated based on the Subrecipient's recoveries in the previous calendar year. Specifically, renewal of this grant for the fiscal year starting July 2013 would be based on the overall performance during the 2012 calendar year.

2. For any calendar year in which the dollar value of the reimbursements to the State obtained by the Subrecipient's efforts was less than the amount paid to the Subrecipient under the grant applicable to that current fiscal year, the State may reduce the amount of the grant for the next succeeding fiscal year contract to an amount up to 5% below the amount collected for the previous calendar year.

3. In determining whether to reduce the amount of the grant, the State will also review the overall Medicaid costs of home health services provided to dual eligible individuals over prior years, to determine if the Subrecipient's efforts have resulted in cost-avoidance during that time period.

MEDICARE ADVOCACY PROJECT STAFF
(as of May 1st, 2013)

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As a Subrecipient of federal funds, recipient is required to adhere to the following federal regulations:
A-110: "Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Agreements with Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals and Other Non-Profit Organizations" (OMB Circular A-110);
A-122: "Cost Principles for Non-Profit Organizations" (OMB Circular A-122); and

A-133: "Audits of States, Local Governments and Non-Profit Organizations" (OMB Circular A-133) These circulars may be found on the Office of Management and Budget website at: http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/circulars/index.html.

ATTACHMENT B - PAYMENT PROVISIONS

The maximum dollar amount payable under this agreement is not intended as any form of a guaranteed amount. The Subrecipient will be paid for services specified in Attachment A, for services actually performed, up to the maximum allowable amount specified in this agreement. The payment schedule for delivered products, or rates for services performed, and any additional reimbursements, are included in this attachment. The following provisions specifying payments are:

The State will pay Subrecipient the sum of five hundred and forty-seven thousand, nine hundred eighty-three dollars ($547,983.00) for the twelve month period from July 1, 2013 through June 30th, 2014. This amount will be paid by the State in twelve equal monthly installments of $45,665.25 payable on the first day of each month commencing July 1, 2013. Such monthly installments shall be precipitated by a letter of request for payment from the Subrecipient submitted to:

DVHA Business Office, Contracting Unit
Department of Vermont Health Access
312 Hurricane Lane, Suite 201
Williston, Vermont 05495-2806

Subrecipient's budget for the operation of the Medicare Advocacy Project during the term of this grant is as follows:

Category of Expenditure	**SFY2014 Budget**	
Personnel Costs		
Project Director	$ 33,607.64	
Attorneys	$83,067.53	
Lay Advocates and Para Professional Staff	$ 121,446.97	
Management Professional Staff	$ 41,006.03	
Clerical Support	$ 37,646.98	
Total Salary	$ 316,775.14	
Fringe Benefits	$ 137,161.80	
Total Personnel Costs		**$ 453,936.94**
Operating Costs		
Occupancy	$ 48,776.81	
Office Supplies & Other Office Overhead	$ 6,582.71	
Equipment Rental, Repair & Maintenance	$ 3,077.84	
Computer Services & Support	$ 9,890.74	
Total Operating Costs		**$ 68,328.05**
Grant Specific Expenses		
Travel*	$ 5,021.51	
Training	$ 3,128.95	
Law Library	$ 4,697.55	
Other Specific Costs	$ 2,425.70	
Total Specific Expenses		**$ 15,273.71**
Administrative Overhead		
Administrative Support Expenses	$5,097.18	
Depreciation	$ 5,347.12	
Total Administrative Overhead		**$ 10,444.30**
Total Costs:		**$ 547,983.00**

*Reasonable expenses for State approved travel will be reimbursed on an as-incurred basis at the state

required per diems and limits as outlined in Bulletin 3.4. Travel

Variance of the budget shall not exceed 10% without prior approval from State. Written requests for such approvals must first be submitted by the Grantee prior to the expenditure of funds in excess of the above budgeted line items.

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 ***$ ***NA*** per occurrence, and ***$*** ***NA*** 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, the Subrecipient will complete the Subrecipient Annual Report annually within 45 days after its fiscal year end, informing the State of Vermont whether or not a single audit is required for the prior fiscal year. If a single audit is required, the Subrecipient will submit a copy of the audit report to the granting Party within 9 months. If a single audit is not required, only the Subrecipient Annual Report is required.

   A single audit is required if the subrecipient expends $500,000 or more in federal assistance during its fiscal year and must be conducted in accordance with OMB Circular A-133. The Subrecipient Annual Report is required to be submitted within 45 days, whether or not a single audit is required.

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 21V.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, as amended, 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.

    d. 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.

    Party further certifies under pains and penalties of perjury that, as of the date that this Agreement is signed, Party is not presently debarred, suspended, nor named on the State's debarment list at: http://bgs.vermont.gov/purchasing/debarment

19. **Certification Regarding Use of State Funds:** In the case that Party is an employer and this Agreement is a State Funded Grant in excess of $1,001, Party certifies that none of these State funds will be used to interfere with or restrain the exercise of Party's employee's rights with respect to unionization.

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 Vermont Legal Aid, Inc. ("Business Associate") as of July 1, 2012 ("Effective Date"). This Agreement supplements and is made a part of the grant to which it is attached.

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, 42 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 grant 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 3 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) becomes 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 individual(s), 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 has been 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 agreement 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, 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 the grant without liability or penalty if Business Associate does not cure the breach within the time specified by Covered Entity; or (b) immediately terminate the grant 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 the grant or letter of agreement, 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 the grant or letter of agreement shall return or destroy, at the discretion of the Covered Entity, all PHI received from Covered Entity or created or received by Business Associate on behalf of Covered Entity pursuant to this grant or letter of agreement 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 grant, the terms of this Agreement shall govern with respect to its subject matter. Otherwise, the terms of the grant or letter of agreement 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 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 GRANT 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 United Way/Vermont 211. 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

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 Department 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 Department 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.

   Federal Medicaid System Security Requirements Compliance: All Grantees and subcontractors must provide a security plan, risk assessment, and security controls review document within three months of the start date of this agreement (and update it annually thereafter) to support audit compliance with 45CFR95.621 subpart F, *ADP* (Automated Data Processing) *System Security Requirements and Review Process*.

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 Protection 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.

    The grantee will also not refuse, withhold from or deny to any person the benefit of services, facilities, goods, privileges, advantages, or benefits of public accommodation on the basis of disability, race, creed, color, national origin, marital status, sex, sexual orientation or gender identity under Title 9 V.S.A. Chapter 139.

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.