HIPAA BUSINESS ASSOCIATE ADDENDUM

 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (“Customer”) and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ("Business Associate") agree that this HIPAA Business Associate Addendum is entered into as of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (“Effective Date”) for the benefit of Customer, which is a covered entity under the Privacy Standards ("Covered Entity").

Pursuant to the underlying business arrangements between the parties (the “Agreement”) and effective as of the effective date of the Agreement (“Effective Date”), Business Associate may perform functions or activities involving the use and/or disclosure of PHI on behalf of the Covered Entity, and therefore, Business Associate may function as a business associate. Business Associate, therefore, agrees to the following terms and conditions set forth in this HIPAA Business Associate Addendum (“Addendum”).

1. Scope. This Addendum applies to and is hereby automatically incorporated into all present and future agreements and relationships, whether written, oral or implied, between Covered Entity and Business Associate, pursuant to which PHI is created, maintained, received or transmitted by Business Associate from or on behalf of Covered Entity in any form or medium whatsoever.
2. Definitions. For purposes of this Addendum, the terms used herein, unless otherwise defined, shall have the same meanings as used in the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 ("HIPAA"), or the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act ("HITECH"), and any amendments or implementing regulations, (collectively "HIPAA Rules").
3. Compliance with Applicable Law. The parties acknowledge and agree that, beginning with the relevant effective date, Business Associate shall comply with its obligations under this Addendum and with all obligations of a business associate under HIPAA, HITECH, the HIPAA Rules, and other applicable laws and regulations, as they exist at the time this Addendum is executed and as they are amended, for so long as this Addendum is in place.
4. Permissible Use and Disclosure of PHI. Business Associate may use and disclose PHI as necessary to carry out its duties to a Covered Entity pursuant to the terms of the Agreement and as required by law. Business Associate may also use and disclose PHI (i) for its own proper management and administration, and (ii) to carry out its legal responsibilities. If Business Associate discloses Protected Health Information to a third party for either above reason, prior to making any such disclosure, Business Associate must obtain: (i) reasonable assurances from the receiving party that such PHI will be held confidential and be disclosed only as required by law or for the purposes for which it was disclosed to such receiving party; and (ii) an agreement from such receiving party to immediately notify Business Associate of any known breaches of the confidentiality of the PHI.
5. Limitations on Use and Disclosure of PHI. Business Associate shall not, and shall ensure that its directors, officers, employees, subcontractors, and agents do not, use or disclose PHI in any manner that is not permitted by the Agreement or that would violate Subpart E of 45 C.F.R. 164 ("Privacy Rule") if done by a Covered Entity. All uses and disclosures of, and requests by, Business Associate for PHI are subject to the minimum necessary rule of the Privacy Rule.
6. Required Safeguards to Protect PHI. Business Associate shall use appropriate safeguards and comply with Subpart C of 45 C.F.R. Part 164 ("Security Rule") with respect to electronic PHI, to prevent the use or disclosure of PHI other than pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Addendum.
7. Reporting to Covered Entity. Business Associate shall report to the affected Covered Entity without unreasonable delay: (a) any use or disclosure of PHI not provided for by the Agreement of which it becomes aware; (b) any breach of unsecured PHI in accordance with 45 C.F.R. Subpart D of 45 C.F.R. 164 ("Breach Notification Rule"); and (c) any security incident of which it becomes aware. With regard to Security Incidents caused by or occurring to Business Associate, Business Associate shall cooperate with the Covered Entity's investigation, analysis, notification and mitigation activities, and except for Security Incidents caused by Covered Entity, shall be responsible for reasonable costs incurred by the Covered Entity for those activities. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Covered Entity acknowledges and shall be deemed to have received advanced notice from Business Associate that there are routine occurrences of: (i) unsuccessful attempts to penetrate computer networks or services maintained by Business Associate; and (ii) immaterial incidents such as “pinging” or “denial of services” attacks.
8. Mitigation of Harmful Effects. Business Associate agrees to mitigate, to the extent practicable, any harmful effect of a use or disclosure of PHI by Business Associate in violation of the requirements of the Agreement, including, but not limited to, compliance with any state law or contractual data breach requirements.
9. Agreements by Third Parties. Business Associate shall enter into an agreement with any subcontractor of Business Associate that creates, receives, maintains, or transmits PHI on behalf of Business Associate. Pursuant to such agreement, the subcontractor shall agree to be bound by the same or greater restrictions, conditions, and requirements that apply to Business Associate under this Addendum with respect to such PHI.
10. Access to PHI. Within five business days of a request by a Covered Entity for access to PHI about an individual contained in a Designated Record Set, Business Associate shall make available to the Covered Entity such PHI for so long as such information is maintained by Business Associate in the Designated Record Set, as required by 45 C.F.R. 164.524. In the event any individual delivers directly to Business Associate a request for access to PHI, Business Associate shall within five (5) business days forward such request to the Covered Entity.
11. Amendment of PHI. Within five business days of receipt of a request from a Covered Entity for the amendment of an individual's PHI or a record regarding an individual contained in a Designated Record Set (for so long as the PHI is maintained in the Designated Record Set), Business Associate shall provide such information to the Covered Entity for amendment and incorporate any such amendments in the PHI as required by 45 C.F.R.164.526. In the event any individual delivers directly to Business Associate a request for amendment to PHI, Business Associate shall within five business days forward such request to the Covered Entity.
12. Documentation of Disclosures. Business Associate agrees to document disclosures of PHI and information related to such disclosures as would be required for a Covered Entity to respond to a request by an individual for an accounting of disclosures of PHI in accordance with 45 C.F.R.164.528 and HITECH.
13. Accounting of Disclosures. Within five business days of notice by a Covered Entity to Business Associate that it has received a request for an accounting of disclosures of PHI, Business Associate shall make available toa Covered Entity information to permit the Covered Entity to respond to the request for an accounting of disclosures of PHI, as required by 45 C.F.R.164.528 and HITECH.
14. Other Obligations. To the extent that Business Associate is to carry out one or more of a Covered Entity's obligations under the Privacy Rule, Business Associate shall comply with such requirements that apply to the Covered Entity in the performance of such obligations.
15. Judicial and Administrative Proceedings. In the event Business Associate receives a subpoena, court or administrative order or other discovery request or mandate for release of PHI, the affected Covered Entity shall have the right to control Business Associate's response to such request, provided that, such control does not have an adverse impact on Business Associate’s compliance with existing laws. Business Associate shall notify the Covered Entity of the request as soon as reasonably practicable, but in any event within seven business days of receipt of such request.
16. Availability of Books and Records. Business Associate hereby agrees to make its internal practices, books, and records available to the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services for purposes of determining compliance with the HIPAA Rules.
17. Breach of Contract by Business Associate. In addition to any other rights a party may have in the Agreement, this Addendum or by operation of law or in equity, either party may: i) immediately terminate the Agreement if the other party has violated a material term of this Addendum; or ii) at the non-breaching party’s option, permit the breaching party to cure or end any such violation within the time specified by the non-breaching party. The non-breaching party’s option to have cured a breach of this Addendum shall not be construed as a waiver of any other rights the non-breaching party has in the Agreement, this Addendum or by operation of law or in equity.
18. Effect of Termination of Agreement. Upon the termination of the Agreement or this Addendum for any reason, Business Associate shall return to a Covered Entity or, at the Covered Entity's direction, destroy all PHI received from the Covered Entity that Business Associate maintains in any form, recorded on any medium, or stored in any storage system. This provision shall apply to PHI that is in the possession of Business Associate, subcontractors, and agents of Business Associate. Business Associate shall retain no copies of the PHI. Business Associate shall remain bound by the provisions of this Addendum, even after termination of the Agreement or Addendum, until such time as all PHI has been returned or otherwise destroyed as provided in this Section. For the avoidance of doubt, de-identified Customer Data shall not be subject to this provision.
19. Injunctive Relief. Business Associate stipulates that its unauthorized use or disclosure of PHI while performing services pursuant to this Addendum would cause irreparable harm to a Covered Entity, and in such event, the Covered Entity shall be entitled to institute proceedings in any court of competent jurisdiction to obtain damages and injunctive relief.
20. Owner of PHI. Under no circumstances shall Business Associate be deemed in any respect to be the owner of any PHI created or received by Business Associate on behalf of a Covered Entity.
21. Safeguards and Appropriate Use of Protected Health Information. Covered Entity is responsible for implementing appropriate privacy and security safeguards to protect its PHI in compliance with HIPAA. Without limitation, it is Covered Entity’s obligation to:
	1. Not include PHI in information Covered Entity submits to technical support personnel through a technical support requestor to community support forums. In addition, Business Associate does not act as, or have the obligations of a Business Associate under the HIPAA Rules with respect to Customer Data once it is sent to or from Covered Entity outside Business Associate's Software over the public Internet; and
	2. Implement privacy and security safeguards in the systems, applications, and software Covered Entity controls, configures, and connects to Business Associate’s Software.
22. Third Party Rights. The terms of this Addendum do not grant any rights to any parties other than Business Associate and the Covered Entity.
23. Signatures. The signatures to the Agreement (or the document evidencing the parties’ adoption thereof) indicate agreement hereto and shall be deemed signatures hereof, whether manual, electronic, or facsimile.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement as of the Effective Date.

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