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SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA  
COUNTY OF MARICOPA

STATE OF ARIZONA, *ex rel.*  
BARBARA D. RICHARDSON, Executive  
Deputy Director of Insurance,

Plaintiff,

vs.

COMPASS COOPERATIVE MUTUAL  
HEALTH NETWORK, INC., dba MERITUS  
MUTUAL HEALTH PARTNERS, an  
Arizona corporation; and  
COMPASS COOPERATIVE HEALTH  
PLAN, INC., dba MERITUS HEALTH  
PARTNERS, an Arizona corporation,

Defendants.

No. CV2016-011872

**PETITION NO. 67**

**PETITION FOR ENTRY OF ORDER  
APPROVING COMPENSATION FOR  
FORVIS MAZARS GROUP**

(Assigned to The Honorable  
Dewain Fox)

Darren Ellingson, in his capacity as Special Deputy Receiver of Compass Cooperative Mutual Health Network, Inc. doing business as Meritus Mutual Health Partners (“Meritus Mutual”) and Compass Cooperative Health Plan, Inc. doing business as Meritus Health Partners (“MHP”) (collectively referred to as the “Meritus Companies”), appointed pursuant to A.R.S. § 20-611, *et seq.*, hereby petitions the Court pursuant to A.R.S. § 20-623.01(A), for entry of an Order Approving Compensation for Forvis Mazars Group (“Forvis”).

1. Pursuant to A.R.S. § 20-623.01(A), the Receiver “may appoint one or more special deputy receivers to act for the receiver and may employ, as the receiver deems necessary, counsel, clerks and assistant.”

1           a. Pursuant to A.R.S. § 20-623.01(A), the Receiver has employed Forvis to  
2 provide professional services in connection with the Receivership. A copy of the Engagement  
3 Agreement is attached as Exhibit A. Among other things, Forvis provides financial, consulting, and  
4 advisory services for insurance receiverships.

5           2. The rates negotiated by the Receiver are set forth in the attached engagement  
6 agreements (Exhibit A) and are competitive and reflect appropriate discounts for experienced  
7 insurance receivership professionals under these circumstances.

8           3. Pursuant to A.R.S. § 20-623.01(A), the Receiver requests that the Court approve the  
9 compensation fixed by the Receiver as set forth in the attached engagement agreement.

10          4. Subject to the Court's approval, the Receiver "shall use the funds or assets of the  
11 insurer to pay the compensation and expenses" in accordance with A.R.S. § 20-623.01(A).

12           a. After Forvis's itemized statements for services rendered to the Receivership  
13 and costs incurred or expended on behalf of the Receivership have been submitted to and approved  
14 by the Receiver, Deputy Receiver or Director of the Arizona Department of Insurance, such  
15 reviewed and approved statements shall be paid by the Receiver.

16           b. On a periodic basis to be determined by the Court with the initial period being  
17 quarterly, the Receiver shall report to the Court on the amount of compensation paid to Forvis.  
18 Among other things, such report shall include for the prior period: total amounts paid during the  
19 period; total expenses paid during the period; a brief summary of services and/or tasks performed  
20 during the period; and other matters as requested by the Court.

21           c. Any person that has entered an appearance herein and desiring additional  
22 information concerning the services and costs to be paid under the fee petition may obtain redacted  
23 versions of the Forvis fee statements by delivering to the Special Deputy Receiver, a written request  
24 for the redacted billing within ten (10) days after the service of the fee periodic petition and for such  
25 other periods as required by the Court for good cause shown.

26           d. Upon request by the Court, the Receiver shall make available for in camera  
27 review by the Court, the itemized statements and supporting documentation for the services and  
28 costs identified under any periodic report.

1 e. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the Receiver expressly  
2 reserves confidentiality, privileges and/or any other legal rights and/or protections associated with  
3 any such statements, including but not limited to the attorney-client privilege and work product  
4 doctrine and nothing herein is intended to limit or waive any such rights.

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6 WHEREFORE, the Receiver request that the Court enter, in the form lodged concurrently  
7 with this Petition, the order:

8 1. Approving the compensation fixed by the Receiver for the engagement of Forvis as an  
9 assistant to provide professional accounting services as set forth in the engagement  
10 agreement attached as Exhibit A.

11 2. Approving use of the funds or assets of the insurer to pay the compensation and expenses  
12 of Forvis as follows:

13 a. After Forvis's itemized statements of services rendered to the Receivership  
14 and costs incurred or expended on behalf of the Receivership have been submitted to and approved  
15 by the Receiver, Deputy Receiver or Director of the Arizona Department of Insurance, such  
16 reviewed and approved statements shall be paid by the Receiver.

17 b. On a periodic basis to be determined by the Court with the initial period being  
18 quarterly, the Receiver shall report to the Court on the amount of compensation paid to Forvis.  
19 Among other things, such report shall include for the prior period: total amounts paid during the  
20 period, total expenses paid during the period; a brief summary of services and/or tasks performed  
21 during the period; and other matters as requested by the Court.

22 c. Any person that has entered an appearance herein and for good cause shown  
23 may obtain redacted versions of fee statements from Forvis by delivering to Forvis, a written request  
24 for the redacted billing within ten (10) days after the service of the fee periodic petition and for such  
25 other periods as required by the Court. Unless otherwise ordered by the Court, costs associated with  
26 preparing and delivering such information shall be paid by the requesting person.

1 d. Upon request by the Court, the Receiver shall make available for in camera  
2 review by the Court, the itemized statements and supporting documentation for the services and  
3 costs identified under any periodic report.

4 e. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the Receiver expressly  
5 reserves confidentiality, privileges and/or any other legal rights and/or protections associated with  
6 any such statements, including but not limited to the attorney-client privilege and work product  
7 doctrine and nothing herein is intended to limit or waive any such rights.

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11 Dated this 18th day of April 2025.

12 **FAEGRE DRINKER BIDDLE & REATH LLP**

13 /s/ Joel Glover (#034018)  
14 Joel A. Glover  
15 *Attorneys for Receiver*

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18 COPY of the foregoing mailed this  
19 18th day of April, 2025 to the  
20 attached Master Service List

21 /s/ Christine Goyer  
22 Christine Goyer

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March 27, 2025

Compass Cooperative Health Plan, Inc.  
Compass Cooperative Mutual Health Network, Inc.  
Darren Ellingson, Special Deputy Receiver  
15333 N. Pima Rd., Ste. 305  
Scottsdale, AZ 85260-2717

We appreciate your selection of **Forvis Mazars, LLP** as your service provider and are pleased to confirm the arrangements of our engagement in this contract. Within the requirements of our professional standards and any duties owed to the public, regulatory, or other authorities, our goal is to provide you an **Unmatched Client Experience**.

In addition to the terms set forth in this contract, including the detailed **Scope of Services**, our engagement is governed by the following, incorporated fully by this reference:

- Terms and Conditions Addendum

### Summary Scope of Services

As described in the attached **Scope of Services**, our services will include the following:

Compass Cooperative Health Plan, Inc.

- Tax Compliance Services as described in the attached Schedule of Tax Deliverables

Compass Cooperative Mutual Health Network, Inc.

- Tax Compliance Services as described in the attached Schedule of Tax Deliverables

You agree to assume full responsibility for the substantive outcomes of the contracted services and for any other services we may provide, including any findings that may result.

You also acknowledge these services are adequate for your purposes, and you will establish and monitor the performance of these services to ensure they meet management's objectives. All decisions involving management responsibilities related to these services will be made by you, and you accept full responsibility for such decisions.

We understand you have designated a management-level individual(s) to be responsible and accountable for overseeing the performance of nonattest services, and you have determined this individual is qualified to conduct such oversight.



## Engagement Fees

Our fees will be based on time, skill, and resources, including our proprietary information required to complete the services. Our fees are estimated to be \$18,900, and the Special Deputy Receiver shall deposit such amount as a retainer from which Forvis Mazars will work. If the work is completed without extinguishing the retainer, any balance of the retainer shall be promptly delivered to the Special Deputy Receiver. If our fees exceed the retainer, we will bill the Special Deputy Receiver monthly for fees and costs. If we exceed the original retainer, and the remaining amount of work is considered to be substantial, we may ask for another retainer. Our current hourly rates are as follows and are subject to change:

Partner	\$795
Director	\$580
Senior Manager	\$485
Manager	\$435
Senior Associate II	\$330
Senior Associate	\$310
Associate	\$300

In addition, you will be billed travel costs and fees for services from other professionals, if any, as well as an administrative fee of five (5) percent to cover certain technology and administrative costs associated with our services. The fee quoted above is inclusive of the 5% administrative fee.

Our pricing for this engagement and our fee structure are based upon the expectation that our invoices will be paid promptly. Payment of our invoices is due upon receipt.

Our timely completion of services and the fees thereon depends on the assistance you provide us in accumulating information and responding to our inquiries. Inaccuracies or delays in providing this information or the responses may result in additional billings, untimely filings, or inability to meet other deadlines.

## Assistance with New Standards

Assistance and additional time as a result of the adoption of the following new standards are not included within our standard engagement fees. These fees will be based on time expended and will vary based on the level of assistance and procedures required.

## Contract Agreement

Please sign and return this contract to indicate your acknowledgment of, and agreement with, the arrangements for our services including our respective responsibilities.

**Forvis Mazars, LLP**

*Forvis Mazars, LLP*

Compass Cooperative Health Plan


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Acknowledged and agreed to as it relates to the entire contract, including the **Scope of Services**, and **Terms and Conditions Addendum**, on behalf of Compass Cooperative Health Plan, Inc. and Compass Cooperative Mutual Health Network, Inc.

DocuSigned by:  
BY   
Darren Ellingson, Special Deputy Receiver

DATE 4/4/2025

BY   
Brandy Shy, Partner

DATE March 27, 2025

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## Scope of Services – Tax Services

We will prepare the returns and reports listed in the attached Schedule of Tax Deliverables. If there are other tax returns you expect us to prepare, please inform us as soon as possible.

The contract signer(s) represent they are the individual(s) responsible for the tax matters of all entities listed in the Schedule of Tax Deliverables and have the authority to enter into this agreement on behalf of each of these entities.

Complexities and uncertainties related to various provisions of new laws, the continued issuance of guidance by governmental authorities, and ongoing revisions to reporting requirements by the IRS may affect our services. Our fees do not consider additional efforts driven by these developments, and fees will be billed based upon the time, skills, and resources required.

The original due dates of the returns to be prepared are listed in the Schedule of Deliverables. An extension of time to file will be submitted for most of the income tax returns. The extended due date is October 15, 2025. In order to ensure there is adequate time for us to complete your income tax returns by the extended due date, the information needed to complete the returns must be received no later than three months before the extended federal return due date.

You authorize that any and all information furnished to us for or in connection with the preparation of tax returns under this contract may, for a period of up to three years from the date of this contract, be disclosed to Thomson Reuters Corporation, located outside the United States, engaged directly or indirectly in providing tax planning or preparation of tax returns. Disclosures under this paragraph may consist of all information contained in tax returns. If you wish to request a limited disclosure of tax return information, you must inform us. You acknowledge that your tax return information may be disclosed to our affiliates, related entities, or subcontractors located outside the United States.

Tax returns will be prepared from information you furnish to us. We will not audit, or otherwise verify, any information you provide, although we may ask you to clarify or provide additional information where warranted by the rules and standards applicable to us as tax preparers.

We are not responsible for detecting defalcation, irregularities, fraud, or errors perpetrated or caused by others, should any exist. Nor are we responsible for any internal control deficiencies or supervision of your employees, if applicable.

Unless we are specifically advised otherwise by you, we will rely upon information reflected in tax returns which were not prepared by us and on any other information provided by another tax return preparer as being accurate. You agree we are not responsible for the completeness and accuracy of such information or the results of any reliance thereon.

The following apply for the tax services described above:

### **Filing Requirements**

You may be required to file returns in additional jurisdictions, and you are ultimately responsible for meeting your filing requirements. We are not responsible for any returns other than those listed in the contract. However, we are available for consultation regarding your filing responsibilities.

This engagement does not include any tax services not specifically listed in the contract. However, upon your request, we would be pleased to research and/or consult with you regarding other tax matters, such as proposed or completed transactions or projections. A separate contract or addendum may be required for significant or nonroutine tax consulting projects. We will render additional invoices for such services based upon the time, skill, and resources, including use of our proprietary information required to complete the services.

**FinCEN Form 114** Generally, all U.S. persons are required to file FinCEN Form 114, *Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts* (FBAR), annually if they have a financial interest in or signature authority over financial accounts, including bank, securities, or other types of financial accounts, in a foreign country and the aggregate value of these financial accounts exceeded \$10,000 at any time during the calendar year. Failure to file an FBAR when required may potentially result in civil penalties, criminal penalties, or both.

Unless our contract indicates otherwise, we have not been engaged to prepare your FBAR. However, upon your request, we are available to assist you in meeting this filing obligation. A separate addendum to this contract will be issued to document your request and our acceptance of this additional service. If you wish to engage us to assist with your FBAR filing, additional fees will apply. It is your responsibility to inform us of all financial interests in or signature authority over foreign financial accounts.

**Corporate  
Transparency  
Act**

Assisting you with your compliance with the *Corporate Transparency Act* (CTA), including beneficial ownership information (BOI) reporting, is not within the scope of this engagement. You have sole responsibility for your compliance with the CTA, including its BOI reporting requirements and the collection of relevant ownership information. We shall have no liability resulting from your failure to comply with CTA. Information regarding the BOI reporting requirements can be found at <https://www.fincen.gov/boi>. Consider consulting with legal counsel if you have questions regarding the applicability of the CTA's reporting requirements and issues surrounding the collection of relevant ownership information.

**Your  
Responsibilities**

Management has the final responsibility for the returns and representations therein and, therefore, should review them carefully before signing. Management is also responsible for timely filing of returns and timely payment of any amounts due.

**You acknowledge that we are prohibited from transmitting any electronic tax return until we have received the appropriate Form 8879 IRS e-file Signature Authorization and any similar state and local equivalent authorization from you.**

If an extension of time is required, any tax that may be due with your return(s) must be paid with that extension. Any amounts not paid by the filing deadline are subject to interest and late payment penalties.

It is your responsibility to provide all the information required for the preparation of complete and accurate returns. You should retain all the documents, canceled checks, and other data that form the basis of income and deductions. These may be necessary to prove the accuracy and completeness of your returns to a taxing authority.

**C Corporation  
Matters**

You are responsible for:

- Calculation and maintenance of earnings and profits (E&P) information
- Computing and maintaining stock basis or excess loss account information
- Ensuring that the balance of any shareholder loan, or loan with a related party, reflected on the trial balance is accurate, is properly documented as "bona fide" debt, and that principal and interest payments are being made in accordance with the terms of the related promissory note

- Loans to shareholders and related parties which are determined not to meet the “bona fide” standard may be subject to reclassification by the IRS as either distributions or wages

**Taxing  
Authorities**

Your returns may be selected for review by the taxing authorities. Any proposed adjustments by the examining agent are subject to certain rights of appeal. In the event of such government tax examination, we will be available upon request to assist you and will render additional invoices for the time and expenses incurred.

**Tax Positions &  
Transactions**

We will be available during the course of the engagement to answer your questions, provide relevant tax information, and render advice relating to your tax positions. Our advice is based upon tax reference materials, facts, assumptions, and representations that are subject to change. We will not update our advice or deliverables after the conclusion of the engagement for subsequently enacted legislative or administrative changes or future judicial interpretations.

We will use our judgment to resolve questions in your favor where a tax law is unclear, provided there is sufficient support for doing so. If there are conflicting interpretations of the law, we will explain the possible positions that may be taken on your return and will follow the position you request. You are responsible for making all decisions regarding tax positions on your returns. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, we will not be required to take any position which might subject us to a tax return preparer penalty; we will advise you of the same, and we reserve the right to withdraw from this engagement if you wish to continue to take such tax position. In the event of our withdrawal, you shall continue to be responsible and obligated to pay our fees through the date of withdrawal.

If you wish to take a tax position based upon the advice of another tax advisor, you agree upon our request to obtain a written statement from the advisor confirming that the position should meet the “reasonable basis,” “substantial authority,” or “more likely than not” standard, as applicable.

We offer additional services such as R&D credit, transfer pricing, and other studies to assist you with evaluating and documenting specific return positions. Unless otherwise stipulated in this contract, such services are not part of this engagement but may be incorporated upon your written request and our written consent to do so.

**Penalties**

The law provides for a penalty as high as \$200,000 per transaction for failure to adequately disclose certain transactions the U.S. Department of Treasury designates as “reportable transactions.” Information on reportable transactions, including links to the specific transactions identified, may be found on the IRS website (<https://www.irs.gov/businesses/corporations/abusive-tax-shelters-and-transactions>), or you may request a listing of transactions from us. Unless notified in writing, we will prepare your return with the assumption you have not engaged in any reportable transaction.

The law provides other penalties that may be imposed when taxpayers understate their tax liability or fail to timely file or pay.

**Schedule of Tax Deliverables**

<b>Entity Legal Name</b>	<b>Jurisdiction</b>	<b>Form</b>	<b>Period</b>	<b>Original Return Due Date</b>	<b>Agreed Information Submission Date</b>
Compass Cooperative Health Plan, Inc.	Federal	1120	12/31/2024	04/15/2025	10/15/2025
Compass Cooperative Health Plan, Inc.	Federal	1120	12/31/2025	04/15/2026	10/15/2026
Compass Cooperative Mutual Health Network, Inc.	Federal	1120	12/31/2024	04/15/2025	10/15/2025
Compass Cooperative Mutual Health Network, Inc.	Federal	1120	12/31/2025	04/15/2026	10/15/2026
Compass Cooperative Mutual Health Network, Inc.	Arizona	120	12/31/2024	04/15/2025	10/15/2025
Compass Cooperative Mutual Health Network, Inc.	Arizona	120	12/31/2025	04/15/2026	10/15/2026

## HIPAA Business Associate Agreement

This Business Associate Agreement ("BAA") is entered into by and between **Forvis Mazars, LLP** (hereinafter referred to as "Business Associate") and Compass Cooperative Health Plan, Inc. and Compass Cooperative Mutual Health Network, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as "Covered Entity").

### RECITALS

Business Associate provides services to Covered Entity under this contract (the "Contract"), and Covered Entity wishes to disclose certain information to Business Associate pursuant to the terms of such Contract, some of which may constitute Protected Health Information ("PHI").

The purpose of this BAA is to comply with all applicable federal and state laws governing the privacy of PHI. As used herein, the Privacy Rule and the Security Rule are each deemed to include the amendments thereto, collectively referred to as "HIPAA/HITECH Final Omnibus Rule," that are included in the:

- Modifications to the *Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996* ("HIPAA") Privacy, Security, Enforcement, and Breach Notification Rules Under the *Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act* (the "HITECH Act") and the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act
- Other Modifications to the HIPAA Rules
- Final Rule (the "Omnibus Rule"), 78 Fed. Reg. 5565

Notwithstanding the terms of this or any other agreement between Covered Entity and Business Associate, Business Associate shall comply with all of its statutory and regulatory obligations stated under the HIPAA/HITECH Final Omnibus Rule. The terms stated herein shall have the same definitions as provided in HIPAA.

In consideration of the mutual promises below and the exchange of information pursuant to this BAA, the parties agree as follows:

1. **Permitted Uses and Disclosures.** Except as described in the enumerated subparagraphs below, Business Associate shall not use or disclose PHI received from Covered Entity or created on behalf of Covered Entity. Exceptions:
  - 1.1. As reasonably necessary to provide the services in the Contract;
  - 1.2. As otherwise permitted or required by this BAA;
  - 1.3. As required by law; and
  - 1.4. For the proper management and administration of Business Associate's business and to disclose PHI in connection with such management and administration, and to carry out the legal responsibilities of the Business Associate, provided Business Associate obtains reasonable assurances from the recipient that the PHI shall be held confidentially and used or further disclosed only as required by law or for the purpose for which it was disclosed to the recipient, and Business Associate requires the recipient to notify it of any instances of which it is aware in which the confidentiality of the PHI has been breached.

2. **Safeguards.** Business Associate shall not use or disclose PHI other than as permitted or required by the BAA or as required by law.
  - 2.1. Business Associate shall establish and maintain appropriate safeguards and shall comply with the Security Rule with respect to electronic PHI ("ePHI") to prevent the use or disclosure of such ePHI other than as provided for by the Contract including this BAA.
  - 2.2. 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).
3. **Subcontracts.** In accordance with the requirements of the Privacy Rule and the Security Rule, Business Associate shall ensure any subcontractors that create, receive, maintain, or transmit PHI on behalf of Business Associate agree to the same restrictions, conditions, and requirements that apply to the Business Associate with respect to such information.
4. **Obligations of Covered Entity.** Covered Entity shall obtain any consent or authorization that may be required by HIPAA, or applicable state law, prior to furnishing Business Associate with PHI, including ePHI. Covered Entity shall notify Business Associate of:
  - 4.1. Any limitation(s) in the Covered Entity's notice of privacy practices under 45 CFR 164.520, to the extent that such limitation may affect Business Associate's use or disclosure of PHI;
  - 4.2. Any changes in, or revocation of, the permission by an individual to use or disclose his or her PHI, to the extent that such changes may affect Business Associate's use or disclosure of PHI; and
  - 4.3. Any restriction on the use or disclosure of PHI that Covered Entity has agreed to or is required to abide by under 45 CFR 164.522, to the extent that such restriction may affect Business Associate's use or disclosure of PHI.

Covered Entity shall not request Business Associate to use or disclose PHI in any manner that would not be permissible under Subpart E of 45 CFR Part 164 if done by Covered Entity. Covered Entity shall provide to Business Associate only the minimum PHI necessary to perform the services set forth in a Contract.

### 5. Reporting, Notification, and Mitigation.

- 5.1. **Reporting.** Business Associate shall notify Covered Entity of any use or disclosure of PHI not provided for by the BAA of which it becomes aware, including breaches of unsecured PHI as required at 45 CFR 164.410, and any security incident of which it becomes aware, provided that with respect to Unsuccessful Security Incidents (as defined below), Business Associate shall report to Covered Entity any such Unsuccessful Security Incidents that are material to the protection of Covered Entity's PHI. For purposes of this Business Associate Agreement, the term "Unsuccessful Security Incident" shall mean any security incident that does not result in any unauthorized

access, use, disclosure, modification, or destruction of ePHI or any interference with system operations in Business Associate's information system.

5.2. **Notification.** To assist Covered Entity in fulfilling its responsibility to notify individuals and others of a breach involving Unsecured PHI as required by HIPAA and applicable state law, the notification shall include, to the greatest extent reasonably possible:

- i. Each individual whose unsecured PHI was subject to the breach; and
- ii. Any other available information Covered Entity is required to include in its legally required notification to individual(s) or others.

5.3. **Mitigation.** Business Associate shall mitigate, to the extent practicable, any harmful effect that is known to Business Associate of a use or disclosure of PHI by Business Associate in violation of the requirements of this BAA.

## 6. Term and Termination.

6.1. **Term.** The Term of this BAA shall be effective as of the last date signed and shall terminate without any further action of the parties upon the expiration or termination of the Contract or on the date Covered Entity terminates for cause as authorized in paragraph 6.2 of this section, whichever is sooner.

6.2. **Termination for Cause.** Covered Entity may terminate this BAA if Business Associate has violated a material term of the BAA and Business Associate has not cured the breach or ended the violation within the time specified by Covered Entity.

6.3. **Obligations of Business Associate Upon Termination.** Upon termination of this BAA 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 which 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 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 ePHI 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 forth in this BAA which applied prior to termination; and
- v. Return to Covered Entity or 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.

6.4. **Survival.** The obligations of Business Associate under this section shall survive the termination of this BAA.

7. **Designated Record Set.** To the extent Business Associate maintains PHI in a Designated Record Set, Business Associate shall:

7.1. Make available PHI in a Designated Record Set to the Covered Entity as necessary to satisfy Covered Entity's obligations under 45 CFR 164.524; and

7.2. Incorporate any amendments or corrections to PHI at the request of Covered Entity in accordance with 45 CFR 164.526, or take other measures as necessary to satisfy Covered Entity's obligations under 45 CFR 164.526.

8. **Accounting of Disclosures.** Business Associate shall 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.

9. **Access to Records.** Business Associate shall make its internal practices, books, and records available to the Secretary of Health and Human Services for purposes of determining compliance with the HIPAA Rules.

10. **Insurance.** Business Associate shall maintain insurance coverage in form and amount necessary to cover data loss and/or damage or the unauthorized disclosure and/or fraudulent use of data. Upon request, Business Associate shall provide Covered Entity with a certificate of insurance evidencing the coverage.

11. **Privilege.** No statutory or common law privilege, including privileges established or recognized by the attorney-client, accountant-client, or other legal privilege, shall be deemed to have been waived by virtue of this BAA.

12. **No Third-Party Beneficiaries.** Nothing herein, express or implied, is intended to or shall confer upon any other person or entity any legal or equitable right, benefit, or remedy of any nature whatsoever under or by reason of this BAA.

13. **Integration.** Any reference in this Agreement to a section of the HIPAA/HITECH Final Omnibus Rule, and applicable regulations, means the section as in effect as amended and for which compliance is required.

14. **General.** This BAA is governed by, and shall be construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of Texas. If any part of a provision of this BAA is found illegal or unenforceable, it shall be enforced to the maximum extent permissible, and the legality and enforceability of the remainder of that provision and all other provisions of this BAA shall not be affected. This BAA may be modified, or any rights under it waived, only by a written document executed by the authorized representatives of both parties.

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## Forvis Mazars, LLP Terms and Conditions Addendum

### GENERAL

1. **Overview.** This addendum describes **Forvis Mazars, LLP's** standard terms and conditions ("Terms and Conditions") applicable to Our provision of services to the Client ("You"). The Terms and Conditions are a part of the contract between You and Forvis Mazars, LLP. For the purposes of the Terms and Conditions, any reference to "Firm," "We," "Us," or "Our" is a reference to Forvis Mazars, LLP ("Forvis Mazars"), and any reference to "You" or "Your" is a reference to the party or parties that have engaged Us to provide services and the party or parties ultimately responsible for payment of Our fees and costs.

### BILLING, PAYMENT, & TERMINATION

2. **Billing and Payment Terms.** We will bill You for Our professional fees and costs as outlined in Our contract. Unless otherwise provided in Our contract, payment is due upon receipt of Our billing statement. Interest will be charged on any unpaid balance after 30 days at the rate of 10 percent per annum, or as allowed by law at the earliest date thereafter, and highest applicable rate if less than 10 percent. All fees, charges, and other amounts payable to Forvis Mazars hereunder do not include any sales, use, excise, value-added, or other applicable taxes, tariffs, or duties, payment of which shall be Your sole responsibility, and do not include any applicable taxes based on Forvis Mazars' net income or taxes arising from the employment or independent contractor relationship between Forvis Mazars and Forvis Mazars' personnel.

We reserve the right to suspend or terminate Our work for this engagement or any other engagement for nonpayment of fees. If Our work is suspended or terminated, You agree that We will not be responsible for Your failure to meet governmental and other deadlines, for any penalties or interest that may be assessed against You resulting from Your failure to meet such deadlines, and for any other damages (including but not limited to consequential, indirect, lost profits, or punitive damages) incurred as a result of the suspension or termination of Our services.

Our fees may increase if Our duties or responsibilities are increased by rulemaking of any regulatory body or any additional new accounting or auditing standards. Our engagement fees do not include any time for post-engagement consultation with Your personnel or third parties, consent letters and related procedures for the use of Our reports in offering documents, inquiries from regulators, or testimony or deposition regarding any subpoena. Charges for such services will be billed separately.

3. **Billing Records.** If these services are determined to be within the scope and authority of Section 1861(v)(1)(I) of the Social Security Act, We agree to make available to the Secretary of Health and Human Services, or to the U.S. Comptroller General, or any of their duly authorized representatives, such of Our books, documents, and records that are necessary to certify the nature and extent of Our services, until the expiration of four (4) years after the furnishing of these services. This contract allows access to contracts of a similar nature between

subcontractors and related organizations of the subcontractor, and to their books, documents, and records.

4. **Termination.** Either party may terminate these services in good faith at any time for any reason, including Your failure to comply with the terms of Our contract or as We determine professional standards require. Both parties must agree, in writing, to any future modifications or extensions. If services are terminated, You agree to pay Forvis Mazars for time expended to date. In addition, You will be billed costs and fees for services from other professionals, if any, as well as an administrative fee of five (5) percent to cover certain technology and administrative costs associated with Our services. Unless terminated sooner in accordance with its terms, this engagement shall terminate upon the completion of Forvis Mazars' services hereunder.

### DISPUTES & DISCLAIMERS

5. **Mediation.** Any dispute arising out of or related to this engagement will, prior to resorting to litigation, be submitted for nonbinding mediation upon written request by either party. Both parties agree to try in good faith to settle the dispute in mediation. The mediator will be selected by agreement of the parties. The mediation proceeding shall be confidential. Each party will bear its own costs in the mediation, but the fees and expenses of the mediator will be shared equally.
6. **Indemnification.** Unless disallowed by law or applicable professional standards, You agree to hold Forvis Mazars harmless from any and all claims which arise from knowing misrepresentations to Forvis Mazars, or the intentional withholding or concealment of information from Forvis Mazars by Your management or any partner, principal, shareholder, officer, director, member, employee, agent, or assign of Yours. You also agree to indemnify Forvis Mazars for any claims made against Forvis Mazars by third parties, which arise from any wrongful actions of Your management or any partner, principal, shareholder, officer, director, member, employee, agent, or assign of Yours. The provisions of this paragraph shall apply regardless of the nature of the claim.
7. **Statute of Limitations.** You agree that any claim or legal action arising out of or related to this contract and the services provided hereunder shall be commenced no more than one (1) year from the date of delivery of the work product to You or the termination of the services described herein (whichever is earlier), regardless of any statute of limitations prescribing a longer period of time for commencing such a claim under law. This time limitation shall apply regardless of whether Forvis Mazars performs other or subsequent services for You. A claim is understood to be a demand for money or services, demand for mediation, or the service of suit based on a breach of this contract or the acts or omissions of Forvis Mazars in performing the services provided herein. This provision shall not apply if enforcement is disallowed by applicable law or professional standards.
8. **Limitation of Liability.** You agree that Forvis Mazars' liability, if any, arising out of or related to this contract and the services provided hereunder, shall be limited to the amount of the fees paid by You for services rendered under this contract. This

limitation shall not apply to the extent it is finally, judicially determined that the liability resulted from the intentional or willful misconduct of Forvis Mazars or if enforcement of this provision is disallowed by applicable law or professional standards.

9. **Waiver of Certain Damages.** In no event shall Forvis Mazars be liable to You or a third party for any indirect, special, consequential, punitive, or exemplary damages, including but not limited to lost profits, loss of revenue, interruption, loss of use, damage to goodwill or reputation, regardless of whether You were advised of the possibility of such damages, regardless of whether such damages were reasonably foreseeable, and regardless of whether such damages arise under a theory of contract, tort, strict liability, or otherwise.
10. **Choice of Law.** You acknowledge and agree that any dispute arising out of or related to this contract shall be governed by the laws of the State of Texas, without regard to its conflict of laws principles.
11. **WAIVER OF JURY TRIAL. THE PARTIES HEREBY AGREE NOT TO ELECT A TRIAL BY JURY OF ANY ISSUE TRIABLE OF RIGHT BY JURY, AND WAIVE ANY RIGHT TO TRIAL BY JURY FULLY TO THE EXTENT THAT ANY SUCH RIGHT SHALL NOW OR HEREAFTER EXIST WITH REGARD TO THIS AGREEMENT, OR ANY CLAIM, COUNTERCLAIM, OR OTHER ACTION ARISING IN CONNECTION THEREWITH. THIS WAIVER OF RIGHT TO TRIAL BY JURY IS GIVEN KNOWINGLY AND VOLUNTARILY BY THE PARTIES, AND IS INTENDED TO ENCOMPASS INDIVIDUALLY EACH INSTANCE AND EACH ISSUE AS TO WHICH THE RIGHT TO A TRIAL BY JURY WOULD OTHERWISE ACCRUE.**
12. **Severability.** In the event that any term or provision of this agreement shall be held to be invalid, void, or unenforceable, then the remainder of this agreement shall not be affected, and each such term and provision of this agreement shall be valid and enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by law.
13. **Assignment.** You acknowledge and agree that the terms and conditions of this contract shall be binding upon and inure to the parties' successors and assigns, subject to applicable laws and regulations.
14. **Disclaimer of Legal or Investment Advice.** Our services do not constitute legal or investment advice. You should seek the advice of legal counsel in such matters. Regulatory authorities may interpret circumstances differently than We do. In addition, the applicable laws, regulations, and regulators' enforcement activities may change over time.

## RECORDS, WORKPAPERS, DELIVERABLES, & PROPRIETARY INFORMATION

15. **Maintenance of Records.** You agree to assume full responsibility for maintaining Your original data and records and that Forvis Mazars has no responsibility to maintain this information. You agree You will not rely on Forvis Mazars to provide hosting, electronic security, or backup services, *e.g.*, business continuity or disaster recovery services, to You unless separately engaged to do so. You understand that Your access to data, records, and information from Forvis Mazars' servers, *i.e.*, Forvis Mazars portals used to exchange information, can

be terminated at any time and You will not rely on using this to host Your data and records.

16. **Forvis Mazars Workpapers.** Our workpapers and documentation retained in any form of media for this engagement are the property of Forvis Mazars. We can be compelled to provide information under legal process. In addition, We may be requested by regulatory or enforcement bodies (including any State Board) to make certain workpapers available to them pursuant to authority granted by law or regulation. Unless We are prohibited from doing so by law or regulation, Forvis Mazars will inform You of any such legal process or request. You agree We have no legal responsibility to You in the event We determine We are obligated to provide such documents or information.
17. **Subpoenas or Other Legal Process.** In the event Forvis Mazars is required to respond to any such subpoena, court order, or any government regulatory inquiry or other legal process relating to You or Your management for the production of documents and/or testimony relative to information We obtained or prepared incident to this or any other engagement in a matter in which Forvis Mazars is not a party, You shall compensate Forvis Mazars for all time We expend in connection with such response at normal and customary hourly rates and to reimburse Us for all out-of-pocket expenses incurred in regard to such response.
18. **Use of Deliverables and Drafts.** You agree You will not modify any deliverables or drafts prepared by Us for internal use or for distribution to third parties. You also understand that We may on occasion send You documents marked as draft and understand that those are for Your review purpose only, should not be distributed in any way, and should be destroyed as soon as possible.  
  
Our report on any financial statements must be associated only with the financial statements that were the subject of Our engagement. You may make copies of Our report, but only if the entire financial statements (exactly as attached to Our report, including related footnotes) and any supplementary information, as appropriate, are reproduced and distributed with Our report. You agree not to reproduce or associate Our report with any other financial statements, or portions thereof, that are not the subject of Our engagement.
19. **Proprietary Information.** You acknowledge that proprietary information, documents, materials, management techniques, and other intellectual property are a material source of the services We perform and were developed prior to Our association with You. Any new forms, software, documents, or intellectual property We develop during this engagement for Your use shall belong to Us, and You shall have the limited right to use them solely within Your business. All reports, templates, manuals, forms, checklists, questionnaires, letters, agreements, and other documents which We make available to You are confidential and proprietary to Us. Neither You, nor any of Your agents, will copy, electronically store, reproduce, or make any such documents available to anyone other than Your personnel. This provision will apply to all materials whether in digital, "hard copy" format, or other medium.

**REGULATORY**

20. **U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") and other Regulatory Bodies.** Where We are providing services either for (a) an entity that is registered with the SEC, (b) an affiliate of such registrant, or (c) an entity or affiliate that is subject to rules, regulations, or standards beyond those of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("AICPA"), any term of this contract that would be prohibited by or impair Our independence under applicable law or regulation shall not apply to the extent necessary only to avoid such prohibition or impairment.

21. **Offering Document.** You may wish to include Our report(s) on financial statements in an exempt offering document. You agree that any report, including any auditor's report, or reference to Our firm, will not be included in any such offering document without notifying Us. Any agreement to perform work in connection with an exempt offering document, including providing agreement for the use of the auditor's report in the exempt offering document, will be a separate engagement.

Any exempt offering document issued by You with which We are not involved will clearly indicate that We are not involved by including a disclosure such as, "Forvis Mazars, LLP, our independent auditor, has not been engaged to perform and has not performed, since the date of its report included herein, any procedures on the financial statements addressed in that report. Forvis Mazars, LLP also has not performed any procedures relating to this offering document."

22. **Forvis Mazars Not a Municipal Advisor.** Forvis Mazars is not acting as Your municipal advisor under Section 15B of the *Securities Exchange Act of 1934*, as amended. As such, Forvis Mazars is not recommending any action to You and does not owe You a fiduciary duty with respect to any information or communications regarding municipal financial products or the issuance of municipal securities. You should discuss such matters with internal or external advisors and experts You deem appropriate before acting on any such information or material provided by Forvis Mazars.

23. **Forvis Mazars Not a Fiduciary.** In providing Our attest services, We are required by law and our professional standards to maintain our independence from You. We take this mandate very seriously and thus guard against impermissible relationships which may impair the very independence which You and the users of Our report require. As such, You should not place upon Us special confidence that in the performance of Our attest services We will act solely in Your interest. Therefore, You acknowledge and agree We are not in a fiduciary relationship with You and We have no fiduciary responsibilities to You in the performance of Our services described herein.

**TECHNOLOGY**

24. **Electronic Sites.** You agree to notify Us if You desire to place Our report(s), including any reports on Your financial statements, along with other information, such as a report by management or those charged with governance on operations, financial summaries or highlights, financial ratios, etc., on an electronic site. You recognize that We have no responsibility to review information contained in electronic sites.

25. **Electronic Signatures and Counterparts.** This contract and other documents to be delivered pursuant to this contract may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which will be deemed to be an original copy and all of which, when taken together, will be deemed to constitute one and the same agreement or document, and will be effective when counterparts have been signed by each of the parties and delivered to the other parties. Each party agrees that the electronic signatures, whether digital or encrypted, of the parties included in this contract are intended to authenticate this writing and to have the same force and effect as manual signatures. Delivery of a copy of this contract or any other document contemplated hereby, bearing an original manual or electronic signature by facsimile transmission (including a facsimile delivered via the internet), by electronic mail in "portable document format" (".pdf") or similar format intended to preserve the original graphic and pictorial appearance of a document, or through the use of electronic signature software, will have the same effect as physical delivery of the paper document bearing an original signature.

26. **Electronic Data Communication and Storage.** In the interest of facilitating Our services to You, We may send data over the internet, temporarily store electronic data via computer software applications hosted remotely on the internet, or utilize cloud-based storage. Your confidential electronic data may be transmitted or stored using these methods. In using these data communication and storage methods, We employ measures designed to maintain data security. We use reasonable efforts to keep such communications and electronic data secure in accordance with Our obligations under applicable laws, regulations, and professional standards.

You recognize and accept that We have no control over the unauthorized interception or breach of any communications or electronic data once it has been transmitted or if it has been subject to unauthorized access while stored, notwithstanding all reasonable security measures employed by Us. You consent to Our use of these electronic devices and applications during this engagement.

**OTHER MATTERS**

27. **Cooperation.** You agree to cooperate with Forvis Mazars in the performance of Forvis Mazars' services to You, including the provision to Forvis Mazars of reasonable facilities and timely access to Your data, information, and personnel. You shall be responsible for the performance of Your employees and agents.

28. **Third-Party Service Providers.** Forvis Mazars may from time to time utilize third-party service providers, including but not limited to domestic software processors or legal counsel, or disclose confidential information about You to third-party service providers in serving Your account. Forvis Mazars maintains, however, internal policies, procedures, and safeguards to protect the confidentiality and security of Your information. In addition, Forvis Mazars will secure confidentiality agreements with all service providers to maintain the confidentiality of Your information. If We are unable to secure an appropriate confidentiality agreement, You will be asked to consent prior to Forvis Mazars sharing Your confidential information with the third-party service provider.

29. **Independent Contractor.** When providing services to You, We will be functioning as an independent contractor; and in no event will We or any of Our employees be an officer of You, nor will Our relationship be that of joint venturers, partners, employer and employee, principal and agent, or any similar relationship giving rise to a fiduciary duty to You. Decisions regarding management of Your business remain the responsibility of Your personnel at all times. Neither You nor Forvis Mazars shall act or represent itself, directly or by implication, as an agent of the other or in any manner assume or create any obligation on behalf of, or in the name of, the other.
30. **Hiring of Forvis Mazars Personnel.** We ask that You respect the employment relationship that Our personnel have with Our firm and to refrain from any employment offers to Forvis Mazars personnel. However, if You find it necessary to make an offer of employment and if it is accepted, during the term of this engagement and for a period of 18 months after Forvis Mazars stops providing services, You agree that We will be paid a one-time employment fee equal to 100 percent of the employee's highest annual salary. This fee will be payable prior to Our personnel commencing employment with You. Provided, however, You shall not be in violation of the nonsolicitation covenant set forth herein with respect to any position You advertise in the form of a general solicitation not delivered to or focused upon any single individual.
31. **Use of Forvis Mazars Name.** Any time You intend to reference Forvis Mazars' firm name in any manner in any published materials, including on an electronic site, You agree to provide Us with draft materials for review and approval before publishing or posting such information.
32. **Network.** Forvis Mazars, LLP is a Delaware limited liability partnership and an independent member of Forvis Mazars Global Ltd., a leading global professional services network. Forvis Mazars Global Ltd. is a United Kingdom company limited by guarantee and does not provide any services to clients.
33. **Entire Agreement.** The contract, including this Terms and Conditions Addendum and any other attachments or addenda, encompasses the entire agreement between You and Forvis Mazars and supersedes all previous understandings and agreements between the parties, whether oral or written. Any modification to the terms of this contract must be made in writing and signed by both You and Forvis Mazars.
34. **Force Majeure.** We shall not be held responsible for any failure to fulfill Our obligations if such failure was caused by circumstances beyond Our control, including, without limitation, fire or other casualty, act of God, act of terrorism, strike or labor dispute, war or other violence, explosion, flood or other natural catastrophe, epidemic or pandemic, or any law, order, or requirement of any governmental agency or authority affecting either party, including without limitation orders incident to any such epidemic or pandemic, lockdown orders, stay-at-home orders, and curfews.