

**GENERAL CONDITIONS**  
**(PURCHASE OF GOODS AND SERVICES FROM HEALTHCARE SERVICE PROVIDERS)**  
**(NON-103D)**

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1. **COORDINATION OF SERVICES BY THE HHSC.** The “head of the purchasing agency” (through the Technical Representative(s) or other designee as specified in the Agreement), shall coordinate the services to be provided by the CONTRACTOR in order to complete the performance required in the Agreement. The CONTRACTOR shall communicate with the head of the purchasing agency through the Technical Representative(s) or other designee at all stages of the CONTRACTOR’s work, and submit to the head of the purchasing agency for resolution any questions which may arise as to the performance of this Agreement. “Purchasing agency” as used in these General Conditions means and includes any HHSC region or facility or the HHSC corporate office which is authorized to enter into contracts for the procurement of goods or services. The term “HHSC” refers to HHSC and its region or facility entering into this Agreement.

2. **REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES.** CONTRACTOR (including any and all individual physicians or other health care practitioners providing services hereunder [referred to individually and collectively as “Provider(s)”]) represents and warrants to HHSC, upon execution and while this Agreement is in effect, as follows:

a. CONTRACTOR is not bound by any agreement or arrangement that would preclude said CONTRACTOR from entering into or fully performing as required under this Agreement;

b. No Provider is bound by any agreement or arrangement that would preclude said Provider from fully performing the services required under this Agreement;

c. No Provider’s license to practice medicine in the State of Hawaii (“STATE”) or in any other jurisdiction has ever been denied, suspended, revoked, terminated, voluntarily relinquished under threat of disciplinary action, or restricted in any way;

d. No Provider’s medical staff privileges at any health care facility have ever been denied, suspended, revoked, terminated voluntarily relinquished under threat of disciplinary action, or made subject to terms of probation or any other restriction;

e. No Provider has in the past conducted, or is presently conducting, his or her medical practice in such a manner as to cause such Provider to be suspended, excluded, barred or sanctioned under the Medicare or Medicaid Program, or any government licensing agency, nor has Provider ever been convicted of a criminal offense related to health care, or listed by a federal agency as debarred, excluded or otherwise ineligible for federal program participation;

f. Each Provider has, and shall maintain throughout the term of this Agreement, an unrestricted license to practice medicine in the STATE and medical staff privileges at the HHSC facility or facilities;

g. No Provider receives aggregate compensation from CONTRACTOR that varies with, or otherwise reflects, the volume or value of referrals or other business generated by Provider for the HHSC facility or facilities furnishing the designated health services as defined under 42 C.F.R. Section 411.351;

h. The aggregate services CONTRACTOR provides pursuant to the terms of this Agreement do not exceed those that are reasonable and necessary for the legitimate and commercially reasonable business purpose of the services;

i. The services provided pursuant to the terms of this Agreement do not involve the counseling or promotion of a business arrangement or other activity that violates any STATE or Federal law; and

j. CONTRACTOR warrants that: neither CONTRACTOR, any person with an ownership interest in CONTRACTOR, any Provider providing services hereunder, nor any member of any such Provider’s immediate family is employed by or has a financial relationship with HHSC or any of its subsidiaries or affiliates. If at any time during the term of this Agreement such a relationship becomes established, immediate notice shall be given by CONTRACTOR to HHSC as provided in this Agreement. HHSC will then review the situation and determine if such relationship complies with applicable law. If the relationship and this Agreement are found by HHSC to comply with applicable law, no further steps shall be taken. If the relationship and the Agreement are found to not comply with applicable law, then HHSC shall propose appropriate amendments to this Agreement or the other relationship (which may include termination) so as to ensure that this Agreement and the other relationship comply with all applicable laws.

For this purpose, “immediate family” means husband or wife, natural or adoptive parent, child or sibling; step-parent, step-child, step-brother or step-sister; father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law; grandparent or grandchild; and spouse of a grandparent or grandchild.

3. **HHSC EMPLOYEES; PROVIDERS’ OBLIGATIONS.** Neither CONTRACTOR nor Provider shall solicit the services of, or employ or procure on behalf of another the employment of, any individual currently employed by HHSC, except

with the express written consent of HHSC; nor shall CONTRACTOR or any Provider engage in any other activity which would be in conflict with his/her/its respective obligations hereunder.

**4. CONTRACTOR EXCLUSION FROM FEDERAL PROGRAMS.** CONTRACTOR affirmatively states that neither CONTRACTOR nor any of its employees, agents or subcontractors, including Providers, performing services or providing goods pursuant to this Agreement are excluded from participation in federal health care programs as defined in the Social Security Act (Section 1128 and 1128A) and other federal laws and regulations relating to health care. HHSC reserves the right to verify that the above statement is true and to immediately cancel this Agreement in the event it is not true.

**5. CONTRACTOR'S AND PROVIDERS' STATUS; STANDARDS.**

a. CONTRACTOR and Providers shall act at all times under this Agreement as independent contractor(s) to HHSC. The parties agree that HHSC shall not have and shall not exercise any control or direction over the manner or method by which CONTRACTOR meets its obligations under this Agreement nor over the manner or method by which any Provider provides the Services. However, Contractor and Providers shall perform at all times in accordance with currently approved methods and standards of practice for the services in the medical community and as required by the HHSC, HHSC corporate, regional and facility rules, regulations, policies and bylaws, the recommendations of The Joint Commission as applicable, and relevant professional organizations. The provisions of this paragraph 5 shall survive expiration or other termination of this Agreement, regardless of the cause of such termination.

b. The CONTRACTOR and the CONTRACTOR's employees and agents, including Providers, are not by reason of this Agreement agents or employees of the HHSC or the STATE for any purpose, and the CONTRACTOR and the CONTRACTOR's employees and agents shall not be entitled to claim or receive from the HHSC or the STATE any vacation, sick leave, retirement, workers' compensation, unemployment insurance, or other benefits provided to HHSC or STATE employees.

c. The CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for the accuracy, completeness, and adequacy of the CONTRACTOR's performance under this Agreement. All services shall be performed in compliance with the applicable standards set forth by law or ordinance or established by the rules and regulations of any Federal, STATE or local legal authority, and applicable accreditation agencies, such as The Joint Commission. Furthermore, the CONTRACTOR intentionally, voluntarily, and knowingly assumes the sole and entire liability for all loss, damage, or injury to the CONTRACTOR's employees and agents, and to any individual not a party to this Agreement, caused by the CONTRACTOR or the CONTRACTOR's employees or agents in the course of their employment.

**6. SUBCONTRACTS AND ASSIGNMENTS.** Except as otherwise set forth in the Agreement, the CONTRACTOR shall not assign or subcontract any of the CONTRACTOR'S duties, obligations, or interests under this Agreement and no such assignment or subcontract shall be effective unless the CONTRACTOR obtains the prior written consent of HHSC.. Additionally, no assignment by the CONTRACTOR of the CONTRACTOR'S right to compensation under this Agreement shall be effective unless and until the assignment is approved by HHSC. This Agreement is assignable by HHSC without consent provided that HHSC provides prompt written notice of the assignment.

**7. INDEMNIFICATION AND DEFENSE.** The CONTRACTOR shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the STATE, the HHSC, the contracting facility, and their directors, employees, and agents from and against all liability, loss, damage, cost, and expense, including all attorneys' fees and all claims, suits, and demands therefor, arising out of or resulting from acts or omissions of the CONTRACTOR or the CONTRACTOR's employees, officers, agents, or subcontractors under this Agreement. The provisions of this paragraph shall remain in full force and effect notwithstanding the expiration or early termination of this Agreement.

**8. COST OF LITIGATION.** In case the STATE, the HHSC, the contracting facility, and their directors, officers, employees, and agents shall, without any fault on its part, be made a party to any litigation commenced by or against the CONTRACTOR in connection with this Agreement, the CONTRACTOR shall pay all costs and expenses incurred by or imposed on the STATE, the HHSC, the contracting facility, and their directors, officers, employees, and agents, including attorney's fees.

**9. NONDISCRIMINATION.** No person performing work under this Agreement, including any subcontractor, employee, or agent of the CONTRACTOR, shall engage in any discrimination that is prohibited by any applicable Federal, STATE, or County law.

**10. REQUIRED DISCLOSURES.** CONTRACTOR shall notify HHSC in writing within three (3) days after any of the following events occurs:

- a. Any Provider's license to practice medicine in the STATE or any other jurisdiction lapses or is denied, suspended, revoked, terminated, relinquished or made subject to terms of probation or other restriction;
- b. Any Provider's medical staff membership and/or privileges at any health care facility are denied, suspended, revoked, terminated, voluntarily relinquished (under threat of disciplinary action) or made subject to terms of probation or other restriction;
- c. Any Provider is required to pay damages in any malpractice action by way of judgment or settlement;
- d. Any Provider becomes the subject of a disciplinary proceeding or action before any governmental or professional licensing board, medical staff or peer review body;
- e. Any Provider's DEA number is revoked, suspended, terminated, relinquished, placed on terms of probation, or restricted in any way;
- f. Any event that substantially interrupts all or a portion of any Provider's professional practice or that materially adversely affects any Provider's ability to perform Provider's obligations hereunder; or
- g. Any Provider is convicted of a criminal offense related to health care or any Provider is listed by a federal agency as being debarred, excluded or otherwise ineligible for federal program participation.

**11. MANAGED CARE.** CONTRACTOR shall participate in all third-party payment or managed care programs in which HHSC participates, render services to patients covered by such programs, and accept the payment of amounts provided for under those programs as payment in full for services of the Providers to program patients.

**12. COMPENSATION.**

a. Entire Compensation. CONTRACTOR shall have the sole responsibility to compensate any Providers providing services hereunder for performance of the services, including payment of health insurance and other fringe benefits, payroll taxes, Social Security contributions, and premiums for any government-mandated employment-related insurance. CONTRACTOR reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to determine the compensation payable to each Provider. CONTRACTOR hereby agrees to indemnify and hold HHSC harmless in connection with any claims for compensation by such Providers for services rendered hereunder. The indemnification obligations herein stated in this subparagraph shall survive the termination and/or expiration of this Agreement.

b. Fair Market Value of Compensation Paid to Contractor. The parties agree that the compensation paid by HHSC to CONTRACTOR: (a) does not exceed fair market value; and (b) is not determined in a manner that takes into account the volume or value of referrals or other business that might be generated among HHSC, CONTRACTOR and Provider(s), except as may be permitted by law. The parties further agree that the Agreement does not require the limitation or withholding of items or services from patients in violation of any federal, STATE, or local law.

c. Notwithstanding the above provisions, or any other provision of this Agreement (including any attachments and exhibits), this Agreement is subject to appropriation should the contract term extend beyond the end of the current fiscal year and any renewal or extension of this Agreement is also subject to appropriation.

**13. TERM AND TERMINATION.**

a. Term. In the event the parties continue to abide by the terms of this Agreement after the expiration of an initial or renewal term of at least one (1) year without having agreed in writing to renew this Agreement, the term of this Agreement shall continue on a month-to-month basis thereafter for up to six (6) months, subject to termination by either party at any time upon the provision of thirty (30) days' prior written notice to the other party.

b. Termination.

(1) Termination Without Cause. Either party may terminate this Agreement upon sixty (60) days prior written notice to the other party. If either party terminates this Agreement without cause prior to the expiration of the then-current term, Facility and Physician may not enter into an agreement for services similar to those provided by Physician hereunder, until the expiration of the then current term. Termination without cause does not constitute breach.

(2) Termination for Breach. Either party may terminate this Agreement upon breach by the other party of any material provision of this Agreement, provided such breach continues for fifteen (15) days after receipt by the breaching party of written notice of such breach from the non-breaching party.

(3) Effect of Termination. As of the effective date of termination of this Agreement, neither party shall have any further rights or obligations hereunder except: (i) as otherwise provided herein; (ii) for rights and obligations accruing prior to such effective date of termination; or (iii) arising as a result of any breach of this Agreement.

#### **14. IMMEDIATE REPLACEMENT OF PROVIDER OR TERMINATION.**

a. Upon the occurrence of any of the following events, HHSC may either: (a) immediately terminate this Agreement in the event CONTRACTOR providing services hereunder is a sole proprietor, solely-owned professional corporation, or other similar entity with only a single Provider providing services hereunder; or (b) require immediate removal and replacement of any Provider providing services hereunder (“Affected Provider”) by written notice to CONTRACTOR:

(1) the denial, suspension, revocation, termination, restriction, lapse or voluntary relinquishment (under threat of disciplinary action) of any Affected Provider’s medical staff membership and/or privileges at HHSC or of any Affected Provider’s license to practice medicine in the STATE;

(2) the denial, suspension, revocation, termination, relinquishment (under threat of disciplinary action) or restriction of any Affected Provider’s medical staff membership and/or privileges at any health care facility other than HHSC, or of any Affected Provider’s license to practice medicine in any jurisdiction other than the STATE;

(3) the death of any Affected Provider, or the disability of any Affected Provider which prevents such Affected Provider from performing the services in compliance with applicable standards as described above, as determined in the discretion of HHSC Administrator in consultation with an officer of HHSC’s medical staff;

(4) the termination, revocation, restriction, or relinquishment of any Affected Provider’s DEA number;

(5) the failure of CONTRACTOR to make a timely disclosure concerning the Affected Provider required pursuant to paragraph 10, “Required Disclosures”, hereof;

(6) conduct by an Affected Provider which, in the discretion of HHSC in consultation with an officer of the medical staff of HHSC, could adversely affect the quality of professional care provided to HHSC’s patients or the performance of duties required hereunder, or be prejudicial or adverse to the best interest and welfare of patients;

(7) breach by any Affected Provider of any of the confidentiality provisions hereof;

(8) any Affected Provider’s conviction of a criminal offense related to health care, or any Affected Provider’s listing by a federal agency as being debarred, excluded or otherwise ineligible for federal program participation; or

(9) Provider’s commission of any act, illegal or otherwise (including, but not limited to, fraud or misrepresentation), detrimental to the business or reputation of HHSC or any of its facilities.

b. If HHSC furnishes CONTRACTOR with written disapproval of an Affected Provider (the “Disapproval Notice”), CONTRACTOR shall immediately direct the Affected Provider to cease the performance of services at HHSC and shall arrange for a qualified interim replacement (“Interim Replacement”) for the Affected Provider, which replacement shall be reasonably acceptable to HHSC. HHSC shall act reasonably in disapproving an Affected Provider, but shall not be required to have legal “cause” or to conduct a formal or informal hearing as a requirement for disapproval or issuance of the Disapproval Notice. HHSC and CONTRACTOR shall meet and confer within seven (7) days following provision of the Disapproval Notice to discuss the reason(s) for issuance of the Disapproval Notice, the necessity for CONTRACTOR to furnish a permanent replacement provider (“Permanent Replacement”) for the Affected Provider, and the identity or desired qualifications for a Permanent Replacement. Within ninety (90) days after provision of the Disapproval Notice by HHSC, CONTRACTOR shall appoint a qualified Permanent Replacement for the Affected Provider acceptable to HHSC. CONTRACTOR’s failure to do so within such ninety (90) day period shall constitute grounds for termination of this Agreement by HHSC immediately upon the provision of written notice by HHSC to CONTRACTOR.

#### **15. CONFIDENTIALITY.**

a. HHSC Information. CONTRACTOR recognizes and acknowledges that, by virtue of entering into this Agreement and providing services to HHSC hereunder, CONTRACTOR and Providers may have access to certain information of HHSC that is confidential and constitutes valuable, special and unique property of HHSC. CONTRACTOR agrees that neither CONTRACTOR nor any Provider will at any time, either during or subsequent to the term of this Agreement, disclose to others, use, copy or permit to be copied, without HHSC’s express prior written consent, except pursuant to Provider’s duties hereunder, any confidential or proprietary information of HHSC, including, but not limited to, information which concerns HHSC’s patients, costs, or treatment methods developed by HHSC and which is not otherwise available to the public.

b. Terms of this Agreement. Except for disclosure to CONTRACTOR's or any Provider's legal counsel, accountant or financial advisors (none or whom shall be associated or affiliated in any way with HHSC or any of its affiliates) neither CONTRACTOR nor any Provider shall disclose the terms of this Agreement to any person who is not a party or signatory to this Agreement unless disclosure thereof is required by law or otherwise authorized by this Agreement or consented to by HHSC. Unauthorized disclosure of the terms of this Agreement shall be a material breach of this Agreement and shall provide HHSC with the option of pursuing remedies for breach or immediate termination of this Agreement in accordance with Paragraph 13.b.(2), "Termination for Breach", hereof.

c. Patient Information. Neither CONTRACTOR nor any Provider, nor HHSC, shall disclose to any third party, except where permitted or required by law, any patient or medical record information regarding HHSC's patients; and CONTRACTOR, Providers, and HHSC shall comply with all federal and STATE laws and regulations, and all bylaws, rules, regulations, and policies of HHSC and HHSC's medical staff regarding the confidentiality of such information. CONTRACTOR and HHSC acknowledge that in receiving or otherwise dealing with any records or information about HHSC's patients receiving treatment for alcohol or drug abuse, CONTRACTOR, Providers and HHSC are fully bound by the provisions of the federal regulations governing Confidentiality of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Patient Records (42 C.F.R. Part 2, as amended from time to time).

d. Application of Uniform Information Practices Act. All information, data, or other material provided by the CONTRACTOR to the HHSC shall be subject to the Uniform Information Practices Act, chapter 92F, HRS, as modified by chapter 323F, HRS ("UIPA"). CONTRACTOR further acknowledges and agrees that the compensation terms of this Agreement are government records subject to disclosure under the UIPA.

e. Survival. The provisions of this paragraph shall survive expiration or other termination of this Agreement, regardless of the cause of such termination.

## **16. INSURANCE.**

a. During the term of this Agreement, CONTRACTOR shall maintain at all times or cause to be maintained comprehensive general liability and professional liability insurance (the "POLICY") covering the acts and omissions of Providers rendering the services at HHSC. The POLICY shall be maintained with a company or companies approved by HHSC, with limits of not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) per occurrence and per Provider and Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00) in the aggregate, per Provider, or such greater amount as may be required from time to time by HHSC's Corporate Bylaws or Medical Staff Bylaws, whichever is the greater amount. Said POLICY shall provide that HHSC shall receive not less than thirty (30) days' notice prior to any cancellation or material change or reduction of coverage. Prior to the commencement of this Agreement, CONTRACTOR shall provide HHSC with a certificate of insurance naming HHSC as the certificate holder. Thereafter, prior to the expiration of each policy period, CONTRACTOR's insurance carrier shall provide HHSC with certificates of insurance evidencing the foregoing coverage and provisions. HHSC reserves the right to request and receive a certified copy of the POLICY. CONTRACTOR shall also carry workers' compensation insurance for CONTRACTOR's employees in the statutory amounts. Failure to maintain or cause to be maintained insurance in accordance with the provisions set forth herein shall be a material breach of this Agreement and shall provide HHSC with the option of pursuing remedies for breach and/or immediate termination of this Agreement.

b. The coverage required by this provision shall be either: (a) on an occurrence basis; or (b) on a claims made basis. If the coverage is on a claims made basis, CONTRACTOR hereby agrees that not less than thirty (30) days' prior to the effective date of termination by CONTRACTOR of any Provider's insurance coverage by the current carrier, CONTRACTOR shall: (a) purchase tail or extended reporting coverage insurance for a minimum period of five (5) years in the above-stated amounts for all claims arising out of incidents occurring prior to such termination of coverage; and (b) provide HHSC with a certificate of such coverage. If CONTRACTOR fails to purchase such coverage and provide HHSC with a certificate of same in accordance with the above-stated requirements, HHSC shall have the right, as hereby acknowledged by CONTRACTOR, to purchase such coverage and notify CONTRACTOR in writing of the total premium costs therefor. CONTRACTOR hereby expressly acknowledges and agrees that the total premium cost for such coverage purchased by HHSC under this provision shall be immediately due and payable by CONTRACTOR to HHSC upon CONTRACTOR's receipt of said notice, and may be offset against any money owed by HHSC to CONTRACTOR.

## **17. CONTRACTOR'S TAX RESPONSIBILITIES.**

a. The CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for payment of all applicable federal, STATE, and county taxes and fees which may become due and owing by the CONTRACTOR by reason of this Agreement, including, but not limited to, (i) income taxes, (ii) employment-related fees, assessments, and taxes, and (iii) general excise taxes. The CONTRACTOR also is responsible for obtaining all licenses, permits, and certificates that may be required in order to perform this Agreement.

b. The CONTRACTOR is responsible for securing all employee-related insurance coverage for the CONTRACTOR and the CONTRACTOR's employees and agents that is or may be required by law, and for payment of all premiums, costs, and other liabilities associated with securing the insurance coverage.

**18. PAYMENT PROCEDURES.**

a. Original Invoices Required. All payments under this Agreement shall be made only upon submission by the CONTRACTOR of original invoices specifying in reasonable detail the services performed and the amount due, and certifying that services requested under the Agreement have been performed by the CONTRACTOR according to the Agreement.

b. Prompt Payment.

(1) Any money, other than retainage, paid to the CONTRACTOR shall be disbursed to subcontractors within ten (10) days after receipt of the money in accordance with the terms of the subcontract, provided that the subcontractor has met all the terms and conditions of the subcontract and there are no bona fide disputes; and

(2) Upon final payment to the CONTRACTOR, full payment to the subcontractor, including retainage, shall be made within ten (10) days after receipt of the money, provided that there are no bona fide disputes over the subcontractor's performance under the subcontract.

**19. COST AND EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT.** Any reimbursement due the CONTRACTOR for per diem and transportation expenses under this Agreement shall be subject to the following guidelines:

a. Reimbursement for air transportation shall be for actual cost or coach class airfare, whichever is less.

b. Reimbursement for ground transportation shall not exceed the actual cost of renting an intermediate-sized vehicle.

c. Unless prior written approval of the head of the purchasing agency is obtained, reimbursement for subsistence allowable (i.e., hotel and meals) shall be \$145 per day, which consists of \$85 for hotel and \$60 for food, computed on quarter days. No other travel or living expense (e.g., tips, entertainment, alcohol, etc.) shall be reimbursed by HHSC, other than those items listed in subparagraphs a and b, above. Invoices shall document the days of travel by including the name of the traveler, itinerary, airfare receipt, hotel receipt, and ground transportation receipts. All travel must be pre-approved by the HHSC technical representative.

d. CONTRACTORS located on the island where the work will be performed do not qualify for travel or subsistence reimbursement.

**20. CORPORATE COMPLIANCE PROGRAM.** A description of the Corporate Compliance Program of HHSC, including orientation materials, is posted on the HHSC internet site ([www.hhsc.org](http://www.hhsc.org)). The CONTRACTOR, by signing this contract, acknowledges that it has read said description, and that the CONTRACTOR knows of the fact and substance of the Corporate Compliance Program, which governs operations at all facilities of the HHSC. The CONTRACTOR understands and agrees that employees, agents, and contractors performing any services at any of the HHSC facilities shall be fully subject to such Corporate Compliance Program, as may be amended from time to time, as well as all federal program requirements and applicable policies and procedures of HHSC and its facilities. The Corporate Compliance Program requires periodic training, including an orientation program, of all people who provide financial, business office, personnel, coding, medical records information systems and clinical services in the facility. The CONTRACTOR agrees to cause its employees, agents and contractors who provide financial, business office, personnel, coding, medical records information systems and/or clinical services at any of the HHSC facilities to review the posted orientation materials and participate in any compliance training programs HHSC may require.

**21. BUSINESS ASSOCIATE ADDENDUM.** By signing this Agreement, CONTRACTOR acknowledges that CONTRACTOR is a Business Associate of HHSC within the meaning of the federal privacy and security laws as stated in 45 C.F.R. Parts 160 and 164, Subparts A, C, and E. CONTRACTOR further acknowledges that CONTRACTOR has read the Business Associate Addendum, which is posted on the HHSC internet site ([www.hhsc.org/BAA](http://www.hhsc.org/BAA)) and is applicable to all Business Associates. Said Business Associate Addendum is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of this Agreement as if fully repeated herein. By signing this Agreement, CONTRACTOR agrees to fully comply with, and be bound by, all terms set forth in the Business Associate Addendum, as it may be amended from time to time.

**22. FINANCIAL OBLIGATION.** No CONTRACTOR or Provider shall incur any financial obligation on behalf of HHSC without the prior written approval of HHSC.

23. **REFERRALS.** The parties acknowledge that none of the benefits granted CONTRACTOR hereunder are conditioned on any requirement that the CONTRACTOR or Provider make referrals to, be in a position to make or influence referrals to, or otherwise generate business for HHSC. The parties further acknowledge that Providers are not restricted from establishing staff privileges at, referring any patient to, or otherwise generating any business for, any other hospital or facility of their choosing.

24. **CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS.** CONTRACTOR acknowledges that it is unlawful under HRS Section 11-355 (unless specifically permitted under that law) for CONTRACTOR at any time between the execution of this Agreement through the completion of this Agreement, to: (a) directly or indirectly make any contribution or to promise expressly or impliedly to make any contribution to any political party, committee, or candidate or to any person for any political purpose or use; or (b) knowingly solicit any contribution from any person for any purpose during any period.

25. **MEDICARE ADVANTAGE PROGRAM ADDENDUM.** The HHSC Medicare Advantage Program Addendum, as amended from time to time and available on-line at the HHSC internet site, [www.hhsc.org/MAPA](http://www.hhsc.org/MAPA) is incorporated herein as if set out fully in this Agreement

26. **GOVERNING LAW.** This Agreement shall be construed, interpreted, and governed by the laws of the State of Hawaii. The provisions of this paragraph shall survive expiration or other termination of this Agreement, regardless of the cause of such termination.

27. **CHANGES IN LAW.**

a. **Legal Event; Consequences.** Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, if the governmental agencies that administer the Medicare, Medicaid, or other federal programs (or their representatives or agents) or any other federal, state or local governmental or nongovernmental agency, or any court, administrative tribunal passes, issues, or promulgates any law, rule, regulation, standard, interpretation, order, decision or judgment, including but not limited to those relating to any regulations pursuant to state or federal anti-kickback or self-referral statutes (collectively or individually, "Legal Event"), which, in the good faith judgment of one party (the "Noticing Party"), materially and adversely affects either party's licensure, accreditation, certification, or ability to refer, to accept any referral, to bill, to claim, to present a bill or claim, or to receive payment or reimbursement from any federal, state or local governmental or nongovernmental payor, or which subjects the Noticing Party to a risk of prosecution or civil monetary penalty, or which, in the good faith judgment of the Noticing Party, indicates a rule or regulation with which the Noticing Party desires further compliance, then the Noticing party may give the other party notice of intent to amend or terminate this Agreement in accordance with the next subparagraph.

b. **Notice Requirements.** The Noticing Party shall give notice to the other party together with an opinion of counsel setting forth the following information:

- (1) The Legal Event(s) giving rise to the notice;
- (2) The consequences of the Legal Event(s) as to the Noticing party;
- (3) The Noticing Party's intention to either:
  - (i) Terminate this Agreement due to unacceptable risk of prosecution or civil monetary penalty; or
  - (ii) Amend this Agreement, together with a statement that the purpose thereof is one or more of the following:
    - (a) to further comply with any anti-kickback or Stark II statutory provisions or rules or regulations created or affected by the Legal Event(s); or
    - (b) to satisfy any licensure, accreditation, or certification requirements created or affected by the Legal Event(s); and/or
    - (c) to eliminate or minimize the risk of prosecution or civil monetary penalty;
- (4) The Noticing Party's proposed amendment(s); and
- (5) The Noticing Party's request for commencement of the Renegotiation Period (as defined below).

c. **Renegotiation Period; Termination.** In the event of notice under either subparagraph b.(3)(i) or b.(3)(ii) above, the parties shall have ten (10) days from the giving of such notice ("Renegotiation Period") within which to attempt to amend this Agreement in accordance with the Noticing Party's proposal (if any) or otherwise as the parties may agree. If this Agreement is not so amended within the Renegotiation Period, this Agreement shall terminate as of midnight on the 10th day after said notice was given. Except as otherwise required by applicable law, any amounts owing to either party hereunder shall



be paid, on a pro rata basis, up to the date of such termination, and any obligation hereunder that is to continue beyond expiration or termination shall so continue pursuant to its terms. All opinions of counsel presented by the Noticing Party hereunder, and any corresponding opinions given by the other party in response, shall be deemed confidential and given solely for purposes of renegotiation and settlement of a potential dispute, and shall not be deemed disclosed so as to waive any privileges otherwise applicable to said opinions.

**28. ACCESS TO BOOKS AND RECORDS.** If the value or cost of services rendered to HHSC pursuant to this Agreement is Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) or more over a twelve-month period, CONTRACTOR agrees as follows:

a. Until the expiration of four (4) years after the furnishing of such services, CONTRACTOR shall, upon written request, make available to the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (the "Secretary"), the Secretary's duly-authorized representative, the Comptroller General, or the Comptroller General's duly-authorized representative, such books, documents, and records as may be necessary to certify the nature and extent of the cost of such services; and

b. If any such services are performed by way of subcontract with another organization and the value or cost of such subcontracted services is Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) or more over a twelve-month period, such subcontract shall contain and CONTRACTOR shall enforce a clause to the same effect as the sub-paragraph immediately above. The availability of CONTRACTOR's books, documents and records shall be subject at all times to all applicable legal requirements, including without limitation, such criteria and procedures for seeking and obtaining access that may be promulgated by the Secretary by regulation. The provisions of this paragraph shall survive the expiration or other termination of this Agreement, regardless of the cause of such termination.

**29. DRAFTING.** No provision of this Agreement shall be interpreted for or against any party on the basis that such party was the draftsman of such provision, and no presumption of burden of proof shall arise favoring or disfavoring any party by virtue of the authorship of any provision of this Agreement.

**30. WAIVER.** A waiver by either party of a breach or failure to perform hereunder shall not constitute a waiver of any subsequent breach or failure.

**31. CAPTIONS.** The captions contained herein are used solely for convenience and shall not be deemed to define or limit the provisions of this Agreement.

**32. COUNTERPARTS.** This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts with the same effect as if all of the parties had signed the same document. Such executions may be transmitted to the parties by facsimile or electronically and such facsimile or electronic execution and transmission shall have the full force and effect of an original signature. All fully executed counterparts, whether original executions or facsimile/electronic executions or a combination thereof shall be construed together and shall constitute one and the same Agreement.

**33. CROSS-REFERENCE TO MASTER LIST OF PHYSICIAN CONTRACTS.** The parties acknowledge that any and all agreements as between the parties to this Agreement, including this Agreement, shall be included in the master list of all contracts between HHSC and all physicians providing services at HHSC facilities, maintained and updated regionally and available for review upon request by any governmental authority to the extent such review is required by law.

**34. OPEN PRACTITIONER-PATIENT COMMUNICATIONS (ANTI-GAG PROVISION); REFERRALS NOT REQUIRED.** HHSC and CONTRACTOR agree that any Provider providing services hereunder may discuss with patients, or their authorized representative(s), all treatment options that Provider deems appropriate based on relevant professional standards, regardless of benefit coverage limitations and within the prevailing practices and standards of the profession and community, subject, however, to all applicable laws and regulations pertaining to confidentiality ("Open Communication"). HHSC shall not assess Provider(s) any penalties, financial or otherwise, as a result of such Open Communication. It is expressly understood and agreed that HHSC has contracted for services set forth herein solely to ensure the availability of medically appropriate services for HHSC's patients; nothing herein is intended, nor shall it be construed, to require or encourage any Provider providing services hereunder to refer any patient, procedure or ancillary service to any HHSC facility.

**35. MODIFICATIONS OF AGREEMENT.**

a. In writing. Any modification, alteration, amendment, change or extension of any term, provision or condition of this Agreement shall be made only upon mutual agreement and by written amendment to this Agreement signed by both CONTRACTOR and HHSC.

b. No oral modification. No oral modification, alteration, amendment, change or extension of any term, provision or condition of this Agreement shall be permitted or acknowledged; and any such oral modification, alteration, amendment, change or extension shall be null and void.

c. Notwithstanding any other provisions in this contract to the contrary, any modification, alteration, amendment, change or extension of any term, provision or condition shall be null and void if such modification, alteration, amendment, change or extension is reasonably determined by either party to result in the violation of any federal or state statutes or regulations, including, but not limited to, Section 1877 of the Social Security Act, by either or both of the parties.

**36. ENTIRE AGREEMENT.** This Agreement contains the entire understanding of the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersedes all prior agreements, oral or written, and all other communications between the parties relating to such subject matter.

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