

Definitions

Catch-all definition:

The following terms and others used in this Agreement shall have the same meaning as those terms in the HIPAA Rules: Breach, Data Aggregation, Designated Record Set, Disclosure, Health Care Operations, Individual, Minimum Necessary, Notice of Privacy Practices, Protected Health Information, Required by Law, Secretary, Security Incident, Subcontractor, Unsecured Protected Health Information, and Use¹

Specific definitions:

(a) Business Associate. “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 Contractor to the contract to which this Business Associate Agreement is attached as an exhibit. For purposes of this exhibit only, the term “Agreement” shall refer to this Business Associate Agreement. The term “Service Agreement” shall refer to the contract to which this Business Associate Agreement is attached as an exhibit.

(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 California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, California Correctional Health Care Services (CCHCS).

(c) HIPAA Rules. “HIPAA Rules” shall mean the Privacy, Security, Breach Notification, and Enforcement Rules at 45 CFR Part 160 and Part 164.

Obligations and Activities of Business Associate

Business Associate agrees to:

(a) Not use or disclose protected health information other than as permitted or required by the Agreement or as required by law;

¹ These definitions are set forth in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR); Title 45, Public Welfare: PART 160—GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS § 160.103 Definitions, PART 162--ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS § 162.103 Definitions, and PART 164--SECURITY AND PRIVACY § 164.103 Definitions.

(b) Use appropriate safeguards, and comply with Subpart C of 45 CFR Part 164 with respect to electronic protected health information, to prevent use or disclosure of protected health information other than as provided for by the Agreement;

(c) Report to Covered Entity any use or disclosure of protected health information not provided for by the Agreement of which it becomes aware, including breaches of unsecured protected health information and any security incident of which it becomes aware as required by Federal and State laws (i.e., Health and Safety Code Section 1280.5, California Civil Code Section 56 et seq., California Civil Code Section 1798 et seq., and 45 CFR – Subchapter C et al.). Information Security incidents (e.g., breaches) shall be reported to the CCHCS Information Security Office within 24 hours of detection.

(d) In accordance with 45 CFR 164.502(e)(1)(ii) and 164.308(b)(2), if applicable, ensure that any subcontractors that create, receive, maintain, or transmit protected health information on behalf of the Business Associate agree to the same restrictions, conditions, and requirements that apply to the Business Associate with respect to such information;

(e) Make available protected health information in a designated record set to the Covered Entity or individual or the individual's designee as necessary to satisfy covered entity's obligations under 45 CFR 164.524;

(f) Make any amendment(s) to protected health information in a designated record set as directed or agreed to by the covered entity pursuant to 45 CFR 164.526, or at the request of an individual, or take other measures as necessary to satisfy covered entity's obligations under 45 CFR 164.526;

(g) Maintain and make available the information required to provide an accounting of disclosures to the Covered Entity as necessary to satisfy covered entity's obligations under 45 CFR 164.528;

(h) To the extent the Business Associate is to carry out one or more of Covered Entity's obligation(s) under Subpart E of 45 CFR Part 164, comply with the requirements of Subpart E that apply to the Covered Entity in the performance of such obligation(s); and

(i) Make its internal practices, books, and records available to the Secretary for purposes of determining compliance with the HIPAA Rules.

Permitted Uses and Disclosures by Business Associate

(a) Business Associate may only use or disclose protected health information as necessary to perform the services set forth in Service Agreement.

(b) Business Associate may use or disclose protected health information as required by law.

(c) Business Associate agrees to make uses and disclosures and requests for protected health information consistent with Covered Entity's minimum necessary policies and procedures.

(d) Business Associate may not use or disclose protected health information in a manner that would violate Subpart E of 45 CFR Part 164 if done by Covered Entity, except for the specific uses and disclosures set forth below.

(e) Business Associate may use protected health information for the proper management and administration of the Business Associate or to carry out the legal responsibilities of the Business Associate.

Provisions for Covered Entity to Inform Business Associate of Privacy Practices and Restrictions

(a) Covered Entity shall notify Business Associate of any limitation(s) in the notice of privacy practices of covered entity under 45 CFR 164.520, to the extent that such limitation may affect Business Associate's use or disclosure of protected health information.

(b) However, under 45 CFR 164.520(a)(3), inmates are not entitled to notices of privacy practices, and 45 CFR 164.520 therefore does not currently apply to Covered Entity.

Term and Termination

(a) Term. The Term of this Agreement shall be effective as of the effective date of the Service Agreement, and shall terminate on termination of the Service Agreement or on the date Covered Entity terminates for cause as authorized in paragraph (b) of this Section, whichever is sooner.

(b) Termination for Cause. Business Associate authorizes termination of this Agreement by Covered Entity, if Covered Entity determines Business Associate has violated a material term of the Agreement and Business Associate has not cured the breach or ended the violation within the time specified by Covered Entity.

(c) Obligations of Business Associate Upon Termination.

Business Associate

Upon termination of this Agreement for any reason, Business Associate, with respect to protected health information received from Covered Entity, or created, maintained, or received by Business Associate on behalf of Covered Entity, shall:

1. Retain only that protected health information which is necessary for Business Associate to continue its proper management and administration or to carry out its legal responsibilities;
2. Return to Covered Entity or, if agreed to by Covered Entity, destroy the remaining protected health information that the Business Associate still maintains in any form;
3. Continue to use appropriate safeguards and comply with Subpart C of 45 CFR Part 164 with respect to electronic protected health information to prevent use or disclosure of the protected health information, other than as provided for in this Section, for as long as Business Associate retains the protected health information;
4. Not use or disclose the protected health information retained by Business Associate other than for the purposes for which such protected health information was retained and subject to the same conditions set out at paragraph (e) above under “Permitted Uses and Disclosures By Business Associate” which applied prior to termination; and
5. Return to Covered Entity or, if agreed to by Covered Entity, destroy the protected health information 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.

Upon termination of this Agreement, if requested by Covered Entity, Business Associate will transmit the protected health information to another business associate of the Covered Entity.

Upon termination of this Agreement, Business Associate shall obtain or ensure the destruction of protected health information created, received, or maintained by subcontractors.

(d) Survival. The obligations of Business Associate under this Section shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

Miscellaneous

(a) Regulatory References. A reference in this Agreement to a section in the HIPAA Rules means the section as in effect or as amended.

(b) Interpretation. Any ambiguity in this Agreement shall be interpreted to permit compliance with the HIPAA Rules.