

- (1) the terms of this Agreement, including the Service Plan;
 - (2) Applicable Law; and
 - (3) Applicable Policy.
- (b) When providing the Services, the HSP will meet the Performance Standards and conditions identified in Schedule D and any applicable Project Funding Agreements.
- (c) Unless otherwise provided in this Agreement, the HSP will not reduce, stop, start, expand, cease to provide or transfer the provision of the Services or change its Service Plan except with Notice to the Funder, and if required by Applicable Law or Applicable Policy, the prior written consent of the Funder.
- (d) The HSP will not restrict or refuse the provision of Services to an individual, directly or indirectly, based on the geographic area in which the person resides in Ontario.
- (e) The HSP will not withdraw any Services from a patient with complex needs who continues to require those Services, unless prior to discharging that patient from the Services, the HSP has made alternate arrangements for equivalent services to be delivered to that patient.

3.2 Subcontracting for the Provision of Services.

- (a) The parties acknowledge that, subject to the provisions of the Enabling Legislation, the HSP may subcontract the provision of some or all of the Services. For the purposes of this Agreement, actions taken or not taken by the subcontractor, and Services provided by the subcontractor, will be deemed actions taken or not taken by the HSP, and Services provided by the HSP.
- (b) When entering into a subcontract the HSP agrees that the terms of the subcontract will enable the HSP to meet its obligations under this Agreement. Without limiting the foregoing, the HSP will include a provision that permits the Funder or its authorized representatives, to audit the subcontractor in respect of the subcontract if the Funder or its authorized representatives determines that such an audit would be necessary to confirm that the HSP has complied with the terms of this Agreement.
- (c) Nothing contained in this Agreement or a subcontract will create a contractual relationship between any subcontractor or its directors, officers, employees, agents, partners, affiliates or volunteers and the Funder.
- (d) When entering into a subcontract, the HSP agrees that the terms of the subcontract will enable the HSP to meet its obligations under the FLSA.

3.3 Conflict of Interest. The HSP will use the Funding, provide the Services and otherwise fulfil its obligations under this Agreement, without an actual, potential or perceived Conflict of Interest. The HSP will disclose to the Funder without delay any situation that a reasonable person would interpret as an actual, potential or perceived Conflict of Interest and comply with any requirements prescribed by the Funder to resolve any Conflict of Interest.

3.4 Digital Health. The HSP agrees to:

- (a) assist the Funder to implement Digital Health priorities of the Funder;
- (b) comply with any technical and information management standards, including those related to data, architecture, technology, privacy and security set for health service providers by the Ministry or the Funder within the timeframes set by the Ministry or the Funder as the case may be;
- (c) implement and use the approved provincial Digital Health solutions identified by the Funder;
- (d) implement technology solutions that are compatible or interoperable with the provincial blueprint and with the Funder's Digital Health priorities; and
- (e) include in its annual Planning Submissions, plans for achieving Digital Health priority initiatives.

3.5 French Language Services.

3.5.1 The Funder will provide the Ministry "Guide to Requirements and Obligations Relating to French Language Services" to the HSP and the HSP will fulfill its roles, responsibilities and other obligations set out therein.

3.5.2 If Not Identified or Designated. If the HSP has not been Designated or Identified it will:

- (a) develop and implement a plan to address the needs of the local Francophone community, including the provision of information on services available in French;
- (b) work towards applying the principles of Active Offer in the provision of services;
- (c) provide a report to the Funder that outlines how the HSP addresses the needs of its local Francophone community; and
- (d) collect and submit to the Funder as requested by the Funder from time to time, French language service data.

3.5.3 If Identified. If the HSP is Identified it will:

- (a) work towards applying the principles of Active Offer in the provision of services;
- (b) provide services to the public in French in accordance with its existing French language services capacity;
- (c) develop, and provide to the Funder upon request from time to time, a plan to become Designated by the date agreed to by the HSP and the Funder;
- (d) continuously work towards improving its capacity to provide services in French and toward becoming Designated within the time frame agreed to by the parties;
- (e) provide a report to the Funder that outlines progress in its capacity to provide services in French and toward becoming Designated;
- (f) annually, provide a report to the Funder that outlines how it addresses the needs of its local Francophone community; and
- (g) collect and submit to the Funder, as requested by the Funder from time to time, French language services data.

3.5.4 If Designated. If the HSP is Designated it will:

- (a) apply the principles of Active Offer in the provision of services;
- (b) continue to provide services to the public in French in accordance with the provisions of the FLSA;
- (c) maintain its French language services capacity;
- (d) submit a French language implementation report to the Funder on the date specified by the Funder, and thereafter, on each anniversary of that date, or on such other dates as the Funder may, by Notice, require; and
- (e) collect and submit to the Funder as requested by the Funder from time to time, French language services data.

3.6 Mandate Letter language. The Funder will receive a Mandate Letter from the Ministry annually. Each Mandate Letter articulates areas of focus for the Funder, and the Ministry's expectation that the Funder and health service providers it funds will collaborate to advance these areas of focus. To assist the HSP in its collaborative efforts with the Funder, the Funder will share each relevant Mandate Letter with the HSP. The Funder may also add local obligations to Schedule D as appropriate to further advance any priorities set out in a Mandate Letter.

3.7 Policies, Guidelines, Directives and Standards. Either the Funder or the Ministry will give the HSP Notice of any amendments to the manuals, guidelines or policies identified in Schedule C. An amendment will be effective in accordance with the terms of the amendment. By signing a copy of this

Agreement the HSP acknowledges that it has a copy of the documents identified in Schedule C.

ARTICLE 4.0 - FUNDING

4.1 Funding. Subject to the terms of this Agreement, and in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Accountability Agreement, the Funder:

- (a) will provide the funds identified in Schedule A to the HSP for the purpose of providing or ensuring the provision of the Services; and
- (b) will deposit the funds in regular instalments, once or twice monthly, over the term of this Agreement, into an account designated by the HSP provided that the account resides at a Canadian financial institution and is in the name of the HSP.

4.2 Limitation on Payment of Funding. Despite section 4.1, the Funder:

- (a) will not provide any funds to the HSP until this Agreement is fully executed;
- (b) may pro-rate the funds identified in Schedule A to the date on which this Agreement is signed, if that date is after April 1;
- (c) will not provide any funds to the HSP until the HSP meets the insurance requirements described in section 11.4;
- (d) will not be required to continue to provide funds in the event the HSP breaches any of its obligations under this Agreement, until the breach is remedied to the Funder's satisfaction; and
- (e) upon Notice to the HSP, may adjust the amount of funds it provides to the HSP in any Funding Year based upon the Funder's assessment of the information contained in the Reports.

4.3 Appropriation. Funding under this Agreement is conditional upon an appropriation of moneys by the Legislature of Ontario to the Ministry and funding of the Funder by the Ministry pursuant to the Enabling Legislation. If the Funder does not receive its anticipated funding the Funder will not be obligated to make the payments required by this Agreement.

4.4 Additional Funding.

- (a) Unless the Funder has agreed to do so in writing, the Funder is not required to provide additional funds to the HSP for providing additional Services or for exceeding the requirements of Schedule D.
- (b) The HSP may request additional funding by submitting a proposal to amend its Service Plan. The HSP will abide by all decisions of the Funder with respect to a proposal to amend the Service Plan and will make

whatever changes are requested or approved by the Funder. The Service Plan will be amended to include any approved additional funding.

- (c) **Funding Increases.** Before the Funder can make an allocation of additional funds to the HSP, the parties will:
 - (1) agree on the amount of the increase;
 - (2) agree on any terms and conditions that will apply to the increase; and
 - (3) execute an amendment to this Agreement that reflects the agreement reached.

4.5 Conditions of Funding.

- (a) The HSP will:
 - (1) fulfill all obligations in this Agreement;
 - (2) use the Funding only for the purpose of providing the Services in accordance with Applicable Law, Applicable Policy and the terms of this Agreement;
 - (3) spend the Funding only in accordance with the Service Plan; and
 - (4) plan for and achieve an Annual Balanced Budget.
- (b) The Funder may add such additional terms or conditions on the use of the Funding which it considers appropriate for the proper expenditure and management of the Funding.
- (c) All Funding is subject to all Applicable Law and Applicable Policy, including Health System Funding Reform, as it may evolve or be replaced over the term of this Agreement.

4.6 Interest.

- (a) If the Funder provides the Funding to the HSP prior to the HSP's immediate need for the Funding, the HSP shall place the Funding in an interest bearing account in the name of the HSP at a Canadian financial institution.
- (b) Interest Income must be used, within the fiscal year in which it is received, to provide the Services.
- (c) Interest Income will be reported to the Funder and is subject to year-end reconciliation. In the event that some or all of the Interest Income is not used to provide the Services, the Funder may take one or more of the following actions:
 - (1) the Funder may deduct the amount equal to the unused Interest Income from any further Funding instalments under this or any other agreement with the HSP;

- (2) the Funder may require the HSP to pay an amount equal to the unused Interest Income to the Ministry of Finance.

4.7 Rebates, Credits and Refunds. The HSP:

- (a) acknowledges that rebates, credits and refunds it anticipates receiving from the use of the Funding have been incorporated in its Budget;
- (b) agrees that it will advise the Funder if it receives any unanticipated rebates, credits and refunds from the use of the Funding, or from the use of funding received from either the Funder or the Ministry in years prior to this Agreement that was not recorded in the year of the related expenditure; and
- (c) agrees that all rebates, credits and refunds referred to in (b) will be considered Funding in the year that the rebates, credits and refunds are received, regardless of the year to which the rebates, credits and refunds relate.

4.8 Procurement of Goods and Services.

- (a) If the HSP is subject to the procurement provisions of the BPSAA, the HSP will abide by all directives and guidelines issued by the Management Board of Cabinet that are applicable to the HSP pursuant to the BPSAA.
- (b) If the HSP is not subject to the procurement provisions of the BPSAA, the HSP will have a procurement policy in place that requires the acquisition of supplies, equipment or services valued at over \$25,000 through a competitive process that ensures the best value for funds expended. If the HSP acquires supplies, equipment or services with the Funding it will do so through a process that is consistent with this policy.

- 4.9 Disposition.** The HSP will not, without the Funder's prior written consent, sell, lease or otherwise dispose of any assets purchased with Funding, the cost of which exceeded \$25,000 at the time of purchase.

ARTICLE 5.0 - REPAYMENT AND RECOVERY OF FUNDING

5.1 Repayment and Recovery.

- (a) **At the End of a Funding Year.** If, in any Funding Year, the HSP has not spent all of the Funding the Funder will require the repayment of the unspent Funding.
- (b) **On Termination or Expiration of this Agreement.** Upon termination or expiry of this Agreement and subject to section 12.4, the Funder will require the repayment of any Funding remaining in the possession or under the control of the HSP and the payment of an amount equal to any Funding the HSP used for purposes not permitted by this Agreement. The

Funder will act reasonably and will consider the impact, if any, that a recovery of Funding will have on the HSP's ability to meet its obligations under this Agreement.

- (c) **On Reconciliation and Settlement.** If the year-end reconciliation and settlement process demonstrates that the HSP received Funding in excess of its confirmed funds, the Funder will require the repayment of the excess Funding.
- (d) **As a Result of Performance Management or System Planning.** If Services are adjusted, as a result of the performance management or system planning processes, the Funder may take one or more of the following actions:
 - (1) adjust the Funding to be paid under Schedule A,
 - (2) require the repayment of excess Funding;
 - (3) adjust the amount of any future funding installments accordingly.
- (e) **In the Event of Forecasted Surpluses.** If the HSP is forecasting a surplus, the Funder may take one or more of the following actions:
 - (1) adjust the amount of Funding to be paid under Schedule A,
 - (2) require the repayment of excess Funding;
 - (3) adjust the amount of any future funding installments accordingly.
- (f) **On the Request of the Funder.** The HSP will, at the request of the Funder, repay the whole or any part of the Funding, or an amount equal thereto if the HSP:
 - (1) has provided false information to the Funder knowing it to be false;
 - (2) breaches a term or condition of this Agreement and does not, within 30 Days after receiving Notice from the Funder take reasonable steps to remedy the breach; or
 - (3) breaches any Applicable Law that directly relates to the provision of, or ensuring the provision of, the Services.
- (g) Sections 5.1(c) and (d) do not apply to Funding already expended properly in accordance with this Agreement. The Funder will, at its sole discretion, and without liability or penalty, determine whether the Funding has been expended properly in accordance with this Agreement.

5.2 Provision for the Recovery of Funding. The HSP will make reasonable and prudent provision for the recovery by the Funder of any Funding for which the conditions of Funding set out in section 4.5 are not met and will hold this Funding in accordance with the provisions of section 4.6 until such time as reconciliation

and settlement has occurred with the Funder. Interest earned on Funding will be reported and recovered in accordance with section 4.6.

- 5.3 Process for Recovery of Funding.** If the Funder, acting reasonably, determines that a recovery of Funding under section 5.1 is appropriate, then the Funder will give 30 Days' Notice to the HSP.

The Notice will describe:

- (a) the amount of the proposed recovery;
- (b) the term of the recovery, if not permanent;
- (c) the proposed timing of the recovery;
- (d) the reasons for the recovery; and
- (e) the amendments, if any, that the Funder proposes be made to the HSP's obligations under this Agreement.

Where the HSP disputes any matter set out in the Notice, the parties will discuss the circumstances that resulted in the Notice and the HSP may make representations to the Funder about the matters set out in the Notice within 14 Days of receiving the Notice.

The Funder will consider the representations made by the HSP and will advise the HSP of its decision. Funding recoveries, if any, will occur in accordance with the timing set out in the Funder's decision. No recovery of Funding will be implemented earlier than 30 Days after the delivery of the Notice.

- (a) **Settlement and Recovery of Funding for Prior Years.**
- (a) The HSP acknowledges that settlement and recovery of Funding can occur up to 7 years after the provision of Funding.
- (b) Recognizing the transition of responsibilities from the Ministry to the Funder, the HSP agrees that if the parties are directed in writing to do so by the Ministry, the Funder will settle and recover funding provided by the Ministry to the HSP prior to the transition of the Funding for the Services to the Funder, provided that such settlement and recovery occurs within 7 years of the provision of the funding by the Ministry. All such settlements and recoveries will be subject to the terms applicable to the original provision of Funding.

5.4 Debt Due.

- (a) If the Funder requires the re-payment by the HSP of any Funding, the amount required will be deemed to be a debt owing to the Crown by the HSP. The Funder may adjust future funding instalments to recover the amounts owed or may, at its discretion direct the HSP to pay the amount owing to the Crown and the HSP shall comply immediately with any such direction.

- (b) All amounts repayable to the Crown will be paid by cheque payable to the "Ontario Minister of Finance" and mailed or delivered to the Funder at the address provided in section 13.1.

5.5 Interest Rate. The Funder may charge the HSP interest on any amount owing by the HSP at the then current interest rate charged by the Province of Ontario on accounts receivable.

ARTICLE 6.0 - PLANNING & INTEGRATION

6.1 Planning for Future Years.

- (a) **Advance Notice.** The Funder will give at least 60 Days' Notice to the HSP of the date by which a CAPS must be submitted to the Funder.
- (b) **Multi-Year Planning.** The CAPS will be in a form acceptable to the Funder and may be required to incorporate:
 - (1) prudent multi-year financial forecasts;
 - (2) plans for the achievement of Performance Targets; and
 - (3) realistic risk management strategies.

If applicable, it will be aligned with the LHIN's then current integrated health service plan required by LHSIA and will reflect the Funder's priorities and initiatives. If the Funder has provided multi-year planning targets for the HSP, the CAPS will reflect the planning targets.

- (c) **Multi-year Planning Targets.** Schedule A may reflect an allocation for the first Funding Year of this Agreement as well as planning targets for up to two additional years, consistent with the term of this Agreement. In such an event,
 - (1) the HSP acknowledges that if it is provided with planning targets, these targets:
 - a. are targets only,
 - b. are provided solely for the purposes of planning,
 - c. are subject to confirmation, and
 - d. may be changed at the discretion of the Funder in consultation with the HSP.

The HSP will proactively manage the risks associated with multi-year planning and the potential changes to the planning targets; and

- (2) the Funder agrees that it will communicate any changes to the planning targets as soon as reasonably possible.

- (d) **Service Accountability Agreements.** The HSP acknowledges that if the Funder and the HSP enter into negotiations for a subsequent service accountability agreement, subsequent funding may be interrupted if the next service accountability agreement is not executed on or before the expiration date of this Agreement.

6.2 Community Engagement & Integration Activities.

- (a) **Community Engagement.** The HSP will engage the community of diverse persons and entities in the area where it provides health services when setting priorities for the delivery of health services and when developing plans for submission to the Funder including but not limited to CAPS and integration proposals. As part of its community engagement activities, the HSPs will have in place and utilize effective mechanisms for engaging families, caregivers, clients, residents, patients and other individuals who use the services of the HSP, to help inform the HSP plans, including the HSP's contribution to the establishment and implementation by the Funder of geographic sub-regions in the health system.
- (b) **Integration.** The HSP will, separately and in conjunction with the Funder, other health service providers, if applicable, and integrated care delivery systems, if applicable, identify opportunities to integrate the services of the local health system to provide appropriate, coordinated, effective and efficient services.
- (c) **Reporting.** The HSP will report on its community engagement and integration activities, using any templates provided by the Funder, as requested by the Funder and in any event, in its year-end report to the Funder.

6.3 Planning and Integration Activity Pre-proposals.

- (a) **General.** A pre-proposal process has been developed to: (A) reduce the costs incurred by an HSP when proposing operational or service changes; (B) assist the HSP to carry out its statutory obligations; and (C) enable an effective and efficient response by the Funder. Subject to specific direction from the Funder, this pre-proposal process will be used in the following instances:
 - (1) the HSP is considering an integration or an integration of services, as defined in the Enabling Legislation between the HSP and another person or entity;
 - (2) the HSP is proposing to reduce, stop, start, expand or transfer the location of services, which for certainty includes: the transfer of services from the HSP to another person or entity anywhere; and the relocation or transfer of services from one of the HSP's sites to another of the HSP's sites anywhere;

(3) to identify opportunities to integrate the services of the local health system, other than those identified in (A) or (B) above; or

(4) if requested by the Funder.

- (b) **Funder Evaluation of the Pre-proposal.** Use of the pre-proposal process is not formal Notice of a proposed integration under the Enabling Legislation. Funder consent to develop the project concept outlined in a pre-proposal does not constitute approval to proceed with the project. Nor does the Funder consent to develop a project concept presume the issuance of a favourable decision, should such a decision be required by the Enabling Legislation. Following the Funder's review and evaluation, the HSP may be invited to submit a detailed proposal and a business plan for further analysis. Guidelines for the development of a detailed proposal and business case will be provided by the Funder.

- 6.4 Proposing Integration Activities in the Planning Submission.** No integration activity described in section 6.3 may be proposed in a CAPS unless the Funder has consented, in writing, to its inclusion pursuant to the process set out in section 6.3(b).

ARTICLE 7.0 - PERFORMANCE

- 7.1 Performance.** The parties will strive to achieve on-going performance improvement. They will address performance improvement in a proactive, collaborative and responsive manner.

7.2 Performance Factors.

- (a) Each party will notify the other party of the existence of a Performance Factor, as soon as reasonably possible after the party becomes aware of the Performance Factor. The Notice will:
- (1) describe the Performance Factor and its actual or anticipated impact;
 - (2) include a description of any action the party is undertaking, or plans to undertake, to remedy or mitigate the Performance Factor;
 - (3) indicate whether the party is requesting a meeting to discuss the Performance Factor; and
 - (4) address any other issue or matter the party wishes to raise with the other party.
- (b) The recipient party will provide a written acknowledgment of receipt of the Notice within 7 Days of the date on which the Notice was received ("Date of the Notice").

- (c) Where a meeting has been requested under paragraph 7.2(a)(3), the parties agree to meet and discuss the Performance Factors within 14 Days of the Date of the Notice, in accordance with the provisions of section 7.3.

7.3 Performance Meetings. During a meeting on performance, the parties will:

- (a) discuss the causes of a Performance Factor;
- (b) discuss the impact of a Performance Factor on the local health system and the risk resulting from non-performance; and
- (c) determine the steps to be taken to remedy or mitigate the impact of the Performance Factor (the "Performance Improvement Process").

7.4 The Performance Improvement Process.

- (a) The Performance Improvement Process will focus on the risks of non-performance and problem-solving. It may include one or more of the following actions:
 - (1) a requirement that the HSP develop and implement an improvement plan that is acceptable to the Funder;
 - (2) the conduct of a Review;
 - (3) an amendment of the HSP's obligations;
 - (4) an in-year, or year-end, adjustment to the Funding,among other possible means of responding to the Performance Factor or improving performance.
- (b) Any performance improvement process begun under a prior service accountability agreement that was not completed under the prior agreement will continue under this Agreement. Any performance improvement required by a Funder under a prior service accountability agreement will be deemed to be a requirement of this Agreement until fulfilled or waived by the Funder.

7.5 Factors Beyond the HSP's Control. Despite the foregoing, if the Funder, acting reasonably, determines that the Performance Factor is, in whole or in part, a Factor Beyond the HSP's Control:

- (a) the Funder will collaborate with the HSP to develop and implement a mutually agreed upon joint response plan which may include an amendment of the HSP's obligations under this Agreement;
- (b) the Funder will not require the HSP to prepare an Improvement Plan; and
- (c) the failure to meet an obligation under this Agreement will not be considered a breach of this Agreement to the extent that failure is caused by a Factor Beyond the HSP's Control.