

## AMENDMENT

It is agreed by and between the State of Vermont, Department of Vermont Health Access (hereafter called the "State") and Wakely Consulting Group, Inc. (hereafter called the "Contractor") that the contract on the subject of assisting with planning, designing, and developing Vermont's Health Benefits Exchange, effective February 10, 2012, is hereby amended effective April 30, 2014 as follows:

1. **By deleting Section 4 (Contract Term) on page 1 of 36 of the Base agreement, as previously changed by Amendment 5, and substituting in lieu thereof the following Section 4:**
  4. **Contract Term.** The period of the Contractor's performance shall begin on February 10, 2012 and end on December 31, 2014.
2. **By deleting from Attachment A, Section 14 (QHP Designs), beginning on page 3 of 36 of the Base agreement, and as previously changed under Amendments 1, 2, 3, and 5 and replacing with the following Section 14:**

### **Section 14: QHP Designs**

The State is required to select and contract with Health Insurance Issuers to offer QHPs on Vermont's Health Insurance Exchange in preparation for the 2016 Plan Year. The standard plan designs developed by the State must meet federal guidelines and need to be approved by the Green Mountain Care Board before a Request for Proposal (RFP) can be released to potential carriers in late 2015. The State expects that some revisions of current plan designs will need to take place for the 2016 plan year based upon federal guidance. The State may also revise the criteria associated with non-standard plans to drive innovation, improvements to care quality and access, or participation in payment reform.

Contractor will:

1. Update standard Healthcare Plan Designs and Actuarial Valuations (AV) levels based on federal and State guidance.
2. Work with key State Representatives to update non-standard plan design parameters for the 2016 plan year.
3. Prepare technical guidance for insurance carriers to ensure that the 2016 non-standard plans submitted meet federally prescribed AV levels in a methodologically consistent manner.

### **Deliverables**

The Contractor will produce the following deliverables:

- I. Updated standard Healthcare Plan designs and AV levels:

Contractor will work with key State representatives to revise standard plan designs based on any federal or State adjustments to AV or subsidy levels for the 2016 plan year. The Contractor will submit to the State, for the State's review and approval, a standard plan design for each metal level and cost-sharing reduction level. These designs will continue to be modeled after the State's benchmark plan and will clearly demonstrate cost-sharing levels for each major category of medical expense.

- II. Contractor will assist the State in presentations to key stakeholders regarding proposed plan designs. These stakeholders may include the Vermont Medicaid & Exchange Advisory Board, the VHC Executive Committee, and the Green Mountain Care Board:

The Contractor shall be responsible for providing presentation material. These presentations will be held at State facilities at dates and times to be determined by the authorized representatives of both parties. The Contractor shall provide the State with all presentation materials at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance of any scheduled presentation for the State's review and approval.

- III. Update the RFP detailing non-standard plan design parameters and general evaluation metrics:

Contractor will work with the State to evaluate whether the non-standard plan designs to be submitted by carriers in 2015 meet Vermont's major goals for innovation in wellness, quality mental health and substance abuse treatment, emphasis on preventative care, and participation in health care reform efforts. The Contractor will assist the State in revisiting these goals for the 2016 plan year and will suggest revisions based on best practice guidance for innovation in wellness.

<b>Deliverable</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Updated standard Healthcare Plan designs and AV levels;	10/30/2014
Presentations to State Stakeholders at dates and times as determined by the State and Contractor;	10/30/2014
Updated RFP detailing non-standard plan design parameters and general evaluation metrics;	11/30/2014

This amendment consists of 2 pages. Except as modified by this amendment and any previous amendments, all provisions of this contract, (#214110) dated February 10, 2012 shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

STATE OF VERMONT  
DEPARTMENT OF VERMONT HEALTH ACCESS

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