STATE OF NEW MEXICO

HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into by and between the State of New Mexico Human Services Department, hereinafter referred to as the "HSD," and Mercer Health and Benefits, LLC, hereinafter referred to as the "Contractor".

RECITALS

WHEREAS, HSD’s General Counsel and Chief Financial Officer have made a determination that this Agreement is exempt from the provisions of the New Mexico Procurement Code (NMSA 1978, 13-1-28 et seq.) pursuant to NMSA 1978, § 13-1-98.1, because it is for the purpose of creating a network of health care providers to provide services to Medicaid-eligible Recipients that will or are likely to reduce health care costs, improve quality of care or improve access to care; and

WHEREAS, this Agreement is subject to NMSA 1978, § 9-7-6.4.

IT IS AGREED BETWEEN THE PARTIES:

1. Scope of Work.
   The Contractor shall perform all services detailed in Exhibit A, Scope of Work, attached to this Agreement.

2. Compensation.
   A. The HSD shall pay to the Contractor in full payment for services satisfactorily performed such compensation not to exceed seven million dollars ($7,000,000) including gross receipts tax, if applicable. This amount is a maximum and not a guarantee that the work assigned to be performed by Contractor under this Agreement shall equal the amount stated herein. The New Mexico gross receipts tax, if applicable, levied on the amounts payable under this PSC shall be paid by the Contractor. The parties do not intend for the Contractor to continue to provide services without compensation when the total compensation amount is reached. The Contractor is responsible for notifying the HSD when the services provided under this Agreement reach the total compensation amount. In no event will the Contractor be paid for services provided in excess of the total compensation amount without this Agreement being amended in writing prior to those services in excess of the total compensation amount being provided.

   The HSD shall pay to the Contractor in full payment for services satisfactorily performed such compensation not to exceed three million dollars ($3,000,000) including gross receipts tax, if applicable, in FY15.

   The HSD shall pay to the Contractor in full payment for services satisfactorily performed such compensation not to exceed four million dollars ($4,000,000) including gross receipts tax, if applicable, in FY16.
B. Payment in FY15 and FY16 is subject to availability of funds pursuant to the Appropriations Paragraph set forth below and to any negotiations between the parties from year to year pursuant to Paragraph 1, Scope of Work. All invoices MUST BE received by the HSD no later than fifteen (15) days after the termination of the Fiscal Year in which the services were delivered. **Invoices received after such date WILL NOT BE PAID.**

C. Contractor must submit a detailed statement accounting for all services performed and expenses incurred. If the HSD finds that the services are not acceptable, within thirty days after the date of receipt of written notice from the Contractor that payment is requested, it shall provide the Contractor a letter of exception explaining the defect or objection to the services, and outlining steps the Contractor may take to provide remedial action. Upon certification by the HSD that the services have been received and accepted, payment shall be tendered to the Contractor within thirty days after the date of acceptance. If payment is made by mail, the payment shall be deemed tendered on the date it is postmarked. However, the agency shall not incur late charges, interest, or penalties for failure to make payment within the time specified herein.

3. **Term.**

This Agreement shall become effective on July 1, 2014 and shall terminate on June 30, 2016, unless terminated pursuant to paragraph 4 (Termination), or paragraph 5 (Appropriations). In accordance with Section 13-1-150 NMSA 1978, no contract term for a professional services contract, including extensions and renewals, shall exceed four years, except as set forth in Section 13-1-150 NMSA 1978.

4. **Termination.**

A. **Grounds.** The HSD may terminate this Agreement for convenience or cause. The Contractor may only terminate this Agreement based upon the HSD’s uncured, material breach of this Agreement.

B. **Notice: HSD Opportunity to Cure.**

1. Except as otherwise provided in Paragraph (4)(B)(3), the HSD shall give Contractor written notice of termination at least thirty (30) days prior to the intended date of termination.

2. Contractor shall give HSD written notice of termination at least thirty (30) days prior to the intended date of termination, which notice shall (i) identify all the HSD’s material breaches of this Agreement upon which the termination is based and (ii) state what the HSD must do to cure such material breaches. Contractor’s notice of termination shall only be effective (iii) if the HSD does not cure all material breaches within the thirty (30) day notice period or (iv) in the case of material breaches that cannot be cured within thirty (30) days, the HSD does not, within the thirty (30) day notice period, notify the Contractor of its intent to cure and begin with due diligence to cure the material breach.

3. Notwithstanding the foregoing, this Agreement may be terminated immediately upon written notice to the Contractor (i) if the Contractor becomes unable to perform the services contracted for, as determined by the HSD; (ii) if, during the term of this
Agreement, the Contractor is suspended or debarred by the State Purchasing Agent; or (iii) the Agreement is terminated pursuant to Paragraph 5, “Appropriations”, of this Agreement.

C. Liability. Except as otherwise expressly allowed or provided under this Agreement, the HSD’s sole liability upon termination shall be to pay for acceptable work performed prior to the Contractor’s receipt or issuance of a notice of termination; provided, however, that a notice of termination shall not nullify or otherwise affect either party’s liability for pre-termination defaults under or breaches of this Agreement. The Contractor shall submit an invoice for such work within thirty (30) days of receiving or sending the notice of termination. THIS PROVISION IS NOT EXCLUSIVE AND DOES NOT WAIVE THE AGENCY’S OTHER LEGAL RIGHTS AND REMEDIES CAUSED BY THE CONTRACTOR’S DEFAULT/BREACH OF THIS AGREEMENT.

D. Termination Management. Immediately upon receipt by either the HSD or the Contractor of notice of termination of this Agreement, the Contractor shall: 1) not incur any further obligations for salaries, services or any other expenditure of funds under this Agreement without written approval of the HSD; 2) comply with all directives issued by the HSD in the notice of termination as to the performance of work under this Agreement; and 3) take such action as the HSD shall direct for the protection, preservation, retention or transfer of all property titled to the HSD and records generated under this Agreement. Any non-expendable personal property or equipment provided to or purchased by the Contractor with contract funds shall become property of the HSD upon termination and shall be submitted to the agency as soon as practicable.

5. Appropriations.

The terms of this Agreement are contingent upon sufficient appropriations and authorization being made by the Legislature of New Mexico for the performance of this Agreement. If sufficient appropriations and authorization are not made by the Legislature, this Agreement shall terminate immediately upon written notice being given by the HSD to the Contractor. The HSD’s decision as to whether sufficient appropriations are available shall be accepted by the Contractor and shall be final. If the HSD proposes an amendment to the Agreement to unilaterally reduce funding, the Contractor shall have the option to terminate the Agreement or to agree to the reduced funding, within thirty (30) days of receipt of the proposed amendment.


The Contractor and its agents and employees are independent contractors performing professional services for the HSD and are not employees of the State of New Mexico. The Contractor and its agents and employees shall not accrue leave, retirement, insurance, bonding, use of state vehicles, or any other benefits afforded to employees of the State of New Mexico as a result of this Agreement. The Contractor acknowledges that all sums received hereunder are reportable by the Contractor for tax purposes, including without limitation, self-employment and business income tax. The Contractor agrees not to purport to bind the State of New Mexico unless the Contractor has express written authority to do so, and then only within the strict limits of that authority.
7. **Assignment.**
   The Contractor shall not assign or transfer any interest in this Agreement or assign any claims for money due or to become due under this Agreement without the prior written approval of the HSD.

8. **Subcontracting.**
   The Contractor shall not subcontract any portion of the services to be performed under this Agreement without the prior written approval of the HSD. No such subcontract shall relieve the primary Contractor from its obligations and liabilities under this Agreement, nor shall any subcontract obligate direct payment from the Procuring Agency.

9. **Release.**
   Final payment of the amounts due under this Agreement shall operate as a release of the HSD, its officers and employees, and the State of New Mexico from its payment obligation under this Agreement.

10. **Confidentiality.**
    Any confidential information provided to or developed by the Contractor in the performance of this Agreement shall be kept confidential and shall not be made available to any individual or organization by the Contractor outside its performance of the services without the prior written approval of the HSD. Confidentiality obligations should not apply to information (i) that is publicly available (not as a result of a breach by the receiving party); (ii) already known to the receiving party; (iii) disclosed by a third party with a right to disclose; (iv) independently developed by the receiving party without reference to the other party’s confidential information; or (v) required by law or court order. The receiving party will, unless prohibited by law, give prompt notice to the disclosing party of any disclosure required by law so that the disclosing party may seek a protective order.

11. **Product of Service - Copyright.**
    A. All materials developed or created by the Contractor specifically and exclusively for the HSD under this Agreement shall be considered ‘work made for hire’ and shall become the property of the State of New Mexico and shall be delivered to the HSD no later than the termination date of this Agreement. Nothing developed or produced, in whole or in part, by the Contractor under this Agreement shall be the subject of an application for copyright or other claim of ownership by or on behalf of the Contractor. Contractor agrees to transfer information developed in connection with this contract to HSD as applicable, without retaining copyright, including materials prepared within the scope of work. Materials whose development has been paid for through state or federal funds in connection with the development of Contractor Intellectual Property (the "Government Funded Contractor Intellectual Property") may be used by HSD and other government entities without license. Accordingly, Contractor will grant to the HSD a royalty-free, irrevocable license to use such Government Funded Contractor Intellectual Property for its internal purposes, which license will include the right to provide such Government Funded Contractor Intellectual Property to another contractor to perform services similar to those services provided hereunder. If modifications such as annual updates are made to the Contractor Intellectual Property subsequent to its transfer the Contractor is not obligated to provide updated information to HSD or another contractor. Further, the Contractor assumes no liability for the use, appropriate or inappropriate, of the material by another contractor to perform services similar to those services provided hereunder.
B. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Agreement, Contractor shall retain all patent, copyright and other intellectual property rights in the methodologies, methods of analysis, ideas, concepts, know-how, models, tools, techniques, skills, knowledge and experience owned or possessed by Contractor before the commencement of, or acquired by Contractor during or after, the performance of the services (collectively, the "Contractor Intellectual Property"). To the extent that any of Intellectual Property is embodied in any of the work, Contractor will grant to the HSD a non-exclusive, non-transferable, royalty-free license to use such Contractor Intellectual Property for its internal use, but solely in connection with and to the extent necessary for use of the work product in accordance with this Agreement.

12. **Conflict of Interest; Governmental Conduct Act.**

A. The Contractor represents and warrants that it presently has no interest and, during the term of this Agreement, shall not acquire any interest, direct or indirect, which would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance or services required under the Agreement.

B. The Contractor further represents and warrants that it has complied with, and, during the term of this Agreement, will continue to comply with, and that this Agreement complies with all applicable provisions of the Governmental Conduct Act, Chapter 10, and Article 16 NMSA 1978. Without in anyway limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Contractor specifically represents and warrants that:

1. in accordance with Section 10-16-4.3 NMSA 1978, the Contractor does not employ, has not employed, and will not employ during the term of this Agreement any HSD employee while such employee was or is employed by the HSD and participating directly or indirectly in the HSD’s contracting process;

2. this Agreement complies with Section 10-16-7(A) NMSA 1978 because (i) the Contractor is not a public officer or employee of the State; (ii) the Contractor is not a member of the family of a public officer or employee of the State; (iii) the Contractor is not a business in which a public officer or employee or the family of a public officer or employee has a substantial interest; or (iv) if the Contractor is a public officer or employee of the State, a member of the family of a public officer or employee of the State, or a business in which a public officer or employee of the State or the family of a public officer or employee of the State has a substantial interest, public notice was given as required by Section 10-16-7(A) NMSA 1978 and this Agreement was awarded pursuant to a competitive process;

3. in accordance with Section 10-16-8(A) NMSA 1978, (i) the Contractor is not, and has not been represented by, a person who has been a public officer or employee of the State within the preceding year and whose official act directly resulted in this Agreement and (ii) the Contractor is not, and has not been assisted in any way regarding this transaction by, a former public officer or employee of the State whose official act, while in State employment, directly resulted in the HSD's making this Agreement;

4. this Agreement complies with Section 10-16-9(A) NMSA 1978 because (i) the Contractor is not a legislator; (ii) the Contractor is not a member of a legislator’s family; (iii) the Contractor is not a business in which a legislator or a legislator's family has a substantial interest; or (iv) if the Contractor is a legislator, a member of a legislator’s family, or a business in which a legislator or a legislator's family has a substantial interest, disclosure has been made as required by Section 10-16-9(A) NMSA.
1978, this Agreement is not a sole source or small purchase contract, and this Agreement was awarded in accordance with the provisions of the Procurement Code;

5. in accordance with Section 10-16-13 NMSA 1978, the Contractor has not directly participated in the preparation of specifications, qualifications or evaluation criteria for this Agreement or any procurement related to this Agreement; and

6. in accordance with Section 10-16-3 and Section 10-16-13.3 NMSA 1978, the Contractor has not contributed, and during the term of this Agreement shall not contribute, anything of value to a public officer or employee of the HSD.

C. Contractor’s representations and warranties in Paragraphs A and B of this Article 12 are material representations of fact upon which the HSD relied when this Agreement was entered into by the parties. Contractor shall provide immediate written notice to the HSD if, at any time during the term of this Agreement, Contractor learns that Contractor’s representations and warranties in Paragraphs A and B of this Article 12 were erroneous on the effective date of this Agreement or have become erroneous by reason of new or changed circumstances. If it is later determined that Contractor’s representations and warranties in Paragraphs A and B of this Article 12 were erroneous on the effective date of this Agreement or have become erroneous by reason of new or changed circumstances, in addition to other remedies available to the HSD and notwithstanding anything in the Agreement to the contrary, the HSD may immediately terminate the Agreement.

D. All terms defined in the Governmental Conduct Act have the same meaning in this Article 12(B).

13. Amendment.
   A. This Agreement shall not be altered, changed or amended except by instrument in writing executed by the parties hereto and all other required signatories.

   B. If the HSD proposes an amendment to the Agreement to unilaterally reduce funding due to budget or other considerations, the Contractor shall, within thirty (30) days of receipt of the proposed Amendment, have the option to terminate the Agreement, pursuant to the termination provisions as set forth in Article 4 herein, or to agree to the reduced funding.

   This Agreement incorporates all the Agreements, covenants and understandings between the parties hereto concerning the subject matter hereof, and all such covenants, Agreements and understandings have been merged into this written Agreement. No prior Agreement or understanding, oral or otherwise, of the parties or their agents shall be valid or enforceable unless embodied in this Agreement.

15. Penalties for Violation of Law.
   The Procurement Code, Sections 13-1-28 through 13-1-199, NMSA 1978, imposes civil and criminal penalties for its violation. In addition, the New Mexico criminal statutes impose felony penalties for illegal bribes, gratuities and kickbacks.
16. **Equal Opportunity Compliance.**
   The Contractor agrees to abide by all federal and state laws and rules and regulations, and executive orders of the Governor of the State of New Mexico, pertaining to equal employment opportunity in its performance of the services under the Agreement. In accordance with all such laws of the State of New Mexico, the Contractor assures that no person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, age, physical or mental handicap, or serious medical condition, spousal affiliation, sexual orientation or gender identity, be excluded from employment with or participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity performed under this Agreement. If Contractor is found not to be in compliance with these requirements during the life of this Agreement, Contractor agrees to take appropriate steps to correct these deficiencies.

17. **Applicable Law.**
   The laws of the State of New Mexico shall govern this Agreement, without giving effect to its choice of law provisions. Venue shall be proper only in a New Mexico court of competent jurisdiction in accordance with Section 38-3-1 (G) NMSA 1978. By execution of this Agreement, Contractor acknowledges and agrees to the jurisdiction of the courts of the State of New Mexico over any and all lawsuits arising under or out of any term of this Agreement.

18. **Workers Compensation.**
   The Contractor agrees to comply with state laws and rules applicable to workers compensation benefits for its employees. If the Contractor fails to comply with the Workers Compensation Act and applicable rules when required to do so, this Agreement may be terminated by the HSD.

19. **Records and Financial Audit.**
   A. The Contractor shall maintain detailed time and expenditure records that indicate the date, time, nature and cost of services rendered during the Agreement’s term and effect and retain them for a period of five (5) years from the date of final payment under this Agreement. The records directly relating to the performance of services under this Agreement shall be subject to inspection by the HSD, the Department of Finance and Administration and the State Auditor upon reasonable prior written notice, during normal business hours and shall be subject to the execution of a confidentiality Agreement reasonably satisfactory to Contractor. The HSD shall have the right to audit billings both before and after payment. Payment under this Agreement shall not foreclose the right of the HSD to recover excessive or illegal payments.

   B. Contract for an independent A-133 audit at the Contractor’s expense, as applicable. The Contractor shall ensure that the auditor is licensed to perform audits in the State of New Mexico and shall be selected by a competitive bid process. The Contractor shall enter into a written contract with the auditor specifying the scope of the audit, the auditor’s responsibility, the date by which the audit is to be completed and the fee to be paid to the auditor for this service. Single audits shall comply with procedures specified by the HSD. The audit of the contract shall cover compliance with Federal Regulations and all financial transactions hereunder for the entire term of the Agreement in accordance with procedures promulgated by OMB Circulars or by Federal program officials for the conduct and report of such audits. An official copy of the independent auditor’s report shall be made available to the HSD and any
other authorized entity as required by law within fifteen (15) days of receipt of the final audit report. The Contractor may request an extension to the deadline for submission of the audit report in writing to the HSD for good cause and the HSD reserves the right to approve or reject any such request. The HSD retains the right to contract for an independent financial and functional audit for funds and operations under this if it determines that such an audit is warranted or desired.

C. Upon completion of the audit under the applicable federal and state statutes and regulations, the Contractor shall notify the HSD when the audit is available for review and provide online access to the HSD, or the Contractor shall provide the HSD with four (4) originals of the audit report. The HSD will retain two (2) and one (1) will be sent to the HSD/Office of the Inspector General and one (1) to the HSD/Administrative Services Division/Compliance Bureau.

D. Within thirty (30) days thereafter or as otherwise determined by the HSD in writing, the Contractor shall provide the HSD with a response indicating the status of each of the exceptions or findings in the said audit report. If either the exceptions or findings in the audit are not resolved within thirty (30) days, the HSD has the right to reduce funding, terminate this Agreement, and/or recommend decertification in compliance with state and/or federal regulations governing such action.

E. This audit shall contain a schedule of financial expenditures for each program to facilitate ease of reconciliation by the HSD. This audit shall also include a schedule of depreciation for all property or equipment with a purchase price of $5,000 or more pursuant to OMB Circulars A-21, A-87, A-110, A-122 and A-133 where appropriate.

F. This audit shall include a report on compliance with requirements applicable to each major program and internal control over compliance in accordance with OMB Circulars A-21, A-87, A-110, A-122 and A-133 where appropriate.

20. Indemnification.

A. The Contractor shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the HSD and the State of New Mexico from all actions, proceedings, claims, demands, costs, damages, attorneys’ fees and all other liabilities and expenses of any kind from any source which may arise out of the performance of this Agreement, to the extent directly caused by the negligent act or failure to act of the Contractor, its officers, employees, servants, subcontractors or agents, resulting in injury or damage to persons or property during the time when the Contractor or any officer, agent, employee, servant or subcontractor thereof has or is performing services pursuant to this Agreement. In the event that any action, suit or proceeding related to the services performed by the Contractor or any officer, agent, employee, servant or subcontractor under this Agreement is brought against the Contractor, the Contractor shall, as soon as practicable but no later than two (2) days after it receives notice thereof, notify the legal counsel of the HSD and the Risk Management Division of the New Mexico General Services Department by certified mail. Contractor shall have no liability for the acts or omissions of any third party (other than its subcontractors).
B. To the fullest extent permitted by law, and notwithstanding any other provision of this PSA, Contractor’s aggregate liability to the HSD, the State of New Mexico and any third party (including any benefit plan, its fiduciaries or any plan sponsor) for any and all actions, proceedings, claims, demands, costs, damages, attorneys’ fees and all other liabilities and expenses of any kind arising from this Agreement or the services shall not exceed three times Contractor’s aggregate compensation for this Agreement. In no event shall Contractor be liable in connection with this Agreement or the services provided hereunder for any loss of profit or incidental, consequential, special, indirect, or similar damages.

21. **New Mexico Employees Health Coverage.**

   A. If Contractor has, or grows to, six (6) or more employees who work, or who are expected to work, an average of at least 20 hours per week over a six (6) month period during the term of the contract, Contractor certifies, by signing this agreement, to have in place, and agree to maintain for the term of the contract, health insurance for those employees and offer that health insurance to those employees if the expected annual value in the aggregate of any and all contracts between Contractor and the State exceed $250,000 dollars.

   B. Contractor agrees to maintain a record of the number of employees who have (a) accepted health insurance; (b) declined health insurance due to other health insurance coverage already in place; or (c) declined health insurance for other reasons. These records are subject to review and audit by a representative of the state.

   C. Contractor agrees to advise all employees of the availability of State publicly financed health care coverage programs by providing each employee with, as a minimum, the following web site link to additional information: [http://insurenewmexico.state.nm.us/](http://insurenewmexico.state.nm.us/).

22. **Employee Pay Equity Reporting.**

   Contractor agrees if it has ten (10) or more New Mexico employees OR eight (8) or more employees in the same job classification, at any time during the term of this contract, to complete and submit the PE10-249 form on the annual anniversary of the initial report submittal for contracts up to one (1) year in duration. If contractor has (250) or more employees, contractor must complete and submit the PE250 form on the annual anniversary of the initial report submittal for contracts up to one (1) year in duration. For contracts that extend beyond one (1) calendar year, or are extended beyond one (1) calendar year, contractor also agrees to complete and submit the PE10-249 or PE250 form, whichever is applicable, within thirty (30) days of the annual contract anniversary date of the initial submittal date or, if more than 180 days has elapsed since submittal of the last report, at the completion of the contract, whichever comes first. Should contractor not meet the size requirement for reporting at contract award but subsequently grows such that they meet or exceed the size requirement for reporting, contractor agrees to provide the required report within ninety (90 days) of meeting or exceeding the size requirement. That submittal date shall serve as the basis for submittals required thereafter. Contractor also agrees to levy this requirement on any subcontractor(s) performing more than 10% of the dollar value of this contract if said subcontractor(s) meets, or grows to meet, the stated employee size thresholds during the term of the contract. Contractor further agrees that, should one or more subcontractor not meet the size requirement for reporting at contract award but subsequently grows such that they meet or exceed the size requirement for reporting, contractor will submit the required report, for each such subcontractor, within ninety (90 days) of
that subcontractor meeting or exceeding the size requirement. Subsequent report submittals, on behalf of each such subcontractor, shall be due on the annual anniversary of the initial report submittal. Contractor shall submit the required form(s) to the State Purchasing Division of the General Services Department, and other departments as may be determined, on behalf of the applicable subcontractor(s) in accordance with the schedule contained in this paragraph. Contractor acknowledges that this subcontractor requirement applies even when contractor itself does not meet the size requirement for reporting and therefore is not required to report itself.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, if this Contract was procured pursuant to a solicitation, and if Contractor has already submitted the required report accompanying their response to such solicitation, the report does not need to be re-submitted with this Agreement.

23. **Invalid Term or Condition.**

It is the intent of the parties that the provisions of this Agreement shall be enforced to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law. To the extent that the terms set forth in this Agreement or any word, phrase, clause or sentence is found to be illegal or unenforceable for any reason, such word, phrase, clause or sentence shall be modified, deleted or interpreted in such a manner so as to afford the party for whose benefit it was intended the fullest benefit commensurate with making this Agreement as modified, enforceable and the balance of this Agreement shall not be affected thereby, the balance being construed as severable and independent.

24. **Enforcement of Agreement.**

A party's failure to require strict performance of any provision of this Agreement shall not waive or diminish that party's right thereafter to demand strict compliance with that or any other provision. No waiver by a party of any of its rights under this Agreement shall be effective unless express and in writing, and no effective waiver by a party of any of its rights shall be effective to waive any other rights.

25. **Notices.**

Any notice required to be given to either party by this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be delivered in person, by courier service or by U.S. mail, either first class or certified, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, as follows:

**To HSD:**

Jaclyn Herrera, Program Manager  
Medical Assistance Division  
P.O. Box 2348  
Santa Fe, NM 87504-2348  
Jaclyn.Herrera@state nm.us

**To Contractor:**

Jared Nason, Principal  
Mercer Health & Benefits, LLC  
2325 East Camelback Road, Suite 600  
Phoenix, AZ 85016  
Jared.Nason@mercer.com
26. Authority.

If Contractor is other than a natural person, the individual(s) signing this Agreement on behalf of Contractor represents and warrants that he or she has the power and authority to bind Contractor, and that no further action, resolution, or approval from Contractor is necessary to enter into a binding contract.

27. Debarment and Suspension

A. Consistent with either 7 C.F.R. Part 3017 or 45 C.F.R. Part 76, as applicable, and as a separate and independent requirement of this PSC the Contractor certifies by signing this PSC, that it and its principals providing services under this PSC, to the best of its knowledge and belief: (1) are not debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, or declared ineligible for the award of contracts by any Federal department or agency; (2) have not, within a three-year period preceding the effective date of this PSC, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for: commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, state, or local) contract or subcontract; violation of Federal or state antitrust statutes relating to the submission of offers; or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, tax evasion, or receiving stolen property; (3) have not been indicted for, or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State or local) with, commission of any of the offenses enumerated above in this Paragraph A; (4) have not, within a three-year period preceding the effective date of this PSC, had one or more public agreements or transactions (Federal, State or local) terminated for cause or default; and (5) have not been excluded from participation from Medicare, Medicaid or other federal health care programs pursuant to Title XI of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. § 1320a-7.

B. The Contractor’s certification in Paragraph A, above, is a material representation of fact upon which the HSD relied when this PSC was entered into by the parties. The Contractor’s certification in Paragraph A, above, shall be a continuing term or condition of this PSC. As such at all times during the performance of this PSC, the Contractor must be capable of making the certification required in Paragraph A, above, as if on the date of making such new certification the Contractor was then executing this PSC for the first time. Accordingly, the following requirements shall be read so as to apply to the original certification of the Contractor in Paragraph A, above, or to any new certification the Contractor is required to be capable of making as stated in the preceding sentence:

1. The Contractor shall provide immediate written notice to the HSD’s Program Manager if, at any time during the term of this PSC, the Contractor learns that its certification in Paragraph A, above, was erroneous on the effective date of this PSC or has become erroneous by reason of new or changed circumstances.

2. If it is later determined that the Contractor’s certification in Paragraph A, above, was erroneous on the effective date of this PSC or has become erroneous by reason of new or changed circumstances, the HSD may terminate the PSC.

C. As required by statute, regulation or requirement of this PSC, and as contained in Paragraph A, above, the Contractor shall require each proposed first-tier subcontractor whose
subcontract will equal or exceed $25,000, to disclose to the Contractor, in writing, whether as of the time of award of the subcontract, the subcontractor, or its principals, is or is not debarred, suspended, or proposed for debarment by any Federal department or agency. The Contractor shall make such disclosures available to the HSD when it requests subcontractor approval from the HSD. If the subcontractor, or its principals, is debarred, suspended, or proposed for debarment by any Federal, state or local department or agency, the HSD may refuse to approve the use of the subcontractor.

28. Certification and Disclosure Regarding Payments to Influence Certain Federal Transactions
   A. The applicable definitions and exceptions to prohibited conduct and disclosures contained in 31 U.S.C. § 1352 and 45 C.F.R. Part 93 or Subparts B and C of 7 C.F.R. Part 3018, as applicable, are hereby incorporated by reference in subparagraph (B) of this certification.

   B. The Contractor, by executing this PSC, certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief that:

       1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting 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 on his or her behalf in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement; and

       2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds (including profit or fee received under a covered Federal transaction) have been paid, or will be paid, to any person for influencing or attempting 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 on his or her behalf in connection with this solicitation, the offeror shall complete and submit, with its offer, OMB standard form LLL, Disclosure of Lobbying Activities, to the Contracting Officer.

   C. The Contractor shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

   D. This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance is placed when this PSC is made and entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making and entering into this PSC imposed under 31 U.S.C. § 1352. It shall be a material obligation of the Contractor to keep this certification current as to any and all individuals or activities of anyone associated with the Contractor during the pendency of this PSC. Any person who makes an expenditure prohibited under this provision or who fails to file or amend the disclosure form to be filed or amended by this provision, shall be subject to: (1) a civil penalty of not less than $10,000 and not more than $100,000 for such failure; and/or (2) at the discretion of the HSD, termination of the PSC.
29. **Non-Discrimination**
   A. The Contractor agrees to comply fully with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Public Law 93-112, as amended; and the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990, Public Law 101-336; in that there shall be no discrimination against any employee who is employed in the performance of this PSC, or against any applicant for such employment, because of age, color, national origin, ancestry, race, religion, creed, disability, sex, or marital status.

   B. This provision shall include, but not be limited to, the following: employment, promotion, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training including apprenticeship.

   C. The Contractor agrees that no qualified handicapped person shall, on the basis of handicap, be excluded from participation or be denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity of the Contractor. The Contractor further agrees to insert similar provisions in all subcontracts for services allowed under this PSC under any program or activity.

   D. The Contractor agrees to provide meaningful access to services for individuals with Limited English Proficiency (LEP) in accordance with Executive Order 13166, “Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency.”

30. **Drug Free Workplace**
   A. **Definitions.** As used in this paragraph—
   “Controlled substance” means a controlled substance in schedules I through V of section 202 of the Controlled Substances Act, 21 U.S.C 812, and as further defined in regulation at 21 CFR 1308.11 - 1308.15.

   “Conviction” means a finding of guilt (including a plea of nolo contendere) or imposition of sentence, or both, by any judicial body charged with the responsibility to determine violations of the Federal or State criminal drug statutes.

   “Criminal drug statute” means a Federal or non-Federal criminal statute involving the manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of any controlled substance.

   “Drug-free workplace” means the site(s) for the performance of work done by the Contractor in connection with a specific contract where employees of the Contractor are prohibited from engaging in the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance.

   “Employee” means an employee of a contractor directly engaged in the performance of work under a Government contract. “Directly engaged” is defined to include all direct cost employees and any other contractor employee who has other than a minimal impact or involvement in contract performance.

   “Individual” means an offeror/contractor that has no more than one employee including the offeror/contractor.

   B. The Contractor, if other than an individual, shall:

      1. Publish a statement notifying its employees that the unlawful manufacture,
distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the Contractor’s workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violations of such prohibition;

2. Establish an ongoing drug-free awareness program to inform such employees about:
   (i) The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;
   (ii) The Contractor’s policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;
   (iii) Any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and
   (iv) The penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations occurring in the workplace;

3. Provide all employees engaged in performance of the PSC with a copy of the statement required by subparagraph B(1);

4. Notify such employees in writing in the statement required by subparagraph (B)(1) of this clause that, as a condition of continued employment on this PSC, the employee will:
   (i) Abide by the terms of the statement; and
   (ii) Notify the employer in writing of the employee’s conviction under a criminal drug statute for a violation occurring in the workplace no later than five (5) days after such conviction;

5. Notify the HSD Program Manager in writing within ten (10) days after receiving notice under (B)(4)(ii) of this paragraph, from an employee or otherwise receiving actual notice of such conviction. The notice shall include the position title of the employee;

6. Within thirty (30) days after receiving notice under B(4)(ii) of this paragraph of a conviction, take one of the following actions with respect to any employee who is convicted of a drug abuse violation occurring in the workplace:
   (i) Taking appropriate personnel action against such employee, up to and including termination; or
   (ii) Require such employee to satisfactorily participate in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such purposes by a Federal, State, or local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency; and

7. Make a good faith effort to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of B (1) through B (6) of this paragraph.

C. The Contractor, if an individual, agrees by entering into this PSC not to engage in the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance while performing this contract.

D. In addition to other remedies available to the HSD, the Contractor’s failure to
comply with the requirements of subparagraph B or C of this paragraph will render the Contractor in default of this PSC and subject the Contractor to suspension of payments under the PSC and/or termination of the PSC in accordance with paragraph 4, above.

31. **Findings and Sanctions**
   
   A. The Contractor agrees to be subject to the findings and sanctions assessed as a result of the HSD audits, federal audits, and disallowances of the services provided pursuant to this PSC and the administration thereof.
   
   B. The Contractor will make repayment of any funds expended by the HSD, subject to which an auditor with the jurisdiction and authority finds were expended, or to which appropriate federal funding agencies take exception and so request reimbursement through a disallowance or deferral based upon the acts or omissions of the Contractor that violate applicable federal statutes and/or regulations, subject to sufficient appropriations of the New Mexico Legislature.

   C. If the HSD becomes aware of circumstances that might jeopardize continued federal funding, the situation shall be reviewed and reconciled by a mutually agreed upon panel of Contractor and the HSD officials. If reconciliation is not possible, both parties shall present their view to the Director of the Administrative Services Division who shall determine whether continued payment shall be made.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement as set forth below.

By: [Signature]  
HSD Cabinet Secretary  
Date: 8/7/14

By: [Signature]  
HSD Office of General Counsel  
Date: 8/8/14

By: [Signature]  
HSD Chief Financial Officer  
Date: 8/16/2014

By: [Signature]  
Contractor  
Date: ____________

The records of the Taxation and Revenue Department reflect that the Contractor is registered with the Taxation and Revenue Department of the State of New Mexico to pay gross receipts and compensating taxes.

ID Number: 03-044671-00-6

By: [Signature]  
Taxation and Revenue Department  
Date: 8/25/14
Exhibit A

Scope of Work

The HSD seeks a qualified actuarial services entity to develop and manage risk-based capitation rates for the New Mexico Centennial Care Medicaid Program and to provide the HSD with consultation services. Capitation rate development must be completed in the fall of every calendar year. Capitation rate updates may occur anytime during the year.

The Contractor shall perform the following work:

1. Develop, set, and certify actuarially sound capitation rates for all managed care organization (MCO) cohorts under Centennial Care. Capitation rates should be developed based on factual data and may be developed by line of business, i.e. physical health, behavioral health, and long term care services for the Standard Medicaid Services Benefit Plan and physical health and behavioral health for the Alternative Benefit Plan. Rates must be certified by a date specified by the HSD. This work includes, but is not limited to the following:

   a) Certifying that the rates comply with all requirements for managed care rate setting as described in the Balanced Budget Act of 1997;

   b) Using a variety of parameters in defining and developing managed care cohorts and capitation rates including, but not limited to, recipients’ age, gender, category of eligibility, level of care, and geographic location;

   c) Identifying medical service utilization patterns by category of service and medical and administrative cost profiles for all managed care cohorts and major lines of business;

   d) Calculating the actuarially sound high/target/low capitation rate ranges

   e) Participating and providing administrative support in the HSDs’ rate setting discussions and meetings (some of which will take place in Santa Fe, NM).

   f) Participating in periodic meetings with HSD staff to discuss the parameters, priorities, methodology, and ongoing results of MCO capitation rate development in each rate cycle.

      (1) Provide documents and data, as directed by HSD staff, to discuss at these meetings.

      (2) Work collaboratively with HSD staff to improve the accuracy and efficiency of the existing data sources and new data sources used for capitation rate development.

      (3) Work collaboratively with HSD staff and other HSD vendors to improve the accuracy and efficiency of capitation rate development methodologies.

      (4) Provide the HSD with reports and calculations in the format(s) specified by the HSD, including all formulae, databases, data sets, analyses, and documents relevant to the capitation rate setting process.
2. Update the capitation rates based on factual data, trends in pricing, changes resulting from federal and/or state requirements, program changes or changes in coverage, and certify those rates for Centennial Care. Activities related to updating capitation rate setting include, but are not limited to:
   a) Analyze inflation and economic trends.
   b) Analyze the financial statement data of the managed care plan with a focus on relevant issues affecting capitation rate development.
   c) Analyze any programmatic changes that will be effective in the FY and use the data to calculate adjustment factors to be applied to the existing capitation rate ranges.
   d) Calculate the actuarially sound high/target/low capitation rate ranges.
   e) Produce a report that provides a detailed description of the methodology used for developing the capitation rates.
   f) Provide actuarial certification as to the soundness of the rates.
   g) Prepare all presentation material, attend and participate in the meetings to promote approved recommendations.
   h) Provide the HSD with reports and calculations in the format(s) specified by the HSD, including all formulas, databases, data sets, analyses, and documents relevant to the capitation rate updating process.

3. Assist the HSD in its reporting on aspects of its §1115 Demonstration waiver for Centennial Care. This work includes, but is not limited to the following:
   a) Monitor and report on budget neutrality as required by federal guidelines.
   b) Evaluate the enrollment and financial performance of Managed Care Organizations and their provider networks.
   c) Provide encounter data validation analysis as required by the waiver’s Standard Terms and Conditions.

4. Provide the HSD with additional consultation services and complete other work as requested by the HSD which may include, but is not limited to, the following:
   a) Analyzing and ensuring accurate payments and reimbursements related to the Primary Care Physician fee increase under the Affordable Care Act.
   b) Providing analysis and other consultation as needed in the development of a risk-adjusted payment approach.
   c) Performing activities related to the reconciliation of the Community Benefit and the Beneficiary Rewards programs under Centennial Care.
d) Assist with programmatic activities associated with the implementation of the Centennial Care program such as State Plan Amendments, contract amendments, and regulatory changes.

e) Analyze proposed adjustments to provider reimbursement rates.

f) Assist HSD in responding to Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) requirements and pursuing CMS approval of programmatic changes.

5. At the end of the contract period, work cooperatively with the HSD and any of its specified contracting organizations to develop and successfully implement a plan to transition all data, methodologies, documentation, and ongoing projects to the succeeding contracting organization, vendor, or firm or to the state.