

IGT RESPONSIBILITY CONTRACT
BETWEEN
THE TEXAS HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
AND
NON-STATE GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY

This Contract is between the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (“**HHSC**”) and Nueces County Hospital District (“**Governmental Entity**”) (individually, a “**Party**” and collectively, “the **Parties**”).

I. LEGAL AUTHORITY

This Contract is entered into pursuant to Chapter 531 of the Texas Government Code.

II. BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

- A. HHSC is the single state agency designated in Texas to administer the medical assistance program known as Medicaid.
- B. HHSC administers the Network Access Improvement Program (“**NAIP**”) through Medicaid managed care organizations (“**MCOs**”). The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (“**CMS**”) has determined that NAIP payments meet the following definition of “pass-through payments” contained in 42 C.F.R. § 438.6(a):

[A]ny amount required by the State to be added to the contracted payment rates, and considered in calculating the actuarially sound capitation rate, between the MCO, PIHP, or PAHP and hospitals, physicians, or nursing facilities that is not for the following purposes: A specific service or benefit provided to a specific enrollee covered under the contract; a provider payment methodology permitted under paragraphs (c)(1)(i) through (iii) of this section for services and enrollees covered under the contract; a subcapitated payment arrangement for a specific set of services and enrollees covered under the contract; GME payments; or FQHC or RHC wrap around payments.

Under NAIP, MCOs will be required by HHSC to provide pass-through payments to eligible Public Hospitals.

- C. The purpose of this Contract is to:
 - 1. Provide terms and conditions for the Governmental Entity to transfer non-federal public funds to HHSC for use as the non-federal share of NAIP pass-through payments; and

2. Describe the process that will be used to reconcile the non-federal percentage of payments from HHSC to the MCOs with the amount of funds transferred to HHSC from the Governmental Entity.

III. DEFINITIONS

For purposes of this Contract, the following terms have the meanings as described below:

- A. Intergovernmental Transfer (“**IGT**”) -- A transfer of Public Funds from a Non-state Governmental Entity to HHSC.
- B. Managed Care Organization (“**MCO**”) -- A Medicaid managed care organization contracted with HHSC to provide health care services to Medicaid recipients.
- C. Non-state Governmental Entity -- A hospital authority, hospital district, health district, city or county.
- D. Public Hospital -- The hospital located in Nueces County, Texas and qualifying as a public hospital as defined in Section 355.8065(b)(46) of the Texas Administrative Code, in which the Governmental Entity owns a membership interest (i.e. CHRISTUS Spohn Health System Corporation).
- E. Public Funds -- Funds derived from taxes, assessments, levies, investments, and other public revenues within the sole and unrestricted control of the Governmental Entity that owns a membership interest in the Public Hospital. Public funds do not include gifts, grants, trusts, or donations, the use of which is conditioned on supplying a benefit solely to the donor or grantor of the funds.

IV. PROGRAM PERIOD AND CONTRACT PERIOD

- A. The term of this Contract (the “**Contract Period**”) begins on the latest date a Party signs the Contract and continues until the completion of the final reconciliation, which is described in Article VII below, but no later than August 31, 2024.
- B. The term of the NAIP initiative (the “**Program Period**”) begins on September 1, 2021, and ends on August 31, 2022.
- C. The term of the Program Period or Contract Period may be modified by written Contract between the Parties.

V. CONTRACT AMOUNT

- A. For each Medicaid managed care program and service area in which the Public Hospital participates in a NAIP pass-through payment arrangement, HHSC's managed care contract with participating MCOs will require the MCOs to allocate a fixed percentage of the capitation rates to the Public Hospital's NAIP payments (the "**NAIP Rate Component**").
- B.

The non-federal percentage of the NAIP Rate Component equals one-hundred percent minus the applicable Federal Medical Assistance Percentage for Medicaid for Texas in effect when HHSC incurs the expense.

- C. The Parties agree that the amount of this Contract will not exceed \$7,132,496.00 (SEVEN MILLION, ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-TWO THOUSAND, FOUR HUNDRED AND NINETY-SIX DOLLARS) (“**Contract Amount**”), which equals (1) the non-federal percentage of the pass-through payment amount plus ten percent, and (2) the non-federal percentage of the risk margin, administrative fee, and any other NAIP-related amounts HHSC is required to pay each applicable MCO pursuant to the associated managed care contract between HHSC and the MCO. The agreed maximum Contract Amount is subject to the provisions of Section V.A. and Article VII.

VI. STATEMENT OF SERVICES TO BE PERFORMED

- A. Governmental Entity’s responsibilities under this Contract include the following:
1. Beginning on August 10, 2021, and continuing on the tenth day of each month through July 10, 2022, the Governmental Entity will transfer to HHSC an amount equal to one-twelfth of the estimated Contract Amount. If at any time during the Program Period HHSC determines that the Contract Amount is likely to exceed the amount described in Section V., HHSC will notify the Governmental Entity in writing of a revised amount that the Governmental Entity must transfer on the tenth day of each month remaining in the Program Period.
 2. The Governmental Entity will transfer any shortfall amount calculated as described in Article VII. The Governmental Entity will complete the transfer within 30 days of receipt of HHSC’s notice regarding the shortfall.
- B. HHSC’s responsibilities under this Contract include the following:
1. Prior to August 10, 2021, HHSC will provide the Governmental Entity with the NAIP Rate Component for each applicable MCO, Medicaid managed care program, and service area in which the Public Hospital participates in NAIP.
 2. HHSC will perform the reconciliation processes described in Article VII.

VII. RECONCILIATION

HHSC will complete the reconciliation in multiple parts:

- A. HHSC will confirm that the amount owed by the Governmental Entity under this Contract equals the amount actually paid by the Governmental Entity under this Contract by completing a reconciliation in multiple parts, as follows:
1. For each Medicaid program and service area in which the Public Hospital participates in NAIP, HHSC will determine the non-federal percentage of the NAIP Rate Component expended by HHSC for the Program Period by multiplying the

NAIP Rate Component by the total member months included in the Program Period. Total member months include any adjustments to enrollment that occurred for the Program Period prior to the reconciliation.

2. HHSC will compare the amount transferred by the Governmental Entity to HHSC for the Program Period, to the non-federal percentage of the NAIP Rate Component expended by HHSC for the Program Period.
 - a. If the amount transferred by the Governmental Entity exceeds 102% of the non-federal percentage of the NAIP Rate Component expended by HHSC:
 - I. HHSC will refund the difference between the amount transferred and 102% of the amount expended by HHSC; and
 - II. HHSC will return any excess funds following the reconciliation described in Section VII.C.
 - b. If the amount transferred by the Governmental Entity is less than 102% of the non-federal percentage of the NAIP Rate Component expended by HHSC, HHSC will notify the Governmental Entity in writing of the amount of the shortfall and of a deadline for the Governmental Entity to transfer the shortfall to HHSC.
- B. HHSC may complete interim reconciliations between August 31, 2022, and August 31, 2024, as updated enrollment data for the Program Period, as reflected in adjusted member months, becomes available. HHSC will follow the process described in Section VII.A. for such interim reconciliations.
- C. HHSC will complete the final reconciliation no later than August 31, 2024, to ensure that payments under this Contract are based on final enrollment figures for the Program Period.
 1. For each Medicaid program and service area in which the Public Hospital participates in NAIP, HHSC will determine the non-federal percentage of the NAIP Rate Component expended by HHSC for the Program Period by multiplying the NAIP Rate Component by the total member months included in the Program Period. Total member months include any adjustments to enrollment that occurred subsequent to a reconciliation.
 2. HHSC will compare the amount transferred by the Governmental Entity to HHSC for the Program Period, to the non-federal percentage of the NAIP Rate Component expended by HHSC for the Program Period.
 - a. If the amount transferred by the Governmental Entity exceeds the non-federal percentage of the NAIP Rate Component expended by HHSC, HHSC will refund the excess and the amount retained under Section A.2.a.II. of this Article VII;

- b. If the amount transferred by the Governmental Entity is less than the non-federal percentage of the NAIP Rate Component expended by HHSC, HHSC will notify the Governmental Entity of the amount of the shortfall and of the 30-day deadline for the Governmental Entity to transfer the shortfall to HHSC.

VIII. TERMINATION

- A. HHSC may terminate this Contract at any time at its discretion by providing written notice to the Governmental Entity through the individual identified in Section X.A.
- B. The Governmental Entity has no termination rights for the duration of the Contract Period.

IX. ADDITIONAL TERMS

- A. The services specified above are necessary and authorized for activities that are properly within the statutory functions and programs of the Parties.
- B. The services contracted for are not required by Section 21 of Article XVI of the Constitution of Texas to be supplied under contract given to the lowest responsible bidder.
- C. The proposed arrangements serve the interest of efficient and economical administration of state government.
- D. All acts required under this Contract will be done in conformity with federal and state laws and regulations.
- E. If any portion of this Contract is held to be invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of the Contract remains valid and enforceable.
- F. The dispute resolution process provided for in Chapter 2260 of the Texas Government (Resolution of Certain Contract Claims Against the State) will be used by the Parties to attempt to resolve any claim for breach of the Contract.
- G. This Contract may only be amended or modified by written Contract of the Parties.
- H. Information related to the performance of this Contract may be subject to the Chapter 552 of the Texas Government Code (Public Information Act) and will be withheld from public disclosure or released to the public only in accordance therewith. The Governmental Entity shall make any information required under the Public Information Act available to the HHSC in portable document file (".pdf") format or any other format agreed between the Parties.
- I. This Contract and the rights and obligations of the Parties hereto shall be governed by, and construed according to, the laws of the State of Texas, exclusive of conflicts of law provisions. Venue of any suit brought under this Contract shall be in a court of competent jurisdiction in Travis County, Texas. The Governmental Entity irrevocably waives any objection, including any objection to personal jurisdiction or the laying of venue or based

on the grounds of forum non conveniens, which it may now or hereafter have to the bringing of any action or proceeding in such jurisdiction in respect of this Contract or any document related hereto. NOTHING IN THIS SECTION SHALL BE CONSTRUED AS A WAIVER OF SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY BY HHSC OR GOVERNMENTAL IMMUNITY BY THE GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY.

- J. If any provision contained in this Contract is held to be unenforceable by a court of law or equity, this Contract shall be construed as if such provision did not exist and the non-enforceability of such provision shall not be held to render any other provision or provisions of this Contract unenforceable.
- K. Neither Party shall assign or subcontract the whole nor any part of the Contract, including any right or duty required under it, without the other Party's prior written consent. Any assignment made contrary to this shall be void.

X. NOTICE

- A. All communications to the Governmental Entity under this Contract will be sent to:

Name: Jonny F. Hipp, ScD, FACHE
Title: Administrator/CEO
Address: Nueces County Hospital District
555 North Carancahua Street, Suite 950
Corpus Christi, TX 78401-0835
Phone: 361-808-3300
Email: jonny.hipp@nchdcc.org

- B. All communications to HHSC under this Contract will be sent to Victoria Grady, Director of Rate Analysis, Health and Human Services Commission, North Austin Complex, 4601 W. Guadalupe St., Austin, TX 78751.

XI. SIGNATURE AUTHORITY

Each Party represents and warrants that the person executing this Contract on its behalf has full power and authority to enter into this Contract. Any services or work performed by the Governmental Entity before this Contract is effective or after it ceases to be effective are performed at the sole risk of the Governmental Entity. By signing this Agreement, the person signing on behalf of the Governmental Entity certifies that this Agreement has not been altered, amended, or changed from the version of the Contract sent by HHSC to the Governmental Entity.

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SIGNATURE PAGE FOR HHSC CONTRACT NO. HHS001047100006

Health and Human Services Commission

Governmental Entity

By: _____

Cecile Erwin Young

Executive Commissioner

Signature Date: _____

By: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Signature Date: _____

THE FOLLOWING ATTACHMENT IS HEREBY INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE:

ATTACHMENT A – SFY 2022 NAIP PROGRAM FINANCIAL ASSUMPTIONS

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Superior – Nueces County Hospital District

		September 1, 2021 - August 31, 2022								
Program	SDA	All Funds	IGT (w/o 10% buffer)	FMAP	Net to Provider	TAXES	TAXES %	ADMIN	ADMIN %	<i>Monthly IGT w/ 10% Margin</i>
STAR, STAR+Plus	Nueces	5,791,065	2,145,590	62.95%	5,675,244	101,344	1.75%	14,478	0.25%	196,679
STAR, STAR+Plus	Nueces	4,508,781	1,670,503	62.95%	4,418,605	78,904	1.75%	11,272	0.25%	153,129
		10,299,846	3,816,093		10,093,849	180,247		25,750		349,809

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STAR+Plus	Nueces	5,791,065	2,145,590	62.95%	5,675,244	101,344	1.75%	14,478	0.25%	196,679
STAR	Nueces	1,410,000	522,405	62.95%	1,381,800	24,675	1.75%	3,525	0.25%	47,887
		7,201,065	2,667,995		7,057,044	126,019		18,003		244,566