

RESOLUTION NO. RS2019-12

A resolution approving a business associate agreement between The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, acting by and through the Metropolitan Board of Health, and Evaluation Design to provide safeguards to prevent the use or disclosure of protected health information.

WHEREAS, the business associate agreement, attached hereto and incorporated herein, provides safeguards to prevent the use or disclosure of protected health information; and,

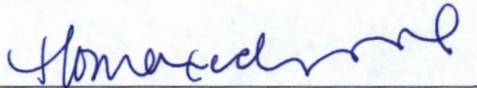
WHEREAS, it is to the benefit of the citizens of The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County that this business associate agreement be approved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY:

Section 1. That the business associate agreement between Evaluation Design and The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, acting by and through the Metropolitan Board of Health, to provide safeguards to prevent the use or disclosure of protected health information, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein, is hereby approved.

Section 2. That this resolution shall take effect from and after its adoption, the welfare of The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County requiring it.

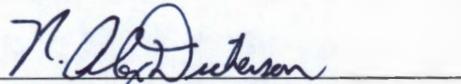
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(Attach to Legislation Pursuant to Rule 8 of the Council Rules of Procedure)

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BUSINESS ASSOCIATE AGREEMENT

This agreement is initiated by and between THE METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY (METRO), a metropolitan form government organized and existing under the laws and constitution of the State of Tennessee ("Metro" or "Covered Entity") and Evaluation Design ("Business Associate").

SECTION 1 – DEFINITIONS

- a. **Business Associate.** "Business Associate" shall generally have the same meaning as the term "Business Associate" in 45 CFR § 160.103, and in reference to the party to this agreement, shall mean Evaluation Design.
- b. **Covered Entity.** "Covered Entity" shall generally have the same meaning as the term "covered entity" at 45 CFR § 160.103, and in reference to the party to this agreement, shall mean Metro, which must fall under one of the following categories:
 - (1) A health plan.
 - (2) A health care clearinghouse.
 - (3) A health care provider who transmits any health information in electronic form in connection with a transaction covered by this subchapter.
- c. **Disclosure.** "Disclosure" means the release, transfer, provision of access to, or divulging in any manner of information outside the entity holding the information.
- d. **Electronic Media.** "Electronic Media" shall have the same meaning as set forth in 45 CFR § 160.103.
- e. **Employer.** "Employer" is defined as it is in 26 U.S.C. § 3401(d).
- f. **Genetic Information.** "Genetic Information" shall have the same meaning as set forth in 45 CFR § 160.103.
- g. **HITECH Standards.** "HITECH Standards" means the privacy, security and security Breach notification provisions under the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health (HITECH) Act, Final Rule of 2013, and any regulations promulgated thereunder.

- h. **Individual.** "Individual" shall have the same meaning as set forth in 45 CFR § 160.103 and shall include a person who qualifies as a personal representative in accordance with 45 CFR § 164.502(g).
- i. **Person.** "Person" means a natural person, trust or estate, partnership, corporation, professional association or corporation, or other entity, public or private.
- j. **Privacy Rule.** "Privacy Rule" shall mean the Standards for Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information at 45 CFR Part 160 and Part 164, Subparts A and E.
- k. **Protected Health Information.** "Protected Health Information" or "PHI":
- (1) Shall have the same meaning as set forth in 45 CFR § 160.103.
 - (2) Includes, as set forth in 45 CFR § 160.103, any information, *now also including genetic information*, whether oral or recorded in any form or medium, that:
 - (i) Is created or received by a health care provider, health plan, public health authority, employer, life insurer, school or university, or health care clearinghouse; and
 - (ii) Relates to the past, present, or future physical or mental health or condition of an individual; the provision of health care to an individual; or the past, present, or future payment for the provision of health care to an individual.
- l. **Required By Law.** "Required By Law" shall have the same meaning as the term "required by law" in 45 CFR § 164.103.
- m. **Secretary.** "Secretary" shall mean the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services or his designee.
- n. **Security Rule.** "Security Rule" shall mean the Standards for Security of Individually Identifiable Health Information at 45 CFR part 160 and subparts A and C of part 164.
- o. **Subcontractor.** "Subcontractor" means a person to whom a business associate delegates a function, activity, or service, other than in the capacity of a member of the workforce of such business associate.

- p. **Transaction.** "Transaction" shall have the same meaning as set forth in 45 CFR § 160.103.
- q. **Catch-all definition.** Terms used but not otherwise defined in this Agreement shall have the same meaning as the meaning ascribed to those terms in the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 ("HIPAA"), the Health Information Technology Act of 2009, as incorporated in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 ("HITECH Act"), implementing regulations at 45 Code of Federal regulations Parts 160-164 and any other current and future regulations promulgated under HIPAA or the HITECH Act.

SECTION 2 - OBLIGATIONS AND ACTIVITIES OF BUSINESS ASSOCIATE

- a. **Permitted Uses of Protected Health Information.** Business Associate shall not use or disclose Protected Health Information other than as permitted or required by this Agreement or as Required by Law. Business Associate may: 1) use and disclose PHI to perform its obligations under its contract with Metro; (2) use PHI for the proper management and administration of Business Associate; and (3) disclose PHI for the proper management and administration of Business Associate, if such disclosure is required by law or if Business Associate obtains reasonable assurances from the recipient that the recipient will keep the PHI confidential, use or further disclose the PHI only as required by law or for the purpose for which it was disclosed to the recipient, and notify Business Associate immediately of any instances of which it is aware in which the confidentiality of the PHI has been breached.
- b. **Safeguards.** Business Associate shall use appropriate administrative, physical and technical safeguards to prevent use or disclosure of the Protected Health Information other than as provided for by this Agreement. Business Associate shall develop and implement policies and procedures that comply with the Privacy Rule, Security Rule, and the HITECH Act. The Business Associate must obtain satisfactory assurances that subcontractor(s) will appropriately safeguard PHI.
- c. **Mitigation.** Business Associate shall mitigate, to the extent practicable, any harmful effect that is known to Business Associate of a use or disclosure of Protected Health Information by Business Associate in violation of the requirements of this Agreement.
- d. **Notice of Use or Disclosure, Security Incident or Breach.** Business Associate shall notify Metro of any use or disclosure of PHI by Business Associate not permitted by this Agreement, any Security Incident (as defined in 45 C.F.R. section 164.304) involving Electronic PHI, and any Breach of Protected Health Information within five (5) business days.

- (i) Business Associate shall provide the following information to Metro within ten (10) business days of discovery of a Breach except when despite all reasonable efforts by Business Associate to obtain the information required, circumstances beyond the control of the Business Associate necessitate additional time. Under such circumstances, Business Associate shall provide to Metro the following information as soon as possible and without unreasonable delay, but in no event later than thirty (30) calendar days from the date of discovery of a Breach:
- (1) The date of the Breach;
 - (2) The date of the discovery of the Breach;
 - (3) A description of the types of PHI that were involved;
 - (4) identification of each individual whose PHI has been, or is reasonably believed to have been, accessed, acquired, or disclosed; and
 - (5) Any other details necessary to complete an assessment of the risk of harm to the Individual.
- (ii) Business Associate shall cooperate with Metro in investigating the breach and in meeting Metro's notification obligations under the HITECH Act and any other security breach notification laws.
- (iii) Business Associate agrees to pay actual costs for notification and any determines that the Breach is significant enough to warrant such measures.
- (iv) Business Associate agrees to establish procedures to investigate the Breach, mitigate losses, and protect against any future Breaches, and to provide a description of these procedures and the specific findings of the investigation to Metro in the time and manner reasonably requested by Metro.
- (v) Business Associate shall report to Metro any successful: (1) unauthorized access, use, disclosure, modification, or destruction of Electronic Protected Health Information; and (2) interference with Business Associate's information systems operations, of which Business Associate becomes aware.

- e. **Compliance of Agents.** Business Associate agrees to ensure that any agent, including a subcontractor, to whom it provides Protected Health Information received from, or created or received by Business Associate on behalf of Metro, agrees to the same restrictions and conditions that apply through this Agreement to Business Associate with respect to such information.
- f. **Access.** Business Associate agrees to provide access, at the request of Metro, and in the time and manner designated by Metro, to Protected Health Information in a Designated Record Set, to Metro or, as directed by Metro, to an Individual, so that Metro may meet its access obligations under 45 CFR § 164.524, HIPAA and the HITECH Act.
- g. **Amendments.** Business Associate agrees to make any amendment(s) to Protected Health Information in a Designated Record Set that Metro directs or agrees at the request of Metro or an Individual, and in the time and manner designated by Metro, so that Metro may meet its amendment obligations under 45 CFR § 164.526, HIPAA and the HITECH Act.
- h. **Disclosure of Practices, Books, and Records.** Business Associate shall make its internal practices, books, and records relating to the use and disclosure of Protected Health Information received from, or created or received by Business Associate on behalf of, Metro available to Metro, or at the request of Metro to the Secretary, in a time and manner designated by Metro or the Secretary, for purposes of determining Metro's compliance with the HIPAA Privacy Regulations.
- i. **Accounting.** Business Associate shall provide documentation regarding any disclosures by Business Associate that would have to be included in an accounting of disclosures to an Individual under 45 CFR § 164.528 (including without limitation a disclosure permitted under 45 CFR § 164.512) and under the HITECH Act. Business Associate shall make the disclosure Information available to Metro within thirty (30) days of Metro's request for such disclosure Information to comply with an individual's request for disclosure accounting. If Business Associate is contacted directly by an individual based on information provided to the individual by Metro and as required by HIPAA, the HITECH Act or any accompanying regulations, Business Associate shall make such disclosure Information available directly to the individual.
- j. **Security of Electronic Protected Health Information.** Business Associate agrees to: (1) implement administrative, physical, and technical safeguards that reasonably and appropriately protect the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of the Electronic Protected Health Information that it creates, receives, maintains or transmits on behalf of Metro; (2) ensure that any agent, including a subcontractor, to whom it provides such information agrees to implement reasonable and appropriate safeguards to protect it; and (3) report to Metro any security incident of which it becomes aware.

- k. **Minimum Necessary.** Business Associate agrees to limit its uses and disclosures of, and requests for, PHI: (a) when practical, to the information making up a Limited Data Set; and (b) in all other cases subject to the requirements of 45 CFR 164.502(b), to the minimum amount of PHI necessary to accomplish the intended purpose of the use, disclosure or request.
- l. **Compliance with HITECH Standards.** Business Associate shall comply with the HITECH Standards as specified by law.
- m. **Compliance with Electronic Transactions and Code Set Standards:** If Business Associate conducts any Standard Transaction for, or on behalf, of Metro, Business Associate shall comply, and shall require any subcontractor or agent conducting such Standard Transaction to comply, with each applicable requirement of Title 45, Part 162 of the Code of Federal Regulations. Business Associate shall not enter into, or permit its subcontractor or agents to enter into, any Agreement in connection with the conduct of Standard Transactions for or on behalf of Metro that:
- (i) Changes the definition, Health Information condition, or use of a Health Information element or segment in a Standard;
 - (ii) Adds any Health Information elements or segments to the maximum defined Health Information Set;
 - (iii) Uses any code or Health Information elements that are either marked "not used" in the Standard's Implementation Specification(s) or are not in the Standard's Implementation Specifications(s); or
 - (iv) Changes the meaning or intent of the Standard's Implementations Specification(s).
- n. **Indemnity.** Business Associate shall indemnify and hold harmless Metro, its officers, agents and employees from and against any claim, cause of action, liability, damage, cost or expense, including attorneys' fees, arising out of or in connection with any non-permitted use or disclosure of Protected Health Information or other breach of this Agreement by Business Associate or any subcontractor or agent of the Business Associate.

SECTION 3 - OBLIGATIONS OF METRO

- a. Metro shall notify Business Associate of any changes in, or revocation of, permission by Individual to use or disclose Protected Health Information, to the extent that such changes may affect Business Associate's use or disclosure of Protected Health Information.

- b. Metro shall notify Business Associate of any restriction to the use or disclosure of Protected Health Information that Metro 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 Protected Health Information.

SECTION 4 – TERM, TERMINATION AND RETURN OF PHI

- a. **Term.** The Term of this Agreement shall be effective when file in the office of the Metropolitan Clerk and shall terminate when all of the Protected Health Information provided by Metro to Business Associate, or created or received by Business Associate on behalf of Metro, is destroyed or returned to Metro, or, if it is infeasible to return or destroy Protected Health Information, protections are extended to such information, in accordance with the termination provisions in this section.
- b. **Termination for Cause.** Upon Metro's knowledge of a material breach by Business Associate, Metro shall provide an opportunity for Business Associate to cure the breach or end the violation. Metro may terminate this Agreement between Metro and Business Associate if Business Associate does not cure the breach or end the violation within the time specified by Metro. In addition, Metro may immediately terminate this Agreement if Business Associate has breached a material term of this Agreement and cure is not feasible.
- c. **Obligations on Termination.**
- (i) Except as provided in subsection (ii), upon termination of this Agreement, for any reason, Business Associate shall return or destroy as determined by Metro, all Protected Health Information received from Metro, or created or received by Business Associate on behalf of Metro. This provision shall apply to Protected Health Information that is in the possession of subcontractor or agents of the Business Associate. Business Associate shall retain no copies of the Protected Health Information. Business Associate shall complete such return or destruction as promptly as possible, but no later than sixty (60) days following the termination or other conclusion of this Agreement. Within such sixty (60) day period, Business Associate shall certify on oath in writing to Metro that such return or destruction has been completed.

- (ii) In the event that Business Associate determines that returning or destroying the Protected Health Information is infeasible, Business Associate shall provide to Metro notification of the conditions that make return or destruction infeasible. Upon mutual agreement of the Parties that return or destruction of Protected Health Information is infeasible, Business Associate shall extend the protections of this Agreement to such Protected Health Information and limit further uses and disclosures of such Protected Health Information to those purposes that make the return or destruction infeasible, for so long as Business Associate maintains such Protected Health Information. If Metro does not agree that return or destruction of Protected Health Information is infeasible, subparagraph (i) shall apply. Business Associate shall complete these obligations as promptly as possible, but no later than sixty (60) days following the termination or other conclusion of this Agreement.

Section 5 – Miscellaneous

- a. **Regulatory References.** A reference in this Agreement to a section in HIPAA or the HITECH Act means the section as in effect or as amended, and for which compliance is required.
- b. **Amendment.** The Parties agree to take such action as is necessary to amend this Agreement from time to time as is necessary for Metro to comply with the requirements of HIPAA or the HITECH Act and any applicable regulations in regard to such laws.
- c. **Survival.** The respective rights and obligations of Business Associate shall survive the termination of this Agreement.
- d. **Interpretation.** Any ambiguity in this Agreement shall be resolved in favor of a meaning that permits Metro to comply with HIPAA or the HITECH Act or any applicable regulations in regard to such laws.
- e. **Publication Rights.** The Business Associate will not publish any data, reports or any other document without written permission from the Covered Entity.

EVALUATION DESIGN

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have by their duly authorized representatives set their signatures.

METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY

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Date

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Chair, Board of Health

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