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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

DIVISION OF LONG TERM SUPPORTS AND SERVICES

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April 17, 2024

His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu
and the Honorable Council
State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

Authorize the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Long Term Supports and Services, to enter into a contract with Advancing Health Equity LLC (VC# 489162), Derry, New Hampshire, in the amount of $200,000, for the purpose of developing a plan to establish and maintain a System of Care for Healthy Aging, and to assist in the production of reports for State Fiscal Years 2024 and 2025, with the option to renew for up to four (4) additional years, effective upon Governor and Council approval through June 30, 2025. 100% General Funds.

Funds are available in the following account for State Fiscal Years 2024 and 2025, with the authority to adjust budget line items within the price limitation and encumbrances between state fiscal years through the Budget Office, if needed and justified.

05-95-48-481010-95650000 HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, HEALTH AND HUMAN SVCS DEPT, HHS: DLTSS-ELDERLY&ADULT SVCS, GRANTS FOR SOCIAL SVC PROG, SERVICELINK

State Fiscal Year	Class / Account	Class Title	Job Number	Total Amount
2024	103-502664	Contracts for Opr Svc	48130630	$41,000
2025	103-502664	Contracts for Opr Svc	48130630	$159,000
			Total	**$200,000**

EXPLANATION

The purpose of this request is for the Contractor to provide consultation services, including technical assistance and guidance, to assist the Department to develop and write a plan to establish and maintain a System of Care for Healthy Aging, and to assist in the production of reports for State Fiscal Years 2024 and 2025.

House Bill 2, Chapter 79:568 (2023), modified RSA 151-E, Long-Term Care, to include provisions for an investment in a System of Care for Healthy Aging. The System of Care for Healthy Aging aims to establish and implement a comprehensive and coordinated system of care that promotes healthy aging and enables older adults and adults with disabilities to have a meaningful choice in care options, including the ability to receive the care they need in their homes and communities; consultation services will assist the Department with this significant undertaking.

New Hampshire residents' median age of 43 is the second oldest in the country; nearly 20% of the State's population is age 65 or older. The System of Care for Healthy Aging aims to serve all Granite Staters as they age and as State demographics shift.

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The Department is committed to the goal that New Hampshire's aging residents should have access to the age-inclusive services and supports they need, and the ability to choose where and how they age in the State. Creating and implementing a wholistic plan to improve policies, programs, and investments for older adults and adults with disabilities as they age encompasses many elements that the Contractor will assist with, including:

- System capacity, including workforce sufficiency;
- A performance measurement system for accountability, monitoring, and reporting of system quality, access, and cost;
- Federal funding participation, including, but not limited to, Medicaid waivers and State Plan amendments;
- Changes to statutes, administrative rules, and structure of appropriations, and Department policy, practice, and structure;
- Projections of cost savings from increased service effectiveness and reductions in costly forms of care and use of such savings to close existing gaps in long term care services;
- Recommended modifications to law, practice, and policy to prepare for and accommodate the participation of privately funded service providers in the System of Care for Healthy Aging; and
- Changes to rates for the Choices for Independence (CFI) program in accordance with section 1902(a)(30)(A) of the Social Security Act and requirements for Medicaid home and community-based waiver programs under section 1915(c).

The Department will monitor services by monitoring stakeholder sessions for the purpose of quality assurance and to provide feedback to interviewers, and by ensuring the Contractor provides twice monthly status reports.

The Department selected the Contractor through a competitive bid process using a Request for Applications (RFA) that was posted on the Department's website from February 6, 2024 through March 5, 2024. The Department received one (1) response that was reviewed and scored by a team of qualified individuals. The Scoring Sheet is attached.

As referenced in Exhibit A, Revisions to Standard Agreement Provisions, of the attached agreement, the parties have the option to extend the agreement for up to four (4) additional years, contingent upon satisfactory delivery of services, available funding, agreement of the parties, and Governor and Council approval.

Should the Governor and Council not authorize this request, the Department will not have sufficient resources to devote to establishing and implementing a System of Care for Healthy Aging that has the potential to respond to the demographic shift to support all Granite Staters as they age.

Area served: Statewide.

Respectfully submitted,

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Commissioner

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New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services
Division of Finance and Procurement
Bureau of Contracts and Procurement
Scoring Sheet

Project ID # RFA-2024-DLTSS-01-SYSTE

Project Title System of Care for Healthy Aging Planning and Reporting Consultation

	Maximum Points Available	Advancing Health Equity LLC
Technical		
Q1 - Experience	175	155
Q2 - Ability	250	160
Q3 - Knowledge	175	150
TOTAL POINTS	600	465
TOTAL PROPOSED VENDOR COST		Not Applicable - No Cost Proposal for RFA

	Reviewer Name	Title
1	Wendi Aultman	Bureau Chief
2	Uma Bhusari	IT Manager
3	Jessica Kennedy	Business Systems Analyst II
4	Jen Barrington	Business Administrator III

FORM NUMBER P-37 (version 2/23/2023)

Subject: System of Care for Healthy Aging Planning & Reporting Consultation RFA-2024-DLTSS-01-SYSTE-01

Notice: This agreement and all of its attachments shall become public upon submission to Governor and Executive Council for approval. Any information that is private, confidential or proprietary must be clearly identified to the agency and agreed to in writing prior to signing the contract.

AGREEMENT

The State of New Hampshire and the Contractor hereby mutually agree as follows:

GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. IDENTIFICATION.

1.1 State Agency Name New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services		1.2 State Agency Address 129 Pleasant Street Concord, NH 03301-3857	
1.3 Contractor Name Advancing Health Equity LLC		1.4 Contractor Address 84 W Broadway Ste 200 Derry, NH 03038	
1.5 Contractor Phone Number 714-307-4500	1.6 Account Unit and Class TBD	1.7 Completion Date June 30, 2025	1.8 Price Limitation $200,000
1.9 Contracting Officer for State Agency Robert W. Moore, Director		1.10 State Agency Telephone Number (603) 271-9631	
1.11 Contractor Signature DocuSigned by: Uché Blackstock 775E1405FAAC43A... Date: 5/10/2024		1.12 Name and Title of Contractor Signatory Uché Blackstock Founder, Advancing Health Equity	
1.13 State Agency Signature DocuSigned by: Melissa Hardy 1323A24040DF496... Date: 5/10/2024		1.14 Name and Title of State Agency Signatory Melissa Hardy Director, DLTSS	
1.15 Approval by the N.H. Department of Administration, Division of Personnel *(if applicable)* By:		Director, On:	
1.16 Approval by the Attorney General (Form, Substance and Execution) *(if applicable)* By: DocuSigned by: Robyn Guarino 79873484841B00...		On: 5/13/2024	
1.17 Approval by the Governor and Executive Council *(if applicable)* G&C Item number:		G&C Meeting Date:	

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Date 5/10/2024

2. SERVICES TO BE PERFORMED. The State of New Hampshire, acting through the agency identified in block 1.1 ("State"), engages contractor identified in block 1.3 ("Contractor") to perform, and the Contractor shall perform, the work or sale of goods, or both, identified and more particularly described in the attached EXHIBIT B which is incorporated herein by reference ("Services").

3. EFFECTIVE DATE/COMPLETION OF SERVICES.

3.1 Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement to the contrary, and subject to the approval of the Governor and Executive Council of the State of New Hampshire, if applicable, this Agreement, and all obligations of the parties hereunder, shall become effective on the date the Governor and Executive Council approve this Agreement, unless no such approval is required, in which case the Agreement shall become effective on the date the Agreement is signed by the State Agency as shown in block 1.13 ("Effective Date").

3.2 If the Contractor commences the Services prior to the Effective Date, all Services performed by the Contractor prior to the Effective Date shall be performed at the sole risk of the Contractor, and in the event that this Agreement does not become effective, the State shall have no liability to the Contractor, including without limitation, any obligation to pay the Contractor for any costs incurred or Services performed.

3.3 Contractor must complete all Services by the Completion Date specified in block 1.7.

4. CONDITIONAL NATURE OF AGREEMENT.

Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement to the contrary, all obligations of the State hereunder, including, without limitation, the continuance of payments hereunder, are contingent upon the availability and continued appropriation of funds. In no event shall the State be liable for any payments hereunder in excess of such available appropriated funds. In the event of a reduction or termination of appropriated funds by any state or federal legislative or executive action that reduces, eliminates or otherwise modifies the appropriation or availability of funding for this Agreement and the Scope for Services provided in EXHIBIT B, in whole or in part, the State shall have the right to withhold payment until such funds become available, if ever, and shall have the right to reduce or terminate the Services under this Agreement immediately upon giving the Contractor notice of such reduction or termination. The State shall not be required to transfer funds from any other account or source to the Account identified in block 1.6 in the event funds in that Account are reduced or unavailable.

5. CONTRACT PRICE/PRICE LIMITATION/ PAYMENT.

5.1 The contract price, method of payment, and terms of payment are identified and more particularly described in EXHIBIT C which is incorporated herein by reference.

5.2 Notwithstanding any provision in this Agreement to the contrary, and notwithstanding unexpected circumstances, in no event shall the total of all payments authorized, or actually made hereunder, exceed the Price Limitation set forth in block 1.8. The payment by the State of the contract price shall be the only and the complete reimbursement to the Contractor for all expenses, of whatever nature incurred by the Contractor in the performance hereof, and shall be the only and the complete compensation to the Contractor for the Services.

5.3 The State reserves the right to offset from any amounts otherwise payable to the Contractor under this Agreement those liquidated amounts required or permitted by N.H. RSA 80:7 through RSA 80:7-c or any other provision of law.

5.4 The State's liability under this Agreement shall be limited to monetary damages not to exceed the total fees paid. The Contractor agrees that it has an adequate remedy at law for any breach of this Agreement by the State and hereby waives any right to specific performance or other equitable remedies against the State.

6. COMPLIANCE BY CONTRACTOR WITH LAWS AND REGULATIONS/EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY.

6.1 In connection with the performance of the Services, the Contractor shall comply with all applicable statutes, laws, regulations, and orders of federal, state, county or municipal authorities which impose any obligation or duty upon the Contractor, including, but not limited to, civil rights and equal employment opportunity laws and the Governor's order on Respect and Civility in the Workplace, Executive order 2020-01. In addition, if this Agreement is funded in any part by monies of the United States, the Contractor shall comply with all federal executive orders, rules, regulations and statutes, and with any rules, regulations and guidelines as the State or the United States issue to implement these regulations. The Contractor shall also comply with all applicable intellectual property laws.

6.2 During the term of this Agreement, the Contractor shall not discriminate against employees or applicants for employment because of age, sex, sexual orientation, race, color, marital status, physical or mental disability, religious creed, national origin, gender identity, or gender expression, and will take affirmative action to prevent such discrimination, unless exempt by state or federal law. The Contractor shall ensure any subcontractors comply with these nondiscrimination requirements.

6.3 No payments or transfers of value by Contractor or its representatives in connection with this Agreement have or shall be made which have the purpose or effect of public or commercial bribery, or acceptance of or acquiescence in extortion, kickbacks, or other unlawful or improper means of obtaining business.

6.4. The Contractor agrees to permit the State or United States access to any of the Contractor's books, records and accounts for the purpose of ascertaining compliance with this Agreement and all rules, regulations and orders pertaining to the covenants, terms and conditions of this Agreement.

7. PERSONNEL.

7.1 The Contractor shall at its own expense provide all personnel necessary to perform the Services. The Contractor warrants that all personnel engaged in the Services shall be qualified to perform the Services, and shall be properly licensed and otherwise authorized to do so under all applicable laws.

7.2 The Contracting Officer specified in block 1.9, or any successor, shall be the State's point of contact pertaining to this Agreement.

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8. EVENT OF DEFAULT/REMEDIES.

8.1 Any one or more of the following acts or omissions of the Contractor shall constitute an event of default hereunder ("Event of Default"):

8.1.1 failure to perform the Services satisfactorily or on schedule;

8.1.2 failure to submit any report required hereunder; and/or

8.1.3 failure to perform any other covenant, term or condition of this Agreement.

8.2 Upon the occurrence of any Event of Default, the State may take any one, or more, or all, of the following actions:

8.2.1 give the Contractor a written notice specifying the Event of Default and requiring it to be remedied within, in the absence of a greater or lesser specification of time, thirty (30) calendar days from the date of the notice; and if the Event of Default is not timely cured, terminate this Agreement, effective two (2) calendar days after giving the Contractor notice of termination;

8.2.2 give the Contractor a written notice specifying the Event of Default and suspending all payments to be made under this Agreement and ordering that the portion of the contract price which would otherwise accrue to the Contractor during the period from the date of such notice until such time as the State determines that the Contractor has cured the Event of Default shall never be paid to the Contractor;

8.2.3 give the Contractor a written notice specifying the Event of Default and set off against any other obligations the State may owe to the Contractor any damages the State suffers by reason of any Event of Default; and/or

8.2.4 give the Contractor a written notice specifying the Event of Default, treat the Agreement as breached, terminate the Agreement and pursue any of its remedies at law or in equity, or both.

9. TERMINATION.

9.1 Notwithstanding paragraph 8, the State may, at its sole discretion, terminate the Agreement for any reason, in whole or in part, by thirty (30) calendar days written notice to the Contractor that the State is exercising its option to terminate the Agreement.

9.2 In the event of an early termination of this Agreement for any reason other than the completion of the Services, the Contractor shall, at the State's discretion, deliver to the Contracting Officer, not later than fifteen (15) calendar days after the date of termination, a report ("Termination Report") describing in detail all Services performed, and the contract price earned, to and including the date of termination. In addition, at the State's discretion, the Contractor shall, within fifteen (15) calendar days of notice of early termination, develop and submit to the State a transition plan for Services under the Agreement.

10. PROPERTY OWNERSHIP/DISCLOSURE.

10.1 As used in this Agreement, the word "Property" shall mean all data, information and things developed or obtained during the performance of, or acquired or developed by reason of, this Agreement, including, but not limited to, all studies, reports, files, formulae, surveys, maps, charts, sound recordings, video recordings, pictorial reproductions, drawings, analyses, graphic representations, computer programs, computer printouts, notes, letters, memoranda, papers, and documents, all whether finished or unfinished.

10.2 All data and any Property which has been received from the State, or purchased with funds provided for that purpose under this Agreement, shall be the property of the State, and shall be returned to the State upon demand or upon termination of this Agreement for any reason.

10.3 Disclosure of data, information and other records shall be governed by N.H. RSA chapter 91-A and/or other applicable law. Disclosure requires prior written approval of the State.

11. CONTRACTOR'S RELATION TO THE STATE. In the performance of this Agreement the Contractor is in all respects an independent contractor, and is neither an agent nor an employee of the State. Neither the Contractor nor any of its officers, employees, agents or members shall have authority to bind the State or receive any benefits, workers' compensation or other emoluments provided by the State to its employees.

12. ASSIGNMENT/DELEGATION/SUBCONTRACTS.

12.1 Contractor shall provide the State written notice at least fifteen (15) calendar days before any proposed assignment, delegation, or other transfer of any interest in this Agreement. No such assignment, delegation, or other transfer shall be effective without the written consent of the State.

12.2 For purposes of paragraph 12, a Change of Control shall constitute assignment. "Change of Control" means (a) merger, consolidation, or a transaction or series of related transactions in which a third party, together with its affiliates, becomes the direct or indirect owner of fifty percent (50%) or more of the voting shares or similar equity interests, or combined voting power of the Contractor, or (b) the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the Contractor.

12.3 None of the Services shall be subcontracted by the Contractor without prior written notice and consent of the State.

12.4 The State is entitled to copies of all subcontracts and assignment agreements and shall not be bound by any provisions contained in a subcontract or an assignment agreement to which it is not a party.

13. INDEMNIFICATION. The Contractor shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the State, its officers, and employees from and against all actions, claims, damages, demands, judgments, fines, liabilities, losses, and other expenses, including, without limitation, reasonable attorneys' fees, arising out of or relating to this Agreement directly or indirectly arising from death, personal injury, property damage, intellectual property infringement, or other claims asserted against the State, its officers, or employees caused by the acts or omissions of negligence, reckless or willful misconduct, or fraud by the Contractor, its employees, agents, or subcontractors. The State shall not be liable for any costs incurred by the Contractor arising under this paragraph 13. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing herein contained shall be deemed to constitute a waiver of the State's sovereign immunity, which immunity is hereby reserved to the State. This covenant in paragraph 13 shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

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Date 6/10/2024

14. INSURANCE.
14.1 The Contractor shall, at its sole expense, obtain and continuously maintain in force, and shall require any subcontractor or assignee to obtain and maintain in force, the following insurance:
14.1.1 commercial general liability insurance against all claims of bodily injury, death or property damage, in amounts of not less than $1,000,000 per occurrence and $2,000,000 aggregate or excess; and
14.1.2 special cause of loss coverage form covering all Property subject to subparagraph 10.2 herein, in an amount not less than 80% of the whole replacement value of the Property.
14.2 The policies described in subparagraph 14.1 herein shall be on policy forms and endorsements approved for use in the State of New Hampshire by the N.H. Department of Insurance, and issued by insurers licensed in the State of New Hampshire.
14.3 The Contractor shall furnish to the Contracting Officer identified in block 1.9, or any successor, a certificate(s) of insurance for all insurance required under this Agreement. At the request of the Contracting Officer, or any successor, the Contractor shall provide certificate(s) of insurance for all renewal(s) of insurance required under this Agreement. The certificate(s) of insurance and any renewals thereof shall be attached and are incorporated herein by reference.

15. WORKERS' COMPENSATION.
15.1 By signing this agreement, the Contractor agrees, certifies and warrants that the Contractor is in compliance with or exempt from, the requirements of N.H. RSA chapter 281-A *("Workers' Compensation")*.
15.2 To the extent the Contractor is subject to the requirements of N.H. RSA chapter 281-A, Contractor shall maintain, and require any subcontractor or assignee to secure and maintain, payment of Workers' Compensation in connection with activities which the person proposes to undertake pursuant to this Agreement. The Contractor shall furnish the Contracting Officer identified in block 1.9, or any successor, proof of Workers' Compensation in the manner described in N.H. RSA chapter 281-A and any applicable renewal(s) thereof, which shall be attached and are incorporated herein by reference. The State shall not be responsible for payment of any Workers' Compensation premiums or for any other claim or benefit for Contractor, or any subcontractor or employee of Contractor, which might arise under applicable State of New Hampshire Workers' Compensation laws in connection with the performance of the Services under this Agreement.

16. WAIVER OF BREACH. A State's failure to enforce its rights with respect to any single or continuing breach of this Agreement shall not act as a waiver of the right of the State to later enforce any such rights or to enforce any other or any subsequent breach.

17. NOTICE. Any notice by a party hereto to the other party shall be deemed to have been duly delivered or given at the time of mailing by certified mail, postage prepaid, in a United States Post Office addressed to the parties at the addresses given in blocks 1.2 and 1.4, herein.

18. AMENDMENT. This Agreement may be amended, waived or discharged only by an instrument in writing signed by the parties hereto and only after approval of such amendment, waiver or discharge by the Governor and Executive Council of the State of New Hampshire unless no such approval is required under the circumstances pursuant to State law, rule or policy.

19. CHOICE OF LAW AND FORUM.
19.1 This Agreement shall be governed, interpreted and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New Hampshire except where the Federal supremacy clause requires otherwise. The wording used in this Agreement is the wording chosen by the parties to express their mutual intent, and no rule of construction shall be applied against or in favor of any party.
19.2 Any actions arising out of this Agreement, including the breach or alleged breach thereof, may not be submitted to binding arbitration, but must, instead, be brought and maintained in the Merrimack County Superior Court of New Hampshire which shall have exclusive jurisdiction thereof.

20. CONFLICTING TERMS. In the event of a conflict between the terms of this P-37 form (as modified in EXHIBIT A) and any other portion of this Agreement including any attachments thereto, the terms of the P-37 (as modified in EXHIBIT A) shall control.

21. THIRD PARTIES. This Agreement is being entered into for the sole benefit of the parties hereto, and nothing herein, express or implied, is intended to or will confer any legal or equitable right, benefit, or remedy of any nature upon any other person.

22. HEADINGS. The headings throughout the Agreement are for reference purposes only, and the words contained therein shall in no way be held to explain, modify, amplify or aid in the interpretation, construction or meaning of the provisions of this Agreement.

23. SPECIAL PROVISIONS. Additional or modifying provisions set forth in the attached EXHIBIT A are incorporated herein by reference.

24. FURTHER ASSURANCES. The Contractor, along with its agents and affiliates, shall, at its own cost and expense, execute any additional documents and take such further actions as may be reasonably required to carry out the provisions of this Agreement and give effect to the transactions contemplated hereby.

25. SEVERABILITY. In the event any of the provisions of this Agreement are held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be contrary to any state or federal law, the remaining provisions of this Agreement will remain in full force and effect.

26. ENTIRE AGREEMENT. This Agreement, which may be executed in a number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, constitutes the entire agreement and understanding between the parties, and supersedes all prior agreements and understandings with respect to the subject matter hereof.

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Date 5/10/2024

New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services
System of Care for Healthy Aging Planning and Reporting Consultation
EXHIBIT A

Revisions to Standard Agreement Provisions

1. Revisions to Form P-37, General Provisions

   1.1. Paragraph 3, Effective Date/Completion of Services, is amended by deleting subparagraph 3.3 in its entirety and replacing it as follows:

   3.3. Contractor must complete all Services by the Completion Date specified in block 1.7. The parties may extend the Agreement for up to four (4) additional years from the Completion Date, contingent upon satisfactory delivery of services, available funding, agreement of the parties, and approval of the Governor and Executive Council.

   1.2. Paragraph 12, Assignment/Delegation/Subcontracts, is amended by adding subparagraph 12.5 as follows:

   12.5. Subcontractors are subject to the same contractual conditions as the Contractor and the Contractor is responsible to ensure subcontractor compliance with those conditions. The Contractor shall have written agreements with all subcontractors, specifying the work to be performed, and if applicable, a Business Associate Agreement in accordance with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act. Written agreements shall specify how corrective action shall be managed. The Contractor shall manage the subcontractor's performance on an ongoing basis and take corrective action as necessary. The Contractor shall annually provide the State with a list of all subcontractors provided for under this Agreement and notify the State of any inadequate subcontractor performance.

Scope of Services

1. Statement of Work

1.1. The Contractor must provide consultation services, including technical assistance and advice, to assist the Department to develop and write a plan to fully establish and maintain a System of Care for Healthy Aging, in accordance with New Hampshire RSA 151-E:22-27. The System of Care for Healthy Aging Plan must include the following elements:

1.1.1. System capacity, including workforce sufficiency;

1.1.2. A performance measurement system for accountability, monitoring; and reporting of system quality, access, and cost;

1.1.3. Federal funding participation, including, but not limited to, Medicaid waivers and State Plan amendments;

1.1.4. Changes to statutes, administrative rules, and structure of appropriations, and Department policy, practice, and structure;

1.1.5. Projections of cost savings from increased service effectiveness and reductions in costly forms of care and use of such savings to close existing gaps in long term care services;

1.1.6. Recommended modifications to law, practice, and policy to prepare for and accommodate the participation of privately funded service providers in the System of Care for Healthy Aging;

1.1.7. Changes to rates for the Choices for Independence (CFI) program in accordance with Section 1902(a)(30)(A) of the Social Security Act and requirements for Medicaid home and community-based waiver programs under Section 1915(c); and

1.1.8. Sufficient detail to ensure the Department's compliance with the reporting requirements of RSA 151-E:27, IV as described in Sections 1.7.2. and 1.7.3 below.

1.2. Project Management

1.2.1. The Contractor must conduct a project kick-off meeting with the Department within 15 days of the contract effective date. All due dates in this Exhibit B are subject to adjustment with Department approval.

1.2.2. The Contractor must provide ongoing Project Management, including submission of project status reports to the Department twice per month, as described in Section 1.7.1.1. below, with the first report due

within 15 days of the project kick-off meeting described in Section 1.2.1.

1.3. System of Care for Healthy Aging Plan Development

1.3.1. The Contractor must undertake steps to inform the System of Care for Healthy Aging Plan, including, but not limited to:

1.3.1.1. Conducting a minimum of two (2) stakeholder listening sessions (with approximately 30 to 50 participants) and two (2) stakeholder focus groups for guided discussion (with approximately ten (10) to 20 participants), which may be held virtually or in person within four (4) months of the contract effective date, to obtain staff and public input with the following individuals, including, but not limited to:

1.3.1.1.1. Internal Department staff.

1.3.1.1.2. Provider community, including frontline providers and administrative leaders.

1.3.1.1.3. Beneficiaries and families.

1.3.1.1.4. Applicants, potential applicants, and families.

1.3.1.2. Utilizing existing research, initiatives, and analysis, including, but not limited to, work conducted by:

1.3.1.2.1. The Department, which addresses existing long term supports and services system in New Hampshire to understand public experience with long term care services and perceived strengths and weaknesses.

1.3.1.2.2. Entities that analyze system of care frameworks at the state and national level.

1.3.1.3. Submitting content to the Department to inform the creation of a public facing online dashboard on or before May 30, 2025 to track home and community-based waiver services data, including, but not limited to:

1.3.1.3.1. Results of any performance measurement assessments.

1.3.1.3.2. Waiver services authorized but not paid.

1.3.1.3.3. Current wait times for receiving waiver services.

1.3.1.3.4. The number of people transitioned from institutionalized care into the community.

1.4. System of Care for Healthy Aging Plan

1.4.1. *Plan Outline*

1.4.1.1. The Contractor must submit a System of Care for Healthy Aging Plan outline to the Department for review and approval prior to drafting and populating the plan draft, within three (3) months of the contract effective date.

1.4.2. *Plan Draft*

1.4.2.1. The Contractor must write a draft System of Care for Healthy Aging Plan that synthesizes the results of plan development outlined in Section 1.3., with elements that include, but are not limited to:

1.4.2.1.1. Framework of characteristics, indicators, and concepts for the System of Care for Healthy Aging in New Hampshire.

1.4.2.1.2. Solution implementation steps, timing, and any potential barriers.

1.4.2.1.3. Integration of research and analysis and alignment of solution options in the context of stakeholder feedback and Department areas of interest.

1.4.2.1.4. Proposed recommendations regarding current policy.

1.4.2.1.5. A summary of procedures, protocols, and methodologies referenced and/or utilized to reach conclusions on recommendations.

1.4.2.2. The Contractor must ensure the draft plan is written in a manner that is understandable to all stakeholders, including, but not limited to, State legislators.

1.4.2.3. The Contractor must submit one (1) draft for Department review and feedback within five (5) months of the contract effective date.

1.4.2.4. The Contractor must schedule and hold an in-person or virtual meeting with the Department within two (2) weeks of draft submittal, to discuss feedback.

1.4.2.5. The Contractor must support and assist with the release of the draft plan to the public, which incorporates any necessary edits resulting from the meeting described in Section 1.4.2.4., within two (2) weeks of that meeting, as directed by the Department.

1.4.2.6. The Contractor must schedule and hold an in-person or virtual meeting with the Department to present and discuss feedback obtained during the stakeholder engagement and feedback period, as well as to field questions and suggestions for the final plan, within two (2) weeks of the draft submittal described in Section 1.4.2.5.

1.4.3. *Final Plan*

1.4.3.1. The Contractor must submit one (1) revised, final plan to the Department that incorporates the Department's feedback received on the draft plan, within one (1) week of the meeting described in Section 1.4.2.6.

1.4.3.2. The Contractor must support the Department in distributing the final plan, as directed by the Department, on or after the date of the final plan submittal described in Section 1.4.3.1.

1.4.3.3. The Contractor must assist the Department to prepare to testify before the New Hampshire legislature and provide supporting documents for testifying, upon request of the Department, and address comments or concerns raised by the Department or State legislators after submission of the final plan, as needed.

1.5. Staff qualifications

1.5.1. The Contractor must provide qualified personnel who have:

1.5.1.1. Subject matter expertise;

1.5.1.2. Experience in Medicaid HCBS and in Medicaid long term care services delivery;

1.5.1.3. Conceptual systems design expertise and experience;

1.5.1.4. Project management expertise and experience; and

1.5.1.5. Business and technical writing experience.

1.5.2. The Contractor must provide a qualified staff member to serve as Project Manager and Lead Consultant.

1.5.3. The Contractor must provide a minimum of three (3) Consultants, inclusive of the Lead Consultant.

1.5.4. The Contractor must provide supervision through the Chief Managing Director and the Chief Executive Officer.

1.6. Meetings

1.6.1. The Contractor must participate in meetings with the Department on a monthly basis, or as otherwise requested by the Department. These meetings may be virtual or in person.

1.7. Reporting Requirements

1.7.1. *Project Status Reports*

1.7.1.1. The Contractor must submit project status reports to the Department twice per month that include, but are not limited to:

1.7.1.1.1. A narrative summary of all of the Contractor's project activities since the prior report.

1.7.1.1.2. A copy of any deliverable documents that were due since the prior report.

1.7.1.1.3. Stakeholder outreach and interview progress reports.

1.7.1.1.4. A summary of the upcoming steps in the project, with task responsibilities assigned to identified project team members.

1.7.2. *SFY 2024 Report*

1.7.2.1. The Contractor must submit a SFY 2024 report, in accordance with RSA 151-E:27,V, using data provided by the Department that includes:

1.7.2.1.1. The total cost of Medicaid long term care services and Choices for Independence program services;

1.7.2.1.2. The extent to which the state's long term care support and services systems are consistent with a System of Care for Healthy Aging;

1.7.2.1.3. A description of any actual or planned changes in department policy or practice or developments external to the departments that will affect implementation of a System of Care for Healthy Aging;

1.7.2.1.4. Any other available information relevant to progress toward full implementation of a System of Care for Healthy Aging;

1.7.2.1.5. A review of options to enhance the System of Care for Healthy Aging;

1.7.2.1.6. The status of changes to the NH EASY Gateway to Services electronic application system for programs administered by the Department, which also allows for checking eligibility and tracking application status, and any additional enhancements needed; and

1.7.2.1.7. The status of reimbursement rates and rate study.

1.7.2.2. The SFY 2024 report must cover July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 and be submitted to the Department no later than October 1, 2024.

1.7.3. *SFY 2025 Report Planning and Development*

1.7.3.1. The Contractor must assist in the planning and development of the SFY 2025 report, in accordance with RSA 151-E:27,VI, using available data that is provided by the Department.

1.7.3.2. The Contractor must submit a draft SFY 2025 report, using the available data, that includes the criteria required in the SFY 2024 report, as listed in Section 1.7.2., and the following additional information:

1.7.3.2.1. Presumptive eligibility characteristics and recommendations for next steps;

1.7.3.2.2. Identification of those actions which will be required to maximize federal and private insurance funding participation in the System of Care for Healthy Aging, along with target dates for completion;

1.7.3.2.3. Identification of changes to statutes, administrative rules, policies, practices, and managed care and provider contracts that will be necessary to fully implement the System of Care for Healthy Aging; and

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1.7.3.2.4. Identification of significant gaps in the existing array of long term care supports and services for older adults and adults with disabilities, along with a description of plans to close those gaps.

1.7.3.3. The SFY 2025 draft report must cover July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 and be submitted to the Department no later than June 30, 2025

1.7.4. The Contractor may be required to provide other data and metrics to the Department in a format specified by the Department.

1.8. Deliverables

1.8.1. The Contractor must follow the table in Exhibit C-1, Deliverables and Payment Schedule, to ensure timeliness of deliverables for the term of the Agreement.

1.9. Background Checks

1.9.1. Prior to permitting any individual to provide services under this Agreement, the Contractor must ensure that said individual has undergone:

1.9.1.1. A criminal background check, at the Contractor's expense, and has no convictions for crimes that represent evidence of behavior that could endanger individuals served under this Agreement; and

1.9.1.2. A name search of the Department's Bureau of Elderly and Adult Services (BEAS) State Registry, pursuant to RSA 161-F:49, with results indicating no evidence of behavior that could endanger individuals served under this Agreement.

1.10. Confidential Data

1.10.1. The Contractor must meet all information security and privacy requirements as set by the Department and in accordance with the Department's Information Security Requirements Exhibit as referenced below.

1.10.2. The Contractor must ensure any individuals involved in delivering services through this Agreement contract sign an attestation agreeing to access, view, store, and discuss Confidential Data in accordance with federal and state laws and regulations and the Department's Information Security Requirements Exhibit. The Contractor must ensure said individuals have a justifiable business need to access confidential data. The Contractor must provide attestations upon Department request.

1.11. Privacy Impact Assessment

1.11.1. Upon request, the Contractor must allow and assist the Department in conducting a Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA) of its system(s)/application(s)/web portal(s)/website(s) or Department system(s)/application(s)/web portal(s)/website(s) hosted by the Contractor, if Personally Identifiable Information (PII) is collected, used, accessed, shared, or stored. To conduct the PIA the Contractor must provide the Department access to applicable

systems and documentation sufficient to allow the Department to assess, at minimum, the following:

1.11.1.1. How PII is gathered and stored;

1.11.1.2. Who will have access to PII;

1.11.1.3. How PII will be used in the system;

1.11.1.4. How individual consent will be achieved and revoked; and

1.11.1.5. Privacy practices.

1.11.2. The Department may conduct follow-up PIAs in the event there are either significant process changes or new technologies impacting the collection, processing or storage of PII.

1.12. Department Owned Devices, Systems and Network Usage

1.12.1. Contractor End Users, defined in the Department's Information Security Requirements Exhibit that is incorporated into this Agreement, authorized by the Department's Information Security Office to use a Department issued device (e.g. computer, tablet, mobile telephone) or access the Department network in the fulfilment of this Agreement, must:

1.12.1.1. Sign and abide by applicable Department and New Hampshire Department of Information Technology (NH DoIT) use agreements, policies, standards, procedures and guidelines, and complete applicable trainings as required;

1.12.1.2. Use the information that they have permission to access solely for conducting official Department business and agree that all other use or access is strictly forbidden including, but not limited, to personal or other private and non-Department use, and that at no time shall they access or attempt to access information without having the express authority of the Department to do so;

1.12.1.3. Not access or attempt to access information in a manner inconsistent with the approved policies, procedures, and/or agreement relating to system entry/access;

1.12.1.4. Not copy, share, distribute, sub-license, modify, reverse engineer, rent, or sell software licensed, developed, or being evaluated by the Department, and at all times must use utmost care to protect and keep such software strictly confidential in accordance with the license or any other agreement executed by the Department;

1.12.1.5. Only use equipment, software, or subscription(s) authorized by the Department's Information Security Office or designee;

1.12.1.6. Not install non-standard software on any Department equipment unless authorized by the Department's Information Security Office or designee;

1.12.1.7. Agree that email and other electronic communication messages created, sent, and received on a Department-issued email system are the property of the Department of New Hampshire and to be used for business purposes only. Email is defined as "internal email systems" or "Department-funded email systems."

1.12.1.8. Agree that use of email must follow Department and NH DoIT policies, standards, and/or guidelines; and

1.12.1.9. Agree when utilizing the Department's email system:

1.12.1.9.1. To only use a Department email address assigned to them with a "@ affiliate.DHHS.NH.Gov".

1.12.1.9.2. Include in the signature lines information identifying the End User as a non-Department workforce member; and

1.12.1.9.3. Ensure the following confidentiality notice is embedded underneath the signature line:

CONFIDENTIALITY NOTICE: "This message may contain information that is privileged and confidential and is intended only for the use of the individual(s) to whom it is addressed. If you receive this message in error, please notify the sender immediately and delete this electronic message and any attachments from your system. Thank you for your cooperation."

1.12.1.10. Contractor End Users with a Department issued email, access or potential access to Confidential Data, and/or a workspace in a Department building/facility, must:

1.12.1.10.1. Complete the Department's Annual Information Security & Compliance Awareness Training prior to accessing, viewing, handling, hearing, or transmitting Department Data or Confidential Data.

1.12.1.10.2. Sign the Department's Business Use and Confidentiality Agreement and Asset Use Agreement, and the NH DoIT Department wide Computer Use Agreement upon execution of the Agreement and annually thereafter.

1.12.1.10.3. Only access the Department's intranet to view the Department's Policies and Procedures and Information Security webpages.

1.12.1.11. Contractor agrees, if any End User is found to be in violation of any of the above terms and conditions, said End User may face removal from the Agreement, and/or criminal and/or civil prosecution, if the act constitutes a violation of law.

1.12.1.12. Contractor agrees to notify the Department a minimum of three business days prior to any upcoming transfers or terminations of End Users who possess Department credentials and/or badges or who have system privileges. If End Users who possess Department credentials and/or badges or who have system privileges resign or are dismissed without advance notice, the Contractor agrees to notify the Department's Information Security Office or designee immediately.

1.12.2. Workspace Requirement

1.12.2.1. If applicable, the Department will work with Contractor to determine requirements for providing necessary workspace and State equipment for its End Users.

1.13. Contract End-of-Life Transition Services

1.13.1. General Requirements

1.13.1.1. If applicable, upon termination or expiration of the Agreement, the parties agree to cooperate in good faith to effectuate a smooth secure transition of the Services from the Contractor to the Department and, if applicable, the Contractor engaged by the Department to assume the Services previously performed by the Contractor for this section. The new Contractor shall be known as the "Recipient"). Ninety (90) days prior to the end-of the contract or unless otherwise specified by the Department, the Contractor must begin working with the Department and if applicable, the new Recipient to

develop a Data Transition Plan (DTP). The Department shall provide the DTP template to the Contractor.

1.13.1.2. The Contractor must use reasonable efforts to assist the Recipient, in connection with the transition from the performance of Services by the Contractor and its End Users to the performance of such Services. This may include assistance with the secure transfer of records (electronic and hard copy), transition of historical data (electronic and hard copy), the transition of any such Service from the hardware, software, network and telecommunications equipment and internet-related information technology infrastructure ("Internal IT Systems") of Contractor to the Internal IT Systems of the Recipient and cooperation with and assistance to any third-party consultants engaged by Recipient in connection with the Transition Services.

1.13.1.3. If a system, database, hardware, software, and/or software licenses (Tools) was purchased or created to manage, track, and/or store Department Data in relationship to this contract said Tools will be inventoried and returned to the Department, along with the inventory document, once transition of Department Data is complete.

1.13.1.4. The internal planning of the Transition Services by the Contractor and its End Users shall be provided to the Department and if applicable the Recipient in a timely manner. Any such Transition Services shall be deemed to be Services for purposes of this Agreement.

1.13.1.5. Should the data Transition extend beyond the end of the Agreement, the Contractor agrees that the Information Security Requirements, and if applicable, the Department's Business Associate Agreement terms and conditions remain in effect until the Data Transition is accepted as complete by the Department.

1.13.1.6. In the event where the Contractor has comingled Department Data and the destruction or Transition of said data is not feasible, the Department and Contractor will jointly evaluate regulatory and professional standards for retention requirements prior to destruction, refer to the terms and conditions of the Department's DHHS Information Security Requirements Exhibit.

1.13.2. Completion of Transition Services

1.13.2.1. Each service or Transition phase shall be deemed completed (and the Transition process finalized) at the end of 15 business days after the product, resulting from the Service, is delivered to the Department and/or the Recipient in accordance with the mutually agreed upon Transition plan, unless within said 15 business day term the Contractor notifies the Department of an issue requiring additional time to complete said product.

1.13.2.2. Once all parties agree the data has been migrated the Contractor will have 30 days to destroy the data per the terms and conditions of the Department's Information Security Requirements Exhibit.

1.13.3. Disagreement over Transition Services Results

1.13.3.1. In the event the Department is not satisfied with the results of the Transition Service, the Department shall notify the Contractor, in writing, stating the reason for the lack of satisfaction within 15 business days of the final product or at any time during the data Transition process. The Parties shall discuss the actions to be taken to resolve the disagreement or issue. If an agreement is not reached, at any time the Department shall be entitled to initiate actions in accordance with the Agreement.

2. Exhibits Incorporated

2.1. The Contractor must manage all confidential data related to this Agreement in accordance with the terms of Exhibit D, DHHS Information Security Requirements.

2.2. The Contractor must use and disclose Protected Health Information in compliance with the Standards for Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information (Privacy Rule) (45 CFR Parts 160 and 164) under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) of 1996, and in accordance with the attached Exhibit E, Business Associate Agreement, which has been executed by the parties.

3. Additional Terms

3.1. Impacts Resulting from Court Orders or Legislative Changes

3.1.1. The Contractor agrees that, to the extent future state or federal legislation or court orders may have an impact on the Services described herein, the State has the right to modify Service priorities and expenditure requirements under this Agreement so as to achieve

compliance therewith.

3.2. Federal Civil Rights Laws Compliance: Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Programs and Services

3.2.1. The Contractor must submit:

3.2.1.1. A detailed description of the language assistance services, within ten (10) days of the Effective Date of the Agreement, to be provided to ensure meaningful access to programs and/or services to individuals with limited English proficiency; individuals who are deaf or have hearing loss; individuals who are blind or have low vision; and individuals who have speech challenges.

3.2.1.2. A written attestation, within 45 days of the Effective Date of the Agreement and annually thereafter, that all personnel involved the provision of services to individuals under this Agreement have completed, within the last 12 months, the Contractor Required Training Video on Civil Rights-related Provisions in DHHS Procurement Processes, which is accessible on the Department's website (https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/doing-business-dhhs/civil-right-compliance-dhhs-vendors); and

3.2.1.3. The Department's Federal Civil Rights Compliance Checklist within ten (10) days of the Effective Date of the Agreement. The Federal Civil Rights Compliance Checklist must have been completed within the last 12 months and is accessible on the Department's website (https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/doing-business-dhhs/civil-right-compliance-dhhs-vendors).

3.3. Credits and Copyright Ownership

3.3.1. All documents, notices, press releases, research reports and other materials prepared during or resulting from the performance of the services of the Agreement must include the following statement, "The preparation of this (report, document, etc.) was financed under an Contract with the State of New Hampshire, Department of Health and Human Services, with funds provided in part by the State of New Hampshire and/or such other funding sources as were available or required, e.g., the United States Department of Health and Human Services."

3.3.2. All materials produced or purchased under the Agreement must have prior approval from the Department before printing, production, distribution or use.

3.3.3. The Department must retain copyright ownership for any and all original materials produced, including, but not limited to:

3.3.3.1. Brochures.

3.3.3.2. Resource directories.

3.3.3.3. Protocols or guidelines.

3.3.3.4. Posters.

3.3.3.5. Reports.

3.3.4. The Contractor must not reproduce any materials produced under the Agreement without prior written approval from the Department.

4. Records

4.1. The Contractor must keep records that include, but are not limited to:

4.1.1. Books, records, documents and other electronic or physical data evidencing and reflecting all costs and other expenses incurred by the Contractor in the performance of the Contract, and all income received or collected by the Contractor.

4.1.2. All records must be maintained in accordance with accounting procedures and practices, which sufficiently and properly reflect all such costs and expenses, and which are acceptable to the Department, and to include, without limitation, all ledgers, books, records, and original evidence of costs such as purchase requisitions and orders, vouchers, requisitions for materials, inventories, valuations of in-kind contributions, labor time cards, payrolls, and other records requested or required by the Department.

4.2. During the term of this Agreement and the period for retention hereunder, the Department, the United States Department of Health and Human Services, and any of their designated representatives must have access to all reports and records maintained pursuant to the Agreement for purposes of audit, examination, excerpts and transcripts.

4.3. If, upon review of the Final Expenditure Report the Department must disallow any expenses claimed by the Contractor as costs hereunder, the Department retains the right, at its discretion, to deduct the amount of such expenses as are disallowed or to recover such sums from the Contractor.

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EXHIBIT C

Payment Terms

1. This Agreement is funded by:
   1.1. 100% General funds.
2. For the purposes of this Agreement the Department has identified:
   2.1. The Contractor as a Contractor, based on criteria in 2 CFR 200.331.
3. Payment shall be for for services provided in the fulfillment of this Agreement, as specified in Exhibit C-1, Deliverables and Payment Schedule.
4. Payment for said services shall be made as follows:
   4.1. The Contractor shall submit invoices within 20 days from the due dates in Exhibit C-1, Deliverables and Payment Schedule, for payment of accepted Deliverables.
   4.2. The Contractor shall ensure invoices are in a format specified by the Department and include detailed information, as follows:
      4.2.1. Identification of the completed Deliverable(s);
      4.2.2. The Deliverable(s) due date(s);
      4.2.3. The Deliverable(s) completion date(s); and
      4.2.4. The Deliverable(s) acceptance date(s).
   4.3. Is assigned an electronic signature, includes supporting documentation, and is emailed to dhhs.beasinvoices@dhhs.nh.gov or mailed to:

      Financial Manager
      Department of Health and Human Services
      129 Pleasant Street
      Concord, NH 03301

   4.4. Upon acceptance by the State of the Deliverable and a properly documented and approved invoice, the State shall make payment to the Contractor within thirty (30) days of receipt of each invoice, subsequent to approval of the submitted invoice and only if sufficient funds are available.
5. The final invoice and supporting documentation for authorized expenses shall be due to the Department no later than forty (40) days after the contract completion date specified in Form P-37, General Provisions Block 1.7 Completion Date.
6. Notwithstanding Paragraph 18 of the General Provisions Form P-37, changes limited to adjusting amounts within the price limitation and adjusting encumbrances between State Fiscal Years and budget class lines through the Budget Office may be made by written agreement of both parties, without

obtaining approval of the Governor and Executive Council, if needed and justified.

7. Audits

7.1. The Contractor must email an annual audit to dhhs.act@dhhs.nh.gov if any of the following conditions exist:

7.1.1. Condition A - The Contractor expended $750,000 or more in federal funds received as a subrecipient pursuant to 2 CFR Part 200, during the most recently completed fiscal year.

7.1.2. Condition B - The Contractor is subject to audit pursuant to the requirements of NH RSA 7:28, III-b, pertaining to charitable organizations receiving support of $1,000,000 or more.

7.1.3. Condition C - The Contractor is a public company and required by Security and Exchange Commission (SEC) regulations to submit an annual financial audit.

7.2. If Condition A exists, the Contractor shall submit an annual Single Audit performed by an independent Certified Public Accountant (CPA) to dhhs.act@dhhs.nh.gov within 120 days after the close of the Contractor's fiscal year, conducted in accordance with the requirements of 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart F of the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal awards.

7.2.1. The Contractor shall submit a copy of any Single Audit findings and any associated corrective action plans. The Contractor shall submit quarterly progress reports on the status of implementation of the corrective action plan.

7.3. If Condition B or Condition C exists, the Contractor shall submit an annual financial audit performed by an independent CPA within 120 days after the close of the Contractor's fiscal year.

7.4. In addition to, and not in any way in limitation of obligations of the Agreement, it is understood and agreed by the Contractor that the Contractor shall be held liable for any state or federal audit exceptions and shall return to the Department all payments made under the Agreement to which exception has been taken, or which have been disallowed because of such an exception.

Exhibit C-1, Deliverables and Payment Schedule

New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services

Vendor Name: Advancing Health Equity LLC

Services: System of Care for Healthy Aging Planning and Reporting Consultation

Item	Activity / Document	Contract Section	Due Date* (specific date, or days/months from the contract effective date, estimated May 29, 2024)	ESTIMATED Dates* (based on an estimated effective date of May 29, 2024	Price
1	Conduct project kick-off meeting.	1.2.1.	Within fifteen (15) days of the contract effective date.	Wed 6/19/24	$5,000
2	Project Management, including project status reports twice per month. Due date is for first project status report.	1.2.2., 1.7.1.	Within fifteen (15) days of the kick-off meeting.	Thurs 7/11/24	$36,000
3	Submit plan outline to the Department: System of Care for Healthy Aging Plan.	1.4.1.	Within three (3) months of the contract effective date.	Thurs 8/29/24	$12,500
4	Stakeholder listening sessions (minimum of two (2)) and stakeholder focus groups (minimum of two (2)).	1.3.1.1.	Within four (4) months of the contract effective date.	Mon 9/30/24	$5,000
5	Submit plan draft to the Department: System of Care for Healthy Aging Plan.	1.4.2.3.	Within five (5) months of the contract effective date.	Tues 10/29/24	$34,000
6	Review draft during in-person or virtual meeting with the Department: System of Care for Healthy Aging Plan.	1.4.2.4.	Within two (2) weeks of draft submittal described in Item 5.	Tues 11/12/24	$20,000
7	Submit SFY 2024 report to the Department.	1.7.2.	On or before October 1, 2024.	Tues 10/1/24	$7,500
8	Support the Department in the release of the updated draft to the public: System of Care for Healthy Aging Plan.	1.4.2.5.	Within two (2) weeks of the meeting described in Item 6.	Tues 11/26/24	$5,000
9	Review public input during in-person or virtual meeting with the Department: System of Care for Healthy Aging Plan.	1.4.2.6.	Within two (2) weeks of the draft release described in Item 8.	Tues 12/10/24	$20,000
10	Submit final plan draft to the Department: System of Care for Healthy Aging Plan.	1.4.3.1.	Within one (1) week of the meeting described in Item 9.	Tues 12/17/24	$20,000
11	Support the Department to distribute the final plan, as directed by the Department: System of Care for Healthy Aging Plan.	1.4.3.2.	On or after submittal of the final draft described in Item 10.	Fri 12/6/24	$7,500
12	Submit content to be used to inform creation of the public-facing online dashboard.	1.3.1.3.	On or before May 30, 2025.	Fri 5/30/25	$20,000
13	Submit draft SFY 2025 report to the Department.	1.7.3.	On or before June 30, 2025.	Mon 6/30/25	$7,500
	Total				**$ 200,000**

*Dates are subject to change with Department approval.

Contractor: DS UB

Date: 5/10/2024

New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services

Exhibit D

DHHS Information Security Requirements

A. Definitions

The following terms may be reflected and have the described meaning in this document:

1. "Breach" means the loss of control, compromise, unauthorized disclosure, unauthorized acquisition, unauthorized access, or any similar term referring to situations where persons other than authorized users and for an other than authorized purpose have access or potential access to personally identifiable information, whether physical or electronic. With regard to Protected Health Information, " Breach" shall have the same meaning as the term "Breach" in section 164.402 of Title 45, Code of Federal Regulations.

2. "Computer Security Incident" shall have the same meaning "Computer Security Incident" in section two (2) of NIST Publication 800-61, Computer Security Incident Handling Guide, National Institute of Standards and Technology, U.S. Department of Commerce.

3. "Confidential Information" or "Confidential Data" means all confidential information disclosed by one party to the other such as all medical, health, financial, public assistance benefits and personal information including without limitation, Substance Abuse Treatment Records, Case Records, Protected Health Information and Personally Identifiable Information.

   Confidential Information also includes any and all information owned or managed by the State of NH - created, received from or on behalf of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) or accessed in the course of performing contracted services - of which collection, disclosure, protection, and disposition is governed by state or federal law or regulation. This information includes, but is not limited to Protected Health Information (PHI), Personal Information (PI), Personal Financial Information (PFI), Federal Tax Information (FTI), Social Security Numbers (SSN), Payment Card Industry (PCI), and or other sensitive and confidential information.

4. "End User" means any person or entity (e.g., contractor, contractor's employee, business associate, subcontractor, other downstream user, etc.) that receives DHHS data or derivative data in accordance with the terms of this Contract.

5. "HIPAA" means the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 and the regulations promulgated thereunder.

6. "Incident" means an act that potentially violates an explicit or implied security policy, which includes attempts (either failed or successful) to gain unauthorized access to a system or its data, unwanted disruption or denial of service, the unauthorized use of a system for the processing or storage of data; and changes to system hardware, firmware, or software characteristics without the owner's knowledge, instruction, or consent. Incidents include the loss of data through theft or device misplacement, loss

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or misplacement of hardcopy documents, and misrouting of physical or electronic mail, all of which may have the potential to put the data at risk of unauthorized access, use, disclosure, modification or destruction.

7. "Open Wireless Network" means any network or segment of a network that is not designated by the State of New Hampshire's Department of Information Technology or delegate as a protected network (designed, tested, and approved, by means of the State, to transmit) will be considered an open network and not adequately secure for the transmission of unencrypted PI, PFI, PHI or confidential DHHS data.

8. "Personal Information" (or "PI") means information which can be used to distinguish or trace an individual's identity, such as their name, social security number, personal information as defined in New Hampshire RSA 359-C:19, biometric records, etc., alone, or when combined with other personal or identifying information which is linked or linkable to a specific individual, such as date and place of birth, mother's maiden name, etc.

9. "Privacy Rule" shall mean the Standards for Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information at 45 C.F.R. Parts 160 and 164, promulgated under HIPAA by the United States Department of Health and Human Services.

10. "Protected Health Information" (or "PHI") has the same meaning as provided in the definition of "Protected Health Information" in the HIPAA Privacy Rule at 45 C.F.R. § 160.103.

11. "Security Rule" shall mean the Security Standards for the Protection of Electronic Protected Health Information at 45 C.F.R. Part 164, Subpart C, and amendments thereto.

12. "Unsecured Protected Health Information" means Protected Health Information that is not secured by a technology standard that renders Protected Health Information unusable, unreadable, or indecipherable to unauthorized individuals and is developed or endorsed by a standards developing organization that is accredited by the American National Standards Institute.

I. RESPONSIBILITIES OF DHHS AND THE CONTRACTOR

A. Business Use and Disclosure of Confidential Information.

1. The Contractor must not use, disclose, maintain or transmit Confidential Information except as reasonably necessary as outlined under this Contract. Further, Contractor, including but not limited to all its directors, officers, employees and agents, must not use, disclose, maintain or transmit PHI in any manner that would constitute a violation of the Privacy and Security Rule.

2. The Contractor must not disclose any Confidential Information in response to a request for disclosure on the basis that it is required by law, in response to a subpoena, etc., without first notifying DHHS so that DHHS has an opportunity to consent or object to the disclosure.
3. If DHHS notifies the Contractor that DHHS has agreed to be bound by additional restrictions over and above those uses or disclosures or security safeguards of PHI pursuant to the Privacy and Security Rule, the Contractor must be bound by such additional restrictions and must not disclose PHI in violation of such additional restrictions and must abide by any additional security safeguards.
4. The Contractor agrees that DHHS Data or derivative there from disclosed to an End User must only be used pursuant to the terms of this Contract.
5. The Contractor agrees DHHS Data obtained under this Contract may not be used for any other purposes that are not indicated in this Contract.
6. The Contractor agrees to grant access to the data to the authorized representatives of DHHS for the purpose of inspecting to confirm compliance with the terms of this Contract.

II. METHODS OF SECURE TRANSMISSION OF DATA

1. Application Encryption. If End User is transmitting DHHS data containing Confidential Data between applications, the Contractor attests the applications have been evaluated by an expert knowledgeable in cyber security and that said application's encryption capabilities ensure secure transmission via the internet.
2. Computer Disks and Portable Storage Devices. End User may not use computer disks or portable storage devices, such as a thumb drive, as a method of transmitting DHHS data.
3. Encrypted Email. End User may only employ email to transmit Confidential Data if email is encrypted and being sent to and being received by email addresses of persons authorized to receive such information.
4. Encrypted Web Site. If End User is employing the Web to transmit Confidential Data, the secure socket layers (SSL) must be used and the web site must be secure. SSL encrypts data transmitted via a Web site.
5. File Hosting Services, also known as File Sharing Sites. End User may not use file hosting services, such as Dropbox or Google Cloud Storage, to transmit Confidential Data.
6. Ground Mail Service. End User may only transmit Confidential Data via *certified* ground mail within the continental U.S. and when sent to a named individual.
7. Laptops and PDA. If End User is employing portable devices to transmit Confidential Data said devices must be encrypted and password-protected.

8. Open Wireless Networks. End User may not transmit Confidential Data via an open wireless network. End User must employ a virtual private network (VPN) when remotely transmitting via an open wireless network.
9. Remote User Communication. If End User is employing remote communication to access or transmit Confidential Data, a virtual private network (VPN) must be installed on the End User's mobile device(s) or laptop from which information will be transmitted or accessed.
10. SSH File Transfer Protocol (SFTP), also known as Secure File Transfer Protocol. If End User is employing an SFTP to transmit Confidential Data, End User will structure the Folder and access privileges to prevent inappropriate disclosure of information. SFTP folders and sub-folders used for transmitting Confidential Data will be coded for 24-hour auto-deletion cycle (i.e. Confidential Data will be deleted every 24 hours).
11. Wireless Devices. If End User is transmitting Confidential Data via wireless devices, all data must be encrypted to prevent inappropriate disclosure of information.

III. RETENTION AND DISPOSITION OF IDENTIFIABLE RECORDS

The Contractor will only retain the data and any derivative of the data for the duration of this Contract. After such time, the Contractor will have 30 days to destroy the data and any derivative in whatever form it may exist, unless, otherwise required by law or permitted under this Contract. To this end, the parties must:

A. Retention

1. The Contractor agrees it will not store, transfer or process data collected in connection with the services rendered under this Contract outside of the United States. This physical location requirement shall also apply in the implementation of cloud computing, cloud service or cloud storage capabilities, and includes backup data and Disaster Recovery locations.
2. The Contractor agrees to ensure proper security monitoring capabilities are in place to detect potential security events that can impact State of NH systems and/or Department confidential information for contractor provided systems.
3. The Contractor agrees to provide security awareness and education for its End Users in support of protecting Department confidential information.
4. The Contractor agrees to retain all electronic and hard copies of Confidential Data in a secure location and identified in section IV. A.2
5. The Contractor agrees Confidential Data stored in a Cloud must be in a FedRAMP/HITECH compliant solution and comply with all applicable statutes and regulations regarding the privacy and security. All servers and devices must have currently-supported and hardened operating systems, the latest anti-viral, antihacker, anti-spam, anti-spyware, and anti-malware utilities. The environment, as a whole, must have aggressive intrusion-detection and firewall protection.

6. The Contractor agrees to and ensures its complete cooperation with the State's Chief Information Officer in the detection of any security vulnerability of the hosting infrastructure.

B. Disposition

1. If the Contractor will maintain any Confidential Information on its systems (or its sub-contractor systems), the Contractor will maintain a documented process for securely disposing of such data upon request or contract termination; and will obtain written certification for any State of New Hampshire data destroyed by the Contractor or any subcontractors as a part of ongoing, emergency, and or disaster recovery operations. When no longer in use, electronic media containing State of New Hampshire data shall be rendered unrecoverable via a secure wipe program in accordance with industry-accepted standards for secure deletion and media sanitization, or otherwise physically destroying the media (for example, degaussing) as described in NIST Special Publication 800-88, Rev 1, Guidelines for Media Sanitization, National Institute of Standards and Technology, U. S. Department of Commerce. The Contractor will document and certify in writing at time of the data destruction, and will provide written certification to the Department upon request. The written certification will include all details necessary to demonstrate data has been properly destroyed and validated. Where applicable, regulatory and professional standards for retention requirements will be jointly evaluated by the State and Contractor prior to destruction.

2. Unless otherwise specified, within thirty (30) days of the termination of this Contract, Contractor agrees to destroy all hard copies of Confidential Data using a secure method such as shredding.

3. Unless otherwise specified, within thirty (30) days of the termination of this Contract, Contractor agrees to completely destroy all electronic Confidential Data by means of data erasure, also known as secure data wiping.

IV. PROCEDURES FOR SECURITY

A. Contractor agrees to safeguard the DHHS Data received under this Contract, and any derivative data or files, as follows:

1. The Contractor will maintain proper security controls to protect Department confidential information collected, processed, managed, and/or stored in the delivery of contracted services.

2. The Contractor will maintain policies and procedures to protect Department confidential information throughout the information lifecycle, where applicable, (from creation, transformation, use, storage and secure destruction) regardless of the media used to store the data (i.e., tape, disk, paper, etc.).

3. The Contractor will maintain appropriate authentication and access controls to contractor systems that collect, transmit, or store Department confidential information where applicable.

4. The Contractor will ensure proper security monitoring capabilities are in place to detect potential security events that can impact State of NH systems and/or Department confidential information for contractor provided systems.

5. The Contractor will provide regular security awareness and education for its End Users in support of protecting Department confidential information.

6. If the Contractor will be sub-contracting any core functions of the engagement supporting the services for State of New Hampshire, the Contractor will maintain a program of an internal process or processes that defines specific security expectations, and monitoring compliance to security requirements that at a minimum match those for the Contractor, including breach notification requirements.

7. The Contractor will work with the Department to sign and comply with all applicable State of New Hampshire and Department system access and authorization policies and procedures, systems access forms, and computer use agreements as part of obtaining and maintaining access to any Department system(s). Agreements will be completed and signed by the Contractor and any applicable sub-contractors prior to system access being authorized.

8. If the Department determines the Contractor is a Business Associate pursuant to 45 CFR 160.103, the Contractor will execute a HIPAA Business Associate Agreement (BAA) with the Department and is responsible for maintaining compliance with the agreement.

9. The Contractor will work with the Department at its request to complete a System Management Survey. The purpose of the survey is to enable the Department and Contractor to monitor for any changes in risks, threats, and vulnerabilities that may occur over the life of the Contractor engagement. The survey will be completed annually, or an alternate time frame at the Departments discretion with agreement by the Contractor, or the Department may request the survey be completed when the scope of the engagement between the Department and the Contractor changes.

10. The Contractor will not store, knowingly or unknowingly, any State of New Hampshire or Department data offshore or outside the boundaries of the United States unless prior express written consent is obtained from the Information Security Office leadership member within the Department.

11. Data Security Breach Liability. In the event of any security breach Contractor shall make efforts to investigate the causes of the breach, promptly take measures to prevent

future breach and minimize any damage or loss resulting from the breach. The State shall recover from the Contractor all costs of response and recovery from

the breach, including but not limited to: credit monitoring services, mailing costs and costs associated with website and telephone call center services necessary due to the breach.

12. Contractor must, comply with all applicable statutes and regulations regarding the privacy and security of Confidential Information, and must in all other respects maintain the privacy and security of PI and PHI at a level and scope that is not less than the level and scope of requirements applicable to federal agencies, including, but not limited to, provisions of the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. § 552a), DHHS Privacy Act Regulations (45 C.F.R. §5b), HIPAA Privacy and Security Rules (45 C.F.R. Parts 160 and 164) that govern protections for individually identifiable health information and as applicable under State law.

13. Contractor agrees to establish and maintain appropriate administrative, technical, and physical safeguards to protect the confidentiality of the Confidential Data and to prevent unauthorized use or access to it. The safeguards must provide a level and scope of security that is not less than the level and scope of security requirements established by the State of New Hampshire, Department of Information Technology. Refer to Vendor Resources/Procurement at https://www.nh.gov/doit/vendor/index.htm for the Department of Information Technology policies, guidelines, standards, and procurement information relating to vendors.

14. Contractor agrees to maintain a documented breach notification and incident response process. The Contractor will notify the State's Privacy Officer and the State's Security Officer of any security breach immediately, at the email addresses provided in Section VI. This includes a confidential information breach, computer security incident, or suspected breach which affects or includes any State of New Hampshire systems that connect to the State of New Hampshire network.

15. Contractor must restrict access to the Confidential Data obtained under this Contract to only those authorized End Users who need such DHHS Data to perform their official duties in connection with purposes identified in this Contract.

16. The Contractor must ensure that all End Users:

    a. comply with such safeguards as referenced in Section IV A. above, implemented to protect Confidential Information that is furnished by DHHS under this Contract from loss, theft or inadvertent disclosure.

    b. safeguard this information at all times.

    c. ensure that laptops and other electronic devices/media containing PHI, PI, or PFI are encrypted and password-protected.

d. send emails containing Confidential Information only if encrypted and being sent to and being received by email addresses of persons authorized to receive such information.

e. limit disclosure of the Confidential Information to the extent permitted by law.

f. Confidential Information received under this Contract and individually identifiable data derived from DHHS Data, must be stored in an area that is physically and technologically secure from access by unauthorized persons during duty hours as well as non-duty hours (e.g., door locks, card keys, biometric identifiers, etc.).

g. only authorized End Users may transmit the Confidential Data, including any derivative files containing personally identifiable information, and in all cases, such data must be encrypted at all times when in transit, at rest, or when stored on portable media as required in section IV above.

h. in all other instances Confidential Data must be maintained, used and disclosed using appropriate safeguards, as determined by a risk-based assessment of the circumstances involved.

i. understand that their user credentials (user name and password) must not be shared with anyone. End Users will keep their credential information secure. This applies to credentials used to access the site directly or indirectly through a third party application.

Contractor is responsible for oversight and compliance of their End Users. DHHS reserves the right to conduct onsite inspections to monitor compliance with this Contract, including the privacy and security requirements provided in herein, HIPAA, and other applicable laws and Federal regulations until such time the Confidential Data is disposed of in accordance with this Contract.

V. LOSS REPORTING

The Contractor must notify the State's Privacy Officer and Security Officer of any Security Incidents and Breaches immediately, at the email addresses provided in Section VI.

The Contractor must further handle and report Incidents and Breaches involving PHI in accordance with the agency's documented Incident Handling and Breach Notification procedures and in accordance with 42 C.F.R. §§ 431.300 - 306. In addition to, and notwithstanding, Contractor's compliance with all applicable obligations and procedures, Contractor's procedures must also address how the Contractor will:

1. Identify Incidents;
2. Determine if personally identifiable information is involved in Incidents;
3. Report suspected or confirmed Incidents as required in this Exhibit or P-37;

4. Identify and convene a core response group to determine the risk level of Incidents and determine risk-based responses to Incidents; and
5. Determine whether Breach notification is required, and, if so, identify appropriate Breach notification methods, timing, source, and contents from among different options, and bear costs associated with the Breach notice as well as any mitigation measures.

Incidents and/or Breaches that implicate PI must be addressed and reported, as applicable, in accordance with NH RSA 359-C:20.

VI. PERSONS TO CONTACT

A. DHHS Privacy Officer:

DHHSPrivacyOfficer@dhhs.nh.gov B.

DHHS Security Officer:

DHHSInformationSecurityOffice@dhhs.nh.gov

BUSINESS ASSOCIATE AGREEMENT

The Contractor identified in Section 1.3 of the General Provisions of the Agreement (Form P-37) ("Agreement"), and any of its agents who receive use or have access to protected health information (PHI), as defined herein, shall be referred to as the "Business Associate." The State of New Hampshire, Department of Health and Human Services, "Department" shall be referred to as the "Covered Entity," The Contractor and the Department are collectively referred to as "the parties."

The parties agree, to comply with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, Public Law 104-191, the Standards for Privacy and Security of Individually Identifiable Health Information, 45 CFR Parts 160, 162, and 164 (HIPAA), provisions of the HITECH Act, Title XIII, Subtitle D, Parts 1&2 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, 42 USC 17934, et sec., applicable to business associates, and as applicable, to be bound by the provisions of the Confidentiality of Substance Use Disorder Patient Records, 42 USC s. 290 dd-2, 42 CFR Part 2, (Part 2), as any of these laws and regulations may be amended from time to time.

(1) Definitions

a. The following terms shall have the same meaning as defined in HIPAA, the HITECH Act, and Part 2, as they may be amended from time to time:

"Breach," "Designated Record Set," "Data Aggregation," Designated Record Set," "Health Care Operations," "HITECH Act," "Individual," "Privacy Rule," "Required by law," "Security Rule," and "Secretary."

b. Business Associate Agreement, (BAA) means the Business Associate Agreement that includes privacy and confidentiality requirements of the Business Associate working with PHI and as applicable, Part 2 record(s) on behalf of the Covered Entity under the Agreement.

c. "Constructively Identifiable," means there is a reasonable basis to believe that the information could be used, alone or in combination with other reasonably available information, by an anticipated recipient to identify an individual who is a subject of the information.

d. "Protected Health Information" ("PHI") as used in the Agreement and the BAA, means protected health information defined in HIPAA 45 CFR 160.103, limited to the information created, received, or used by Business Associate from or on behalf of Covered Entity, and includes any Part 2 records, if applicable, as defined below.

e. "Part 2 record" means any patient "Record," relating to a "Patient," and "Patient Identifying Information," as defined in 42 CFR Part 2.11.

f. "Unsecured Protected Health Information" means protected health information that is not secured by a technology standard that renders protected health information unusable, unreadable, or indecipherable to unauthorized individuals and is developed or endorsed by a standards developing organization that is accredited by the American National Standards Institute.

(2) Business Associate Use and Disclosure of Protected Health Information

a. Business Associate shall not use, disclose, maintain, store, or transmit Protected Health Information (PHI) except as reasonably necessary to provide the services outlined under the Agreement. Further, Business Associate, including but not

limited to all its directors, officers, employees, and agents, shall protect any PHI as required by HIPPA and 42 CFR Part 2, and not use, disclose, maintain, store, or transmit PHI in any manner that would constitute a violation of HIPAA or 42 CFR Part 2.

b. Business Associate may use or disclose PHI, as applicable:

I. For the proper management and administration of the Business Associate;

II. As required by law, according to the terms set forth in paragraph c. and d. below;

III. According to the HIPAA minimum necessary standard;

IV. For data aggregation purposes for the health care operations of the Covered Entity; and

V. Data that is de-identified or aggregated and remains constructively identifiable may not be used for any purpose outside the performance of the Agreement.

c. To the extent Business Associate is permitted under the BAA or the Agreement to disclose PHI to any third party or subcontractor prior to making any disclosure, the Business Associate must obtain, a business associate agreement or other agreement with the third party or subcontractor, that complies with HIPAA and ensures that all requirements and restrictions placed on the Business Associate as part of this BAA with the Covered Entity, are included in those business associate agreements with the third party or subcontractor.

d. The Business Associate shall not, disclose any PHI in response to a request or demand for disclosure, such as by a subpoena or court order, on the basis that it is required by law, without first notifying Covered Entity so that Covered Entity can determine how to best protect the PHI. If Covered Entity objects to the disclosure, the Business Associate agrees to refrain from disclosing the PHI and shall cooperate with the Covered Entity in any effort the Covered Entity undertakes to contest the request for disclosure, subpoena, or other legal process. If applicable relating to Part 2 records, the Business Associate shall resist any efforts to access part 2 records in any judicial proceeding.

(3) <u>Obligations and Activities of Business Associate</u>

a. Business Associate shall implement appropriate safeguards to prevent unauthorized use or disclosure of all PHI in accordance with HIPAA Privacy Rule and Security Rule with regard to electronic PHI, and Part 2, as applicable.

b. The Business Associate shall immediately notify the Covered Entity's Privacy Officer at the following email address, DHHSPrivacyOfficer@dhhs.nh.gov after the Business Associate has determined that any use or disclosure not provided for by its contract, including any known or suspected privacy or security incident or breach has occurred potentially exposing or compromising the PHI. This includes inadvertent or accidental uses or disclosures or breaches of unsecured protected health information.

c. In the event of a breach, the Business Associate shall comply with the terms of this Business Associate Agreement, all applicable state and federal laws and regulations and any additional requirements of the Agreement.

d. The Business Associate shall perform a risk assessment, based on the information available at the time it becomes aware of any known or suspected privacy or

security breach as described above and communicate the risk assessment to the Covered Entity. The risk assessment shall include, but not be limited to:

I. The nature and extent of the protected health information involved, including the types of identifiers and the likelihood of re-identification;

II. The unauthorized person who accessed, used, disclosed, or received the protected health information;

III. Whether the protected health information was actually acquired or viewed; and

IV. How the risk of loss of confidentiality to the protected health information has been mitigated.

e. The Business Associate shall complete a risk assessment report at the conclusion of its incident or breach investigation and provide the findings in a written report to the Covered Entity as soon as practicable after the conclusion of the Business Associate's investigation.

f. Business Associate shall make available all of its internal policies and procedures, books and records relating to the use and disclosure of PHI received from, or created or received by the Business Associate on behalf of Covered Entity to the US Secretary of Health and Human Services for purposes of determining the Business Associate's and the Covered Entity's compliance with HIPAA and the Privacy and Security Rule, and Part 2, if applicable.

g. Business Associate shall require all of its business associates that receive, use or have access to PHI under the BAA to agree in writing to adhere to the same restrictions and conditions on the use and disclosure of PHI contained herein.

h. Within ten (10) business days of receipt of a written request from Covered Entity, Business Associate shall make available during normal business hours at its offices all records, books, agreements, policies and procedures relating to the use and disclosure of PHI to the Covered Entity, for purposes of enabling Covered Entity to determine Business Associate's compliance with the terms of the BAA and the Agreement.

i. Within ten (10) business days of receiving a written request from Covered Entity, Business Associate shall provide access to PHI in a Designated Record Set to the Covered Entity, or as directed by Covered Entity, to an individual in order to meet the requirements under 45 CFR Section 164.524.

j. Within ten (10) business days of receiving a written request from Covered Entity for an amendment of PHI or a record about an individual contained in a Designated Record Set, the Business Associate shall make such PHI available to Covered Entity for amendment and incorporate any such amendment to enable Covered Entity to fulfill its obligations under 45 CFR Section 164.526.

k. Business Associate shall document any disclosures of PHI and information related to any disclosures as would be required for Covered Entity to respond to a request by an individual for an accounting of disclosures of PHI in accordance with 45 CFR Section 164.528.

l. Within ten (10) business days of receiving a written request from Covered Entity for a request for an accounting of disclosures of PHI, Business Associate shall make available to Covered Entity such information as Covered Entity may require to fulfill its obligations to provide an accounting of disclosures with respect to PHI in

accordance with 45 CFR Section 164.528.

m. In the event any individual requests access to, amendment of, or accounting of PHI directly from the Business Associate, the Business Associate shall within five (5) business days forward such request to Covered Entity. Covered Entity shall have the responsibility of responding to forwarded requests. However, if forwarding the individual's request to Covered Entity would cause Covered Entity or the Business Associate to violate HIPAA and the Privacy and Security Rule, the Business Associate shall instead respond to the individual's request as required by such law and notify Covered Entity of such response as soon as practicable.

n. Within thirty (30) business days of termination of the Agreement, for any reason, the Business Associate shall return or destroy, as specified by Covered Entity, all PHI received from or created or received by the Business Associate in connection with the Agreement, and shall not retain any copies or back-ups of such PHI in any form or platform.

VI. If return or destruction is not feasible, or the disposition of the PHI has been otherwise agreed to in the Agreement, or if retention is governed by state or federal law, Business Associate shall continue to extend the protections of the Agreement, to such PHI and limit further uses and disclosures of such PHI to those purposes that make the return or destruction infeasible for as long as the Business Associate maintains such PHI. If Covered Entity, in its sole discretion, requires that the Business Associate destroy any or all PHI, the Business Associate shall certify to Covered Entity that the PHI has been destroyed.

(4) Obligations of Covered Entity

a. Covered Entity shall post a current version of the Notice of the Privacy Practices on the Covered Entity's website:

https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/oos/hipaa/publications.htm in accordance with 45 CFR Section 164.520.

b. Covered Entity shall promptly notify Business Associate of any changes in, or revocation of permission provided to Covered Entity by individuals whose PHI may be used or disclosed by Business Associate under this BAA, pursuant to 45 CFR Section 164.506 or 45 CFR Section 164.508.

c. Covered entity shall promptly notify Business Associate of any restrictions on the use or disclosure of PHI that Covered Entity has agreed to in accordance with 45 CFR 164.522, to the extent that such restriction may affect Business Associate's use or disclosure of PHI.

(5) Termination of Agreement for Cause

a. In addition to the General Provisions (P-37) of the Agreement, the Covered Entity may immediately terminate the Agreement upon Covered Entity's knowledge of a material breach by Business Associate of the Business Associate Agreement. The Covered Entity may either immediately terminate the Agreement or provide an opportunity for Business Associate to cure the alleged breach within a timeframe specified by Covered Entity.

(6) Miscellaneous

a. Definitions, Laws, and Regulatory References. All laws and regulations used,

herein, shall refer to those laws and regulations as amended from time to time. A reference in the Agreement, as amended to include this Business Associate Agreement, to a Section in HIPAA or 42 Part 2, means the Section as in effect or as amended.

b. **Change in law** - Covered Entity and Business Associate agree to take such action as is necessary from time to time for the Covered Entity and/or Business Associate to comply with the changes in the requirements of HIPAA, 42 CFR Part 2 other applicable federal and state law.

c. **Data Ownership** - The Business Associate acknowledges that it has no ownership rights with respect to the PHI provided by or created on behalf of Covered Entity.

d. **Interpretation** - The parties agree that any ambiguity in the BAA and the Agreement shall be resolved to permit Covered Entity and the Business Associate to comply with HIPAA and 42 CFR Part 2.

e. **Segregation** - If any term or condition of this BAA or the application thereof to any person(s) or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other terms or conditions which can be given effect without the invalid term or condition; to this end the terms and conditions of this BAA are declared severable.

f. **Survival** - Provisions in this BAA regarding the use and disclosure of PHI, return or destruction of PHI, extensions of the protections of the BAA in section (3) g. and (3) n.l., and the defense and indemnification provisions of the General Provisions (P-37) of the Agreement, shall survive the termination of the BAA.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have duly executed this Business Associate Agreement.

Department of Health and Human Services	Advancing Health Equity
The State	Name of the Contractor
DocuSigned by: Melissa Hardy 1323A34040DF405...	DocuSigned by: Uché Blackstock 775E1405FAAC43A...
Signature of Authorized Representative	Signature of Authorized Representative
Melissa Hardy	Uché Blackstock
Name of Authorized Representative	Name of Authorized Representative
Director, DLTSS	Founder, Advancing Health Equity
Title of Authorized Representative	Title of Authorized Representative
5/10/2024	5/10/2024
Date	Date

Contractor Initials DS UB

Date 5/10/2024

State of New Hampshire
Department of State

CERTIFICATE

I, David M. Scanlan, Secretary of State of the State of New Hampshire, do hereby certify that ADVANCING HEALTH EQUITY LLC is a New York Limited Liability Company registered to transact business in New Hampshire on April 22, 2024. I further certify that all fees and documents required by the Secretary of State's office have been received and is in good standing as far as this office is concerned.

Business ID: **960427**

Certificate Number: **0006687853**

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF,
I hereto set my hand and cause to be affixed the Seal of the State of New Hampshire, this 13th day of May A.D. 2024.

David M. Scanlan
Secretary of State

CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY

I, Uché Blackstock, hereby certify that:

1. I am the sole shareholder and director of Advancing Health Equity (Corporation).

2. I further certify that it is understood that the State of New Hampshire will rely on this certificate as evidence that I have full authority to bind the corporation. To the extent that there are any limits on my authority to bind the corporation in contracts with the State of New Hampshire, all such limitations are expressly stated herein.

3. This authority **remains valid for thirty (30)** days from the date of this Certificate of Authority.

Dated: 04 / 15 / 2024

(Name of Sole Shareholder and Director)

Uché Blackstock

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CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

DATE (MM/DD/YYYY) 04/12/2024

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INSURER B :		
INSURER C :		
INSURER D :		
INSURER E :		
INSURER F :		

INSURED
ADVANCING HEALTH EQUITY LLC
195 WILLOUGHBY AVE
513
BROOKLYN, NY 11205

COVERAGES **CERTIFICATE NUMBER:** **REVISION NUMBER:**

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE POLICIES OF INSURANCE LISTED BELOW HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO THE INSURED NAMED ABOVE FOR THE POLICY PERIOD INDICATED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY REQUIREMENT, TERM OR CONDITION OF ANY CONTRACT OR OTHER DOCUMENT WITH RESPECT TO WHICH THIS CERTIFICATE MAY BE ISSUED OR MAY PERTAIN, THE INSURANCE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES DESCRIBED HEREIN IS SUBJECT TO ALL THE TERMS, EXCLUSIONS AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH POLICIES. LIMITS SHOWN MAY HAVE BEEN REDUCED BY PAID CLAIMS.

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							DAMAGE TO RENTED PREMISES (Ea occurrence)	$ 100,000
							MED EXP (Any one person)	$ 5,000
							PERSONAL & ADV INJURY	$ 1,000,000
							GENERAL AGGREGATE	$ 2,000,000
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							E.L. DISEASE - POLICY LIMIT	$

DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS / LOCATIONS / VEHICLES (ACORD 101, Additional Remarks Schedule, may be attached if more space is required)

CERTIFICATE HOLDER
State of NH Department of Health and Human Services
129 Pleasant Street
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

CANCELLATION
SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BE CANCELLED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE THEREOF, NOTICE WILL BE DELIVERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICY PROVISIONS.

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

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