

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

BY AND BETWEEN

CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE

AND

CITY OF LAUDERHILL

PROVIDING FOR AUTOMATIC AID OF FIRE RESCUE SERVICES

This Agreement is made and entered this _____ day of _____, 2021 by and between the CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, a municipal corporation of the State of Florida (hereinafter called "FORT LAUDERDALE") and the CITY OF LAUDERHILL, a municipal corporation of the State of Florida (hereinafter called "LAUDERHILL"), or collectively referred to as "Party" or "Parties."

In consideration of the mutual promises and covenants contained herein, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are acknowledged, the Parties agree as follows:

ARTICLE 1

BACKGROUND: PURPOSE AND INTENT AND DEFINITIONS

- 1.1 It is the purpose and intent of this Agreement for FORT LAUDERDALE and LAUDERHILL, pursuant to Section 163.01, Florida Statutes, to cooperate and provide for a means by which each governmental entity may exercise its respective powers, privileges, and authorities which they share in common and which each might exercise separately in order to further a common goal.
- 1.2 The respective elected bodies of FORT LAUDERDALE and LAUDERHILL find that mutual cooperation in the delivery of fire rescue services can best be accomplished within a cooperative, interlocal configuration. To further that cause, both Parties willingly enter into this cooperative Agreement, which extends beyond the concept of mutual aid for fire and rescue services.
- 1.3 For the purposes of this Agreement and the various covenants, conditions, terms, and provisions which follow, the definitions set forth below are assumed to be true and correct and are agreed upon by the Parties.
 - 1.3.1 *Automatic Aid Coverage*: means sending the closest emergency response unit without regard to city boundaries. Said temporary assignment includes one (1) Pumper staffed with three (3) State Certified Firefighters with a

minimum of one (1) paramedic or one (1) Rescue staffed with a minimum of two (2) firefighter/paramedics to provide fire rescue services in a different Primary Response Zone from the Primary Response Zone in which the apparatus and personnel are normally assigned. Such temporary assignment will generally be incorporated into the respective jurisdictions computer-aided dispatch (“CAD”) system operated by Broward County Regional Communications. Automatic aid will be used for the specific response types defined in Article 2.

1.3.2 *Incident Command*: means the first arriving unit will assume initial Incident Command, in accordance with the latest Fire Chief’s Association of Broward County Incident Command Procedure, until arrival of the Agency Having Jurisdiction (“AHJ”) at which time the AHJ unit may assume Incident Command at its sole discretion.

1.3.3 *Primary Response Zone*: means a specific geographic area in which fire and/or rescue services are provided, which area does not require the relocation of apparatus and personnel by a single resource. The Primary Response Zones for each Party are outlined in Exhibit A.

1.4 For purposes of this Agreement, the Primary Response Zones to be covered, or response types responded to by the Parties may be amended during the term of this Agreement through mutual agreement in writing by the Fire Chiefs of FORT LAUDERDALE and LAUDERHILL. Such changes will be designed to improve response times or otherwise increase the efficiency of services provided pursuant to this Agreement.

1.5 Both Parties agree to review service response demands on a quarterly basis (January, April, July, and October), or as needed. The Parties agree that the Fire Chiefs of FORT LAUDERDALE and LAUDERHILL will make adjustments in response area and/or response types to limit any unnecessary demand on either party.

1.6 For medical transport fees, the transporting agency will bill accordingly to City policy.

ARTICLE 2

COVERAGE COMMITMENT

2.1 Automatic Aid: The Parties agree to provide Automatic Aid Coverage, as defined in Section 1.3.1.

2.1.1 Automatic Aid, Response Types. Automatic Aid Coverage, as defined in Section 1.3.1, shall be activated for the following emergency incidents:

A. Residential or Commercial Structure Fire

B. Any other incidents approved by both the Fire Chief of FORT LAUDERDALE and the Fire Chief of LAUDERHILL at quarterly meetings

2.1.2 Automatic Aid, Specific Response Zones will be defined by the Fire Chief of FORT LAUDERDALE and the Fire Chief of LAUDERHILL at the quarterly meetings.

ARTICLE 3
HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

3.1 FORT LAUDERDALE and LAUDERHILL shall be responsible for complying with all federal, state, and local laws, rules, regulations, and codes including, but not limited to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (“HIPAA”) and its implementing regulations. FORT LAUDERDALE and LAUDERHILL shall comply with the provisions stated in the Business Associates Addendum, which is attached hereto as Exhibit B.

ARTICLE 4
LIABILITY

4.1 Each Party agrees to assume its own liability and responsibility for the acts, omissions, or conduct of such Party’s own employees while such employees are engaged in rendering such aid, cooperation, and assistance pursuant to this Agreement. The Parties shall defend any action or proceeding brought against its respective agency arising in connection with this agreement and shall be responsible for all its own costs, attorney’s fees, expenses, and liabilities incurred as a result of any such claims, demands, suits, actions, damages, and causes of action, including the investigation or the defense thereof, and from and against any orders, judgments, or decrees which may be entered as a result thereof.

4.2 Each Party is entitled to the privileges, limits of liability, and protections of sovereign immunity pursuant to Section 768.28, Florida Statutes, and subject to the limitations of that provision, shall bear its own responsibility and be liable for any claims, demands, suits, actions, damages, and causes or actions arising out of or occurring during travel to or from its own emergency or disaster site or to or from an emergency or disaster site covered by this Agreement, and no indemnification or hold harmless agreement shall be in effect concerning such claims, demands, suits, actions, damages, and causes of action.

4.3 Neither Party hereto shall be deemed to have waived its sovereign immunity by entering into this Agreement.

4.4 For purposes of this Article, any use of the words "individually," "separate," and "each" are intended to refer to each agency's independent responsibilities and shall not be construed, in any manner, to impose personal liability upon FORT LAUDERDALE and LAUDERHILL commissioners or any other individual.

ARTICLE 5
TERMINATION

- 5.1 This Agreement may be terminated at any time for convenience upon sixty (60) days written notice given by either Party as provided in Section 8.6 herein.

ARTICLE 6
DEFAULT

- 6.1 If either Party fails to perform or observe any of the material terms and conditions of this Agreement for a period of ten (10) days after receipt of written notice of such default from the other Party, the Party giving notice of default shall be entitled, at its option, but is not required, to terminate this Agreement. Failure of any Party to exercise its rights in the event of any breach by the other Party shall not constitute a waiver of such rights. No Party shall be deemed to have waived any failure to perform by the other party unless such waiver is in writing and signed by the waiving party. Such waiver shall be limited to the terms specifically contained therein. This paragraph shall be without prejudice to the rights of any party to seek a legal remedy for any breach of the other Party as may be available to it in law or equity.

ARTICLE 7
TERM OF AGREEMENT

- 7.1 The obligation to perform under this Agreement shall commence as of the date in which the last Party executes this Agreement.
- 7.2 Unless terminated earlier as provided for hereinabove, the term of this Agreement shall be from the date of commencement as provided for in paragraph 7.1 above. Thereafter, this Agreement shall be automatically renewed for one-year terms, unless either Party notifies the other in writing, not later than sixty (60) days prior to the expiration of this Agreement or any renewal term of this Agreement, of its intent not to renew.

ARTICLE 8
MISCELLANEOUS

- 8.1 Joint Participation: The preparation of this Agreement has been a joint effort of the Parties hereto, and the resulting document shall not, solely as a matter of judicial construction, be construed more severely against one of the Parties than the other.
- 8.2 Entire Agreement and Modification: This Agreement incorporates, supersedes, and includes all prior negotiations, correspondence, conversations, agreements, or understandings applicable to the matter contained herein. No change, alteration or modification in the terms and conditions contained herein shall be

effective unless contained in a written document signed by FORT LAUDERDALE and LAUDERHILL.

- 8.3 Records: Each Party shall permit the other Party to examine all records pertinent to this Agreement and grants to the other Party, the right to audit any books, documents, and papers related to this Agreement that are generated during the term of this Agreement. The Parties shall maintain the records, books, documents, and papers associated with this Agreement in accordance with the records retention schedules outlined in the Florida Statutes for said records.
- 8.4 Agreement Administration: In the administration of this Agreement as contrasted with matters of policy, all parties may rely upon instructions or determinations made by the Fire Chief of FORT LAUDERDALE and LAUDERHILL.
- 8.5 Recordation/Filing: With the Office of the County Administrator of Broward County, Florida, as required by Section 163.01(11), Florida Statutes.
- 8.6 Notices: Whenever either party desires to give notice unto the other, such notice must be in writing, sent by certified United States mail, return receipt requested, addressed to the Party for whom it is intended at the place last specified, and the place for filing of notice shall remain such until it has been changed by written notice in compliance with the provisions of this paragraph. For the present, the Parties designate the following at the respective places for giving notice.

FOR THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE

City Manager City of Fort Lauderdale 100 N. Andrews Avenue Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301	Fire Chief City of Fort Lauderdale 528 NW 2 nd Street Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301
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FOR THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL

City Manager City of Lauderhill 5581 W. Oakland Park Boulevard Lauderhill, FL 33313	Fire Chief City of Lauderhill 1980 NW 56 th Avenue Lauderhill, FL 33313
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- 8.7 Automatic Aid Agreements: Both Parties acknowledge that any current automatic aid agreements with any other agency will continue in full force and effect notwithstanding execution and implementation of this Agreement.
- 8.8 Third Party Beneficiaries: Neither Party intends to directly or substantially benefit a third-party by this Agreement. Therefore, there are no third-party beneficiaries to

this Agreement, and no third party will be entitled to assert a claim against either Party based upon this Agreement.

- 8.9 Assignment: Neither this Agreement nor any interest herein shall be assigned, transferred, or encumbered by either Party without the written consent of the other Party.
- 8.10 Waiver of Breach and Materiality: Failure by either Party to enforce any provision of this Agreement shall not be deemed a waiver of such provision or modification of this Agreement. A waiver of any breach of a provision of this Agreement shall not be deemed a waiver of any subsequent breach and shall not be construed to be a modification of the terms of this Agreement. Each requirement, duty, and obligation set forth herein is substantial and important to the formation of this Agreement and, therefore, is a material term hereof.
- 8.11 Compliance with Laws: Both Parties shall comply with all federal, state, and local laws, codes, ordinances, rules, and regulations in performing their respective duties, responsibilities, and obligations related to this Agreement.
- 8.12 Severance: In the event a portion of this Agreement is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the remaining provisions shall continue to be effective unless either Party elects to terminate this Agreement. The election to terminate this Agreement based upon this provision shall be made and written notice shall be provided to the other party within thirty (30) days after the finding by the court becomes final.
- 8.13 Applicable Law and Venue: This Agreement shall be interpreted and construed in accordance with, and governed by, the laws of the State of Florida. The Parties agree that the exclusive venue for any lawsuit arising from, related to, or in connection with this Agreement shall be in the state courts of the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit in and for Broward County, Florida. If any claims arising from, related to, or in connection with this Agreement must be litigated in federal court, the Parties agree that the exclusive venue for any such lawsuit shall be in the United States District Court or United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Florida. **BY ENTERING INTO THIS AGREEMENT, THE PARTIES HEREBY EXPRESSLY WAIVE ANY AND ALL RIGHTS EITHER PARTY MIGHT HAVE TO A TRIAL BY JURY OF ANY ISSUES RELATED TO THIS AGREEMENT. IF A PARTY FAILS TO WITHDRAW A REQUEST FOR A JURY TRIAL IN A LAWSUIT ARISING OUT OF THIS AGREEMENT AFTER WRITTEN NOTICE BY THE OTHER PARTY OF VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION, THE PARTY MAKING THE REQUEST FOR JURY TRIAL SHALL BE LIABLE FOR THE REASONABLE ATTORNEYS' FEES AND COSTS OF THE OTHER PARTY IN CONTESTING THE REQUEST FOR JURY TRIAL, AND SUCH AMOUNTS SHALL BE AWARDED BY THE COURT IN ADJUDICATING THE MOTION.**
- 8.14 Multiple Originals: Multiple copies of this Agreement may be fully executed by all Parties, each of which shall be deemed to be an original.

- 8.15 Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (“C.O.P.C.N.”): Both Parties shall maintain, throughout the term of this Agreement, an ALS Rescue C.O.P.C.N. from Broward County and an appropriate State of Florida license enabling each to provide advanced life support services, as well as, basic life support services, to patients upon arrival at emergency scenes requiring immediate emergency medical care.
- 8.16 Medical Director: Both Parties presently have and shall maintain, throughout the term of this Agreement and any renewal term, a Medical Director as required by Chapter 401, Florida Statutes.

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INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE AND THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL PROVIDING FOR AUTOMATIC AID OF FIRE RESCUE SERVICES WITH THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL.

ATTEST: CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, a municipal corporation of the State of Florida

By: _____
JEFFREY A. MODARELLI
City Clerk

By: _____
CHRISTOPHER J. LAGERBLOOM,
ICMA-CM, City Manager

Approved as to Legal Form:
Alain E. Boileau, City Attorney

By: _____
TANIA MARIE AMAR
Assistant City Attorney

ATTEST: CITY OF LAUDERHILL, a municipal corporation of the State of Florida

By: _____
ANDREA M. ANDERSON
City Clerk

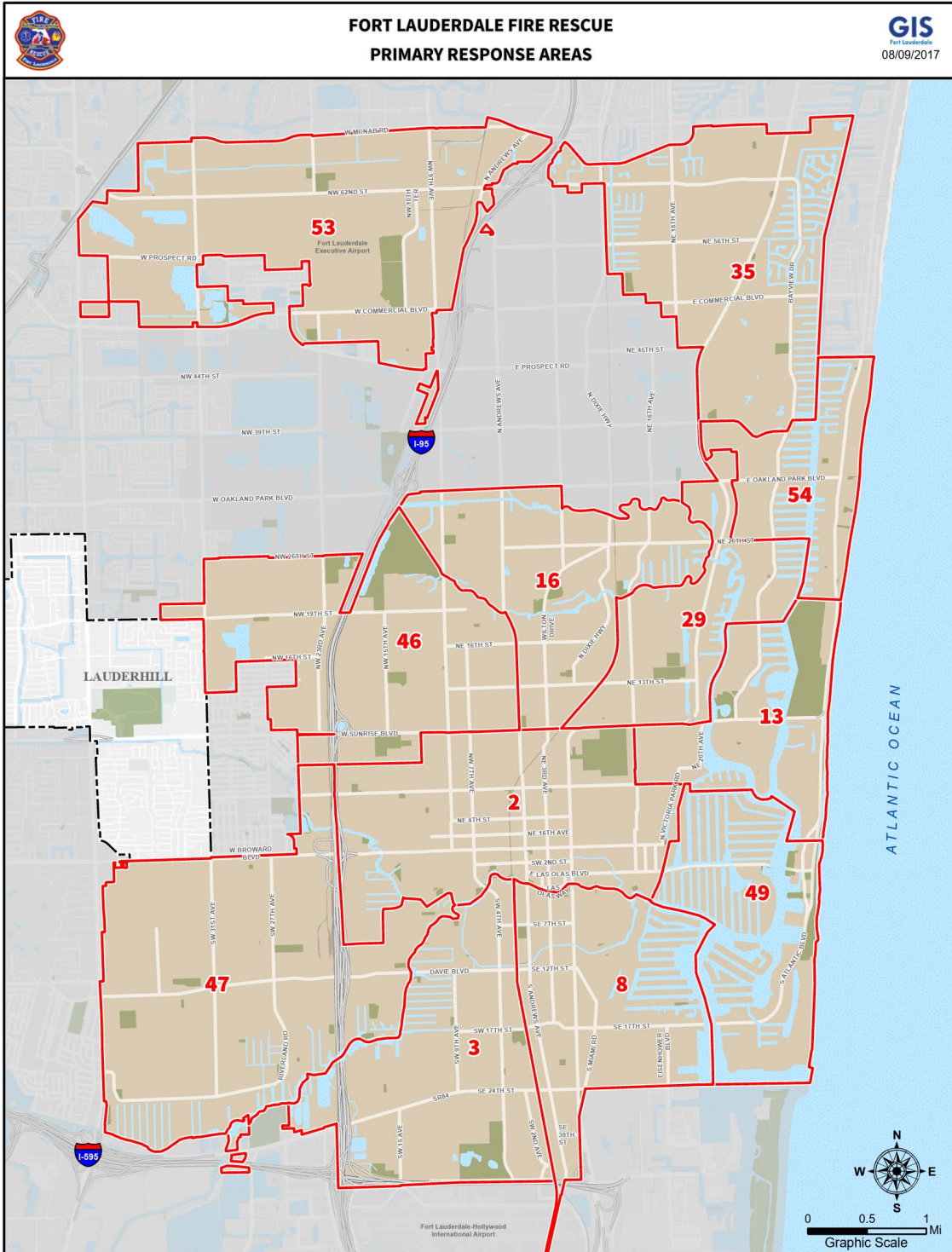
By: _____
DESORAE GILES-SMITH
City Manager

Approved as to Legal Form:

By: _____
W. EARL HALL, City Attorney

Exhibit A

Primary Response Areas for FORT LAUDERDALE and LAUDERHILL



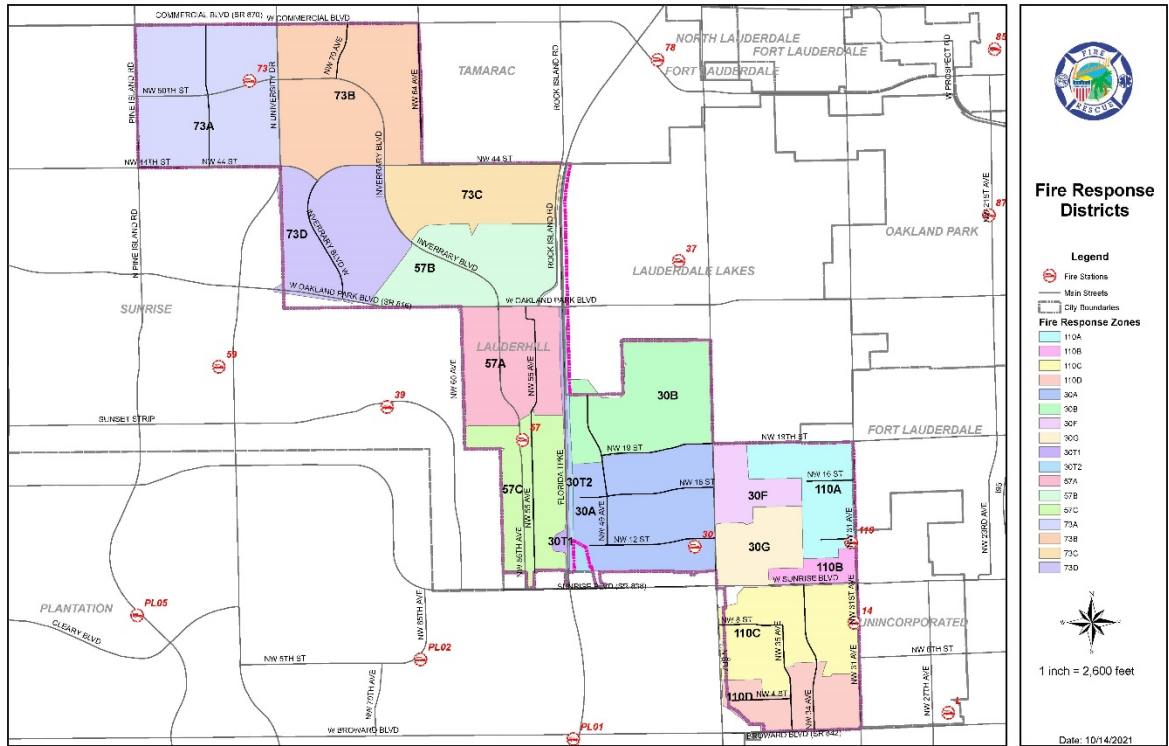


EXHIBIT B

Business Associate Addendum

BUSINESS ASSOCIATE ADDENDUM BETWEEN

CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE

AND

CITY OF LAUDERHILL

FOR

THE DELIVERY OF AUTOMATIC AID FIRE SERVICE

This BUSINESS ASSOCIATE ADDENDUM (“Addendum”) references the following agreement by and between the City of FORT LAUDERDALE, a municipal corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Florida (hereinafter referred to as “FORT LAUDERDALE”), and the CITY OF LAUDERHILL, a municipal corporation organized and existing under the law of the State of Florida (hereinafter referred to as “LAUDERHILL”), or hereinafter each is referred to as “BUSINESS ASSOCIATE” or collectively “BUSINESS ASSOCIATES.”

WHEREAS, the Parties entered into an Interlocal Agreement (“Existing Agreement”) providing for BUSINESS ASSOCIATES to provide automatic aid coverage to each other; and

WHEREAS, the operation of such programs is subject to the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA); and

WHEREAS, the requirements of HIPAA mandate that certain responsibilities of contractors with access to Protected Health Information as defined under HIPAA must be documented through a written agreement; and

WHEREAS, the BUSINESS ASSOCIATES desire to comply with the requirements of HIPAA and acknowledge respective responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, in conjunction with the Existing Agreement, this Addendum is made and entered into by and between FORT LAUDERDALE and LAUDERHILL;

NOW, THEREFORE,

The Parties enter into this Addendum for the consideration set out below, all of which is deemed to be good and sufficient consideration in order to make this Addendum a binding legal instrument.

Purpose, Intent, and Definitions

All terms used in this Addendum not otherwise defined shall have the meaning as those terms in 45 CFR §164 [hereinafter called, the "HIPAA Privacy Rule"]. Obligations and Activities of the Business Associates.

BUSINESS ASSOCIATES agree to not use or disclose Protected Health Information other than as permitted or required by this Addendum or as required by law.

BUSINESS ASSOCIATES agree to use appropriate safeguards to prevent use or disclosure of the Protected Health Information other than as permitted or required by this Addendum or as required by law.

BUSINESS ASSOCIATES agree to mitigate, to the extent possible, any harmful effect that is known to BUSINESS ASSOCIATE of a use or disclosure of Protected Health Information by BUSINESS ASSOCIATE in violation of the requirements of this Addendum.

BUSINESS ASSOCIATES agree to report to the other party any use or disclosure of the Protected Health Information not provided for by this Addendum of which it becomes aware.

BUSINESS ASSOCIATES agree to ensure that any agent, including a subcontractor, to whom it provides Protected Health Information received from the other party or created or received on behalf of the other party by the BUSINESS ASSOCIATE, agrees to the same restrictions and conditions that apply through this Addendum to the BUSINESS ASSOCIATE with respect to such information.

BUSINESS ASSOCIATES agree to provide access to the other party to all Protected Health Information in Designated Record Sets in a timely manner in order to meet the requirements under 45 CFR §164.524.

BUSINESS ASSOCIATES agree to make any amendments to Protected Health Information in a Designated Record Set as directed or agreed to by the other party pursuant to 45 CFR §164.526 in a timely manner.

BUSINESS ASSOCIATES agree to make internal practices, books and records, including policies and procedures and Protected Health Information, relating to the use and disclosure of Protected Health Information received from the other party or created or received on behalf of the other party available to the other party or to the Secretary of Health and Human Services or his designee within five (5) business days for the purposes of determining the BUSINESS ASSOCIATE'S compliance with the Privacy Rule.

BUSINESS ASSOCIATES agree to document such disclosures of Protected Health Information and information related to such disclosures as would be required for the other party to respond to an individual for an accounting of disclosures of Protected Health Information in accordance with 45 CFR §164.528.

BUSINESS ASSOCIATES agree to provide the other party, or an individual under procedures approved by the other party, information and documentation collected in accordance with the preceding paragraph to respond to an individual requesting an accounting for disclosures as provided under 45 CFR §164.528.

BUSINESS ASSOCIATES agree that, to the extent feasible, upon expiration or termination of the Existing Agreement for any reason, BUSINESS ASSOCIATE shall return or destroy and retain no copies of all Protected Health Information received from, created, or received by BUSINESS ASSOCIATE on behalf of the other party. If return or destruction of such information is not feasible, BUSINESS ASSOCIATE shall continue to limit the use or disclosure of such information as set forth in the Existing Agreement as if the Existing Agreement had not been terminated. This provision should be read in harmony with Section 8.3 of the Existing Agreement, entitled "Records," so that records are retained for whichever retention period is longer. This provision shall survive the expiration or earlier termination of the Existing Agreement.

Permitted Uses and Disclosures

Except as otherwise limited in this Addendum, BUSINESS ASSOCIATE may use or disclose Protected Health Information to perform functions, activities, or services for, or on behalf of, the other party as specified in the Existing Agreement, provided that such use or disclosure would not violate the Privacy Rule if done by the other party or the minimum necessary policies and procedures of the other party that are communicated to the BUSINESS ASSOCIATE in writing.

Except as otherwise limited in this Addendum, BUSINESS ASSOCIATE may use Protected Health Information for the proper management and administration of the BUSINESS ASSOCIATE or to carry out the legal responsibilities of the BUSINESS ASSOCIATE.

Except as otherwise limited in this Addendum, BUSINESS ASSOCIATE may use Protected Health Information to provide Data Aggregation services to the other party as permitted by 42 CFR §164.504 (e)(2)(i)(B).

BUSINESS ASSOCIATE may use Protected Health Information to report violations of law to appropriate federal and state authorities, consistent with 42 CFR §164.504 (j)(1).

Obligations of Each Party

BUSINESS ASSOCIATE shall notify the other party of any limitations in its notice of

privacy practices in accordance with 45 CFR §164.520, to the extent that such limitation may affect BUSINESS ASSOCIATE'S use of Protected Health Information.

BUSINESS ASSOCIATE shall notify the other party of any changes in, or revocation of, permission by an individual to use or disclose Protected Health Information, to the extent that such changes may affect BUSINESS ASSOCIATE'S use of Protected Health Information.

BUSINESS ASSOCIATE shall notify the other party of any restriction to the use or disclosure of Protected Health Information to which the other party has agreed in accordance with 45 CFR §164.522, to the extent that such changes may affect BUSINESS ASSOCIATE'S use of Protected Health Information.

BUSINESS ASSOCIATE shall not request the other party to use or disclose Protected Health Information in any manner that would not be permissible under the Privacy Rule if done by the other party.

Amendment

The Parties agree to take such action as is necessary to amend this Addendum from time to time as is necessary for the other party to comply with the requirements of the Privacy Rule and the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1966, Public Law No. 104-191.