OKLAHOMA STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
BUSINESS ASSOCIATE AGREEMENT

This Business Associate Agreement ("BAA") is effective as of 07/01/2021 ("Effective Date"), by and between the Oklahoma State Department of Health ("Covered Entity") and _____ ("Business Associate").

WHEREAS, Covered Entity has determined that it has components covered by HIPAA;

WHEREAS, Purpose of the BAA: The parties may enter into one or more written agreements that requires Business Associate to be provided wiht, create or have access to Protected Health Information (PHI).

WHEREAS, under HIPAA, Business Associate is classified as a business associate of Covered Entity and is to comply with the HIPAA Security and Privacy regulations pursuant to Subtitle D of the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act (HITECH), Title XIII, of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, including Sections 164.308, 164.310, 164.312 and 164.316 of title 45 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and of the covenants and agreements set forth herein, the parties, intending to be legally bound, agree as follows:

I. DEFINITIONS. Unless otherwise defined in this BAA, all terms used in this BAA have the meanings ascribed to the same terms in HIPAA.

(a) "Breach" shall have the meaning set forth in 45 CFR § 164.402, including, without limitation, the unauthorized acquisition, access, use, or disclosure of PHI in a manner not permitted by HIPAA.

(b) "Business Associate" shall generally have the same meaning as the term "Business Associate" at 45 CFR 160.103, and in reference to the party to this agreement, shall mean the person or entity listed as the business associate on the signature page hereto.

(c) "Covered Entity" shall generally have the same meaning as the term "Covered Entity" at 45 CFR 160.103.

(d) "HIPAA" shall mean: (i) the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, and regulations promulgated thereunder, including the Privacy, Security, Breach Notification and Enforcement Rules at 45 CFR parts 160 and 164, and any subsequent amendments or modifications thereto, and (ii) the HITECH Act, and regulations promulgated thereunder, and any subsequent amendments or modifications thereto.

(e) "HITECH Act" shall mean the provisions applicable to business associates under the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act, found in Title XIII of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Public Law 111-5.

(f) "PHI" shall mean Protected Health Information which Business Associate creates, receives, maintains, or transmits on behalf of Covered Entity in connection with the performance of Services by Business Associate for Covered Entity.

(g) "Privacy Rules" shall mean the Standards for Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information at 45 CFR Parts 160 and 164, as may be amended, modified or superseded, from time to time.

(h) "Protected Health Information" shall have the meaning set forth in 45 CFR § 160.103, including, without limitation, any information, whether oral, electronic or recorded in any form or medium: (i) that relates to the past, present or future physical or mental condition of an individual; (ii) the provision of health care to an individual; or (iii) the past, present or future payment for the provision of health care to an individual; and (iv) that identifies the individual or with respect to which there is a reasonable basis to believe the information can be used to identify the individual.

(i) "Required by Law" shall have the meaning set forth in 45 CFR § 164.103, including, without limitation, a mandate contained in law that compels Covered Entity or Business Associate to make a use or disclosure of Protected Health Information and that is enforceable in a court of law.

(j) "Secretary" shall mean the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services or his/her designee.

(k) "Security Incident" shall have the meaning set forth in 45 CFR § 164.304, including without limitation, the attempted or successful unauthorized access, use, disclosure, modification or destruction of electronic PHI.

(l) "Security Rules" shall mean the Security Standards for the Protection of Electronic Protected Health Information at 45 CFR Parts 160 and 164, as may be amended, modified or superseded from time to time.

(m) "Unsecured PHI" shall have the meaning set forth in 45 CFR § 164.402, including, without limitation, Protected Health Information not secured through the use of encryption, destruction or other technologies and methodologies identified by the Secretary to render such information unusable, unreadable, or indecipherable to unauthorized persons.

II. OBLIGATIONS OF BUSINESS ASSOCIATE.

(a) Permitted Uses: Business Associate may use PHI to provide the services requested by Covered Entity; provided, however, that Business Associate shall not disclose PHI in any manner that would constitute a violation of HIPAA. Business Associate may use PHI: (i) for the proper management and administration of Business Associate; (ii) to carry out the legal responsibilities of Business Associate; or (iii) as Required by Law.

(b) Permitted Disclosures: Business Associate may disclose PHI to provide the services requested by Covered Entity; provided, however, that Business Associate shall not disclose PHI in any manner that would constitute a violation of HIPAA. Business Associate may disclose PHI: (i) for the proper management and administration of Business Associate if such disclosure is Required by Law or if "Reasonable Assurances" are obtained; (ii) to carry out the legal responsibilities of Business Associate if such disclosure is Required by Law or if "Reasonable Assurances" are obtained; or (iii) as Required by Law. To the extent that Business Associate discloses PHI to a third party pursuant to Section II(b)(i) or (ii) above under Reasonable Assurances, Business Associate must obtain in writing, prior to making any such disclosure: (i) reasonable assurance from the third party that such PHI will be held in a confidential manner; (ii) reasonable assurance from the third party that such PHI will be used or further disclosed only as Required by Law or for the purpose for which it was disclosed to such third party; and (iii) an agreement from the third party to immediately notify Business Associate of any breaches of confidentiality of such PHI, to the extent the third party has obtained knowledge of such breach (collectively, "Reasonable Assurances"). Except as Required by Law, Business Associate shall not disclose PHI to a health plan for payment or healthcare operations if the individual subject to the PHI has requested such restriction, the individual (or designee) pays out of pocket in full for the health care item or service to which the PHI relates, and the restriction has been made known to Business Associate in accordance with Section 3(b) of this BAA. Business Associate shall not receive remuneration from a third party in exchange for disclosing PHI received from or on behalf of Covered Entity.

(c) De-identification. Business Associate shall not de-identify PHI without Covered Entity's prior consent.

(d) Appropriate Safeguards. Business Associate shall comply with the applicable provisions of the Security Rules and shall implement appropriate administrative, technical, physical, and security safeguards in compliance with HIPAA that reasonably and appropriately safeguard and protect the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of electronic PHI that it creates, receives, maintains, or transmits on behalf of Covered Entity. As required by HIPAA, Business Associate shall maintain policies, procedures, and documentation that address the safeguards to prevent, detect, contain, and correct security violations in accordance with 45 CFR 164. Business Associate shall make its policies and procedures required by the Security Rule available to Covered Entity solely for purposes of verifying BA's compliance and the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

(e) Notification Obligations. During the term of this BAA, Business Associate shall notify Covered Entity as soon as is reasonably practicable but in no event later than five (5) calendar days after the discovery of any use and/or disclosure of PHI not permitted by this BAA, a Breach of Unsecured PHI, or any material Security Incident, and shall provide Covered Entity with information regarding the improper use and/or disclosure, Breach or Security Incident as required by law. In the event of a breach of Unsecured PHI, such notice shall include, to the extent possible, the name of each individual whose Unsecured PHI has been, or is reasonably believed by Business Associate to have been, accessed, acquired, or disclosed during such Breach. Business Associate shall also, to the extent possible, furnish Covered Entity with any other available information that Covered Entity is required to include in its notification to Individuals under 45 CFR § 164.404(c) at the time of Business Associate's notification to Covered Entity or promptly thereafter as such information becomes available.

(f) Mitigation. Business Associate shall take prompt corrective action to mitigate and cure, if possible, any harmful effect that is known to Business Associate of an improper use and/or disclosure of PHI, Breach, or Security Incident. Business Associate shall cooperate with Covered Entity regarding any Breach notification to third parties, and shall reimburse Covered Entity for any costs incurred by Covered Entity in complying with the applicable requirements of HIPAA resulting from a Breach of Unsecured PHI by Business Associate. To the extent allowed by law, Business Associate shall indemnify and hold Covered Entity harmless from all claims, liabilities, costs, and damages arising out of or in any manner related to the disclosure by Business Associate of any PHI or to the breach by Business Associate of any obligation related to PHI. Business Associate shall be deemed to discover a Breach of Unsecured PHI as of the first day on which such Breach is known, or should have been known, by Business Associate.

(g) Access to PHI. Within ten (10) days of receipt of a request, Business Associate shall make PHI maintained by Business Associate in a Designated Record Set, in Business Associate's possession or control, available to Covered Entity for inspection and/or copying to enable Covered Entity to fulfill its obligations under 45 CFR § 164.524. If a request for access to PHI is delivered directly to Business Associate, Business Associate shall as soon as possible, but no later than ten (10) days after receipt of the request, forward the request to Covered Entity. Business Associate shall provide access to a copy of electronic PHI maintained by Business Associate in a Designated Record Set to the Covered Entity in accordance with the provisions of this Section and HIPAA.

(h) Amendment of PHI. Within ten (10) days of receipt of a request, Business Associate shall make PHI maintained by Business Associate in a Designated Record Set, in Business Associate's possession or control, available to Covered Entity for amendment to enable Covered Entity to fulfill its obligations under 45 CFR § 164.526. Business Associate shall amend PHI maintained by Business Associate in a Designated Record Set, in Business Associate's possession or control, as directed by Covered Entity to enable Covered Entity to fulfill its obligations under 45 CFR § 164.526. If a request for amendment of PHI is delivered directly to Business Associate, Business Associate shall as soon as possible, but no later than ten (10) days after receipt of the request, forward the request to Covered Entity.

(i) Accounting of PHI Disclosures. Business Associate agrees to document disclosures of PHI and information related to such 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 § 164.528. Within five (5) days of receipt of a request by Covered Entity, Business Associate shall make available to Covered Entity the information required to provide an accounting of such disclosures. Any accounting information shall include the information described in 45 CFR § 164.528(b), including, without limitation: (i) the date of disclosure of PHI; (ii) the name of the entity or person who received PHI and, if known, the address of the entity or person; (iii) a brief description of PHI disclosed; and (iv) a brief statement of the purpose of the disclosure that reasonably informs the individual of the basis for the disclosure, or a copy of the written request for disclosure. If a request for an accounting of PHI is delivered directly to Business Associate, Business Associate shall as soon as possible, but no later than five (5) days after receipt of the request, forward the request to Covered Entity.

(j) Governmental Access to Records. Business Associate shall make PHI and its facilities, internal practices, books, records, accounts, and other information relating to the use and disclosure of PHI available to the Secretary, authorized governmental officials, and Covered Entity in a prompt and reasonable time and manner and shall cooperate with the Secretary concerning any investigation designed to determine Covered Entity's or Business Associate's compliance with HIPAA. Unless the Secretary directs otherwise, Business Associate shall promptly notify Covered Entity in writing of Business Associate's receipt of a request for information from the Secretary or notice concerning an investigation by the Secretary and shall provide Covered Entity with a copy of all documents made available to the Secretary.

(k) Business Associate's Agents and/or Subcontractors. To the extent Business Associate uses one or more subcontractors, vendors, or agents to provide Services to Covered Entity, and such subcontractors, vendors, or agents create, receive, maintain, or transmit PHI, Business Associate shall require in accordance with 45 CFR § 164.308(b) and 164.502(e) that each subcontractor, vendor, or agent agree in writing to be bound by the terms of this BAA and HIPAA to the same extent as Business Associate, including but not limited to the implementation of reasonable and appropriate safeguards to protect PHI. A fully executed copy shall be provided to Covered Entity. Following the discovery of non-compliance by a subcontractor, vendor, or agent of any of its obligations with respect to PHI, Business Associate shall promptly report such non-compliance to Covered Entity and shall ensure that its subcontractors, vendors, or agents agree to indemnify or hold harmless Covered Entity from all claims, liabilities, costs, and damages arising out of or in any manner related to the non-compliance or breach by Business Associate of any obligation related to PHI.

(l) Compliance with Standard Transactions. If Business Associate conducts, in whole or in part, Standard Transactions (as such term is defined in the Standards for Electronic Transactions Rule at 45 CFR Parts 160 and 162, as may be amended, modified or superseded, from time to time) for or on behalf of Covered Entity, Business Associate will comply, and will require any of its subcontractors or agents involved with such Standard Transactions on behalf of Covered Entity to comply, with each applicable requirement of 45 CFR Parts 160 and 162. Business Associate will not enter into, or permit its subcontractors or agents to enter into, any agreement in connection with the conduct of Standard Transactions for or on behalf of Covered Entity that: (i) changes the definition, data condition, or use of a data element or segment in a Standard Transaction; (ii) adds any data elements or segments to the maximum defined data set; (iii) uses any code or data element that is marked "not used" in a Standard Transaction or are not in the Standard Transactions' implementation specification; or (iv) changes the meaning or intent of the Standard Transactions' implementation specifications.

(m) Additional Obligations. Business Associate shall comply with the requirements of HIPAA, which are applicable to Business Associate as a business associate of the Covered Entity, including all regulations which are issued to implement such requirements, as may be amended, modified or superseded from time to time. To the extent Business Associate carries out one or more of Covered Entity's obligation(s) under 45 CFR Part 164, Subpart E, in the performance of such obligations, Business Associate shall comply with the requirements of 45 CFR Part 164, Subpart E, that apply to Covered Entity to the same extent as required by Covered Entity.

III. OBLIGATIONS OF COVERED ENTITY.

(a) Notice of Privacy Practices. ODSH's Notice of Privacy Practices is available on its website: www.ok.gov/health.

(b) Restrictions on Use or Disclosure. Covered Entity shall only disclose PHI to Business Associate or to others, pursuant to this BAA, in a manner and to an extent permitted by HIPAA. Covered Entity shall provide Business Associate with any changes in, or revocation of, permission by individuals to use and/or disclose PHI, to the extent such changes or revocations may affect Business Associate's permitted or required uses and/or disclosures of PHI. Further:

(i) Covered Entity shall notify Business Associate of any restriction to the use and/or disclosure of PHI that Covered Entity has agreed to in accordance with 45 CFR § 164.522, to the extent such restriction may affect Business Associate's permitted or required uses and/or disclosures of PHI;

(j) Covered Entity shall not request Business Associate use or disclose PHI in any manner that would violate the Privacy Rule if done by Covered Entity; and

(ii) Covered Entity agrees to timely notify Business Associate, in writing, of any arrangements between OSDH and the Individual that is the subject of PHI that may impact in any manner the use and/or disclosure of the PHI by Business Associate under this BAA.

IV. TERM AND TERMINATION.

(a) Term. This BAA shall commence on the Effective Date and shall remain effective for the entire term that Business Associate provides Services for Covered Entity or until terminated in accordance with the provisions in this BAA.

(b) Termination for Cause. Either party may terminate this BAA by notice in writing to the other party, if the other party materially breaches this BAA in any manner and such material breach continues for a period of thirty (30) days after written notice is given to the breaching party by the other party specifying the nature of the breach and requesting that it be cured. If termination of this BAA is not feasible, the non-breaching party shall report the breach to the Secretary if required by HIPAA.

(c) Severability: If any provision of this contract, or the application of any term or condition to any party or circumstances, is held invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the remaining provisions shall continue to be valid and enforceable and the application of such provision to other parties or circumstances shall remain valid and in full force and effect.

(d) Obligations of Business Associate Upon Termination. Upon termination of this Agreement for any reason, Business Associate, with respect to PHI received from Covered Entity, or created, maintained, or received by Business Associate on behalf of Covered Entity, shall: (i) Retain only that PHI that is necessary for Business Associate to continue its proper management and administration or to carry out its legal responsibilities; (ii) Return to Covered Entity (or, if agreed to by Covered Entity, destroy) the remaining PHI that the Business Associate still maintains in any form; (iii) Continue to use appropriate safeguards and comply with Subpart C of 45 CFR Part 164 with respect to PHI to prevent use or disclosure of the PHI, other than as provided for in this Section, for as long as Business Associate retains the PHI; (iv) Not use or disclose the PHI retained by Business Associate other than for the purposes for which such PHI was retained and subject to the same conditions set out at above under "Permitted Uses and Disclosures By Business Associate" that applied prior to termination; and (v) Return to Covered Entity (or, if agreed to by Covered Entity, destroy) the PHI retained by Business Associate when it is no longer needed by Business Associate for its proper management and administration or to carry out its legal responsibilities. If destruction of PHI is permitted under this Subsection, Business Associate shall notify Covered Entity in writing that such PHI has been destroyed. All other obligations of Business Associate under this BAA shall survive termination.

V. CONSTRUCTION. This BAA shall be construed as broadly as necessary to implement and comply with HIPAA. The parties agree that any ambiguity in this BAA shall be resolved in favor of a meaning that complies and is consistent with HIPAA.

VI. HEADINGS. The headings contained in this BAA are included only for convenience of reference and do not define, limit, explain or modify this BAA or its interpretation, construction or meaning and are in no way to be construed as part of this BAA.

VII. NOTICE. All notices and other communications required or permitted pursuant to this BAA shall be in writing, addressed to the party at the address set forth at the end of this BAA, or to such other address as any party may designate from time to time in writing in accordance with this Section. All notices and other communications shall be sent by: (i) registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, postage pre-paid; (ii) overnight mail by a reputable carrier; (iii) facsimile with a copy sent by First Class Mail, postage pre-paid; or (iv) hand delivery. All notices shall be effective as of the date of delivery if by hand delivery or overnight mail, two (2) days following the date of facsimile, or if by certified mail on the date of receipt, whichever is applicable.

VIII. ASSIGNMENT. This BAA and the rights and obligations hereunder shall not be assigned, delegated, or otherwise transferred by either party without the prior written consent of the other party and any assignment or transfer without proper consent shall be null and void.

IX. GOVERNING LAW. Any claim, dispute, or litigation relating to the execution, interpretation, performance, or enforcement of this BAA shall be governed by the laws of the State of Oklahoma without regard to application of choice of law principles. Venue for any action, claim, dispute, or litigation relating in any way to the execution, interpretation, performance, or enforcement of the BAA shall be in the appropriate state or federal court in Oklahoma County, Oklahoma. Further, notwithstanding any provision in the BAA, the Department, as an agency of the State of Oklahoma, does not waive the doctrine of sovereign immunity and immunity from suit to the extent authorized by the Constitution and laws of the State of Oklahoma nor any other right or defense available to the Department.

X. BINDING EFFECT; MODIFICATION. This BAA shall be binding upon, and shall ensure to the benefit of, the parties hereto and their respective permitted successors and assigns. This BAA may only be amended or modified by mutual written agreement of the parties; provided, however, that in the event any provision of this BAA shall conflict with the requirements of HIPAA, this BAA shall automatically be deemed amended as necessary to conform to such legal requirements at all times. To the extent that any relevant provision of the HIPAA Regulations is materially amended in a manner that changes the obligations of Business Associates or Covered Entities, the Parties agree to negotiate in good faith appropriate amendment(s) to this BAA to give effect to these revised obligations.

XI. NO THIRD-PARTY BENEFICIARIES. Nothing express or implied in this BAA is intended to confer, nor shall anything herein confer, upon any person or entity other than Covered Entity, Business Associate and their respective successors or permitted assigns, any rights, remedies, obligations or liabilities whatsoever.

XII. COUNTERPARTS. This BAA may be executed in multiple counterparts, each of which shall constitute an original and all of which together shall constitute but one BAA.

XIII. ENTIRE AGREEMENT. This BAA constitutes the entire agreement between the parties with respect to the matters contemplated herein and supersedes all previous and contemporaneous oral and written agreements, negotiations, commitments, and understandings.

XIV. AUTHORIZATION. The execution of this BAA is fully authorized by each party. No party is under any legal disability and the person(s) signing below have appropriate authority to bind their respective parties by execution of this BAA on their behalf.

[Signatures on following page]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each of the undersigned has caused this BAA to be duly executed in their respective names by their duly authorized representatives as of the Effective Date.

COVERED ENTITY:	BUSINESS ASSOCIATE
Oklahoma State Department of Health	
By:	By:
Print Name:	Print Name:
Print Title:	Print Title:
Date:	Date:
Address: 123 Robert S Kerr Oklahoma City, OK 73102	Address: