

**AGREEMENT**

This Agreement is dated January 27, 2026 and is between Pacific Clinics, a California nonprofit corporation ("Contractor" or "Business Associate") and the County of Fresno, a political subdivision of the State of California ("County").

**Recitals**

A. County and Contractor entered into County Agreements No. 25-288 and 25-292, as amended, for Contractor to provide outpatient specialty mental health, court-specific, and community-based support services for children and youth involved in the Child Welfare Services (CWS) system.

B. Agreements No. 25-288 and 25-292 were terminated on September 30, 2025, which was the set expiration date for the agreements. Pursuant to Agreements No. 25-288 and 25-292, Contractor is required to return or dispose of confidential records upon agreement termination unless return is not feasible.

C. In August 2025, Contractor notified the Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) that return of the confidential records was not feasible and that Contractor would continue to maintain the records after termination of Agreements No. 25-288 and 25-292 as required by the terms of Agreements No. 25-288 and 25-292.

D. This Agreement makes Contractor a business associate of the County for purposes of maintaining confidential records for services provided by Contractor in Agreements No. 25-288 and 25-292.

The parties therefore agree as follows:

**Business Associate Agreement**

1. The County is a "Covered Entity," and the Contractor is a "Business Associate," as these terms are defined by 45 CFR 160.103. In connection with maintaining confidential records under the Agreement and Agreements No. 25-288 and 25-292, the parties anticipate that the Contractor will create, receive, or maintain Protected Health Information ("PHI") from or on behalf of the County. The parties enter into this Business Associate Agreement (BAA) to comply with the Business Associate requirements of HIPAA, to govern the use and disclosures

1 of PHI under this Agreement. "HIPAA Rules" shall mean the Privacy, Security, Breach  
2 Notification, and Enforcement Rules at 45 CFR Parts 160 and 164.

3         2.       The parties to this Agreement shall be in strict conformance with all applicable  
4 federal and State of California laws and regulations, including, but not limited to California  
5 Welfare and Institutions Code sections 5328, 10850, and 14100.2 et seq.; 42 CFR 2; 42 CFR  
6 431; California Civil Code section 56 et seq.; the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability  
7 Act of 1996, as amended ("HIPAA"), including, but not limited to, 45 CFR Parts 160, 45 CFR  
8 162, and 45 CFR 164; the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act  
9 ("HITECH") regarding the confidentiality and security of patient information, including, but not  
10 limited to 42 USC 17901 et seq.; and the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act ("GINA") of  
11 2008 regarding the confidentiality of genetic information.

12         3.       Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, the Contractor, as a business  
13 associate of the County, may use or disclose Protected Health Information ("PHI") to perform  
14 functions, activities or services for or on behalf of the County, as specified in this Agreement  
15 and in Agreement No. 25-288 and 25-292, provided that such use or disclosure shall not violate  
16 HIPAA Rules. The uses and disclosures of PHI may not be more expansive than those  
17 applicable to the County, as the "Covered Entity" under the HIPAA Rules, except as authorized  
18 for management, administrative or legal responsibilities of the Contractor.

19         4.       Contractor shall protect, from unauthorized access, use, or disclosure of names  
20 and other identifying information concerning persons receiving services pursuant to this  
21 Agreement, except where permitted in order to carry out data aggregation purposes for health  
22 care operations. (45 CFR Sections 164.504 (e)(2)(i), 164.504 (3)(2)(ii)(A), and 164.504 (e)(4)(i).)  
23 This pertains to any and all persons receiving services pursuant to a County funded program.  
24 Contractor shall not use such identifying information for any purpose other than carrying out  
25 Contractor's obligations under this Agreement or Agreement No. 25-288 and 25-292.

26         5.       Contractor shall not disclose any such identifying information to any person or  
27 entity, except as otherwise specifically permitted by this Agreement, as permitted by Agreement  
28 No. 25-288 and 25-292, as authorized by law, or as authorized by the client/patient.

1           6.       For purposes of the above sections, identifying information shall include, but not  
2 be limited to name, identifying number, symbol, or other identifying particular assigned to the  
3 individual, such as finger or voice print, or a photograph.

4           7.       Contractor shall provide access, at the request of County, and in the time and  
5 manner designated by County, to PHI in a designated record set (as defined in 45 CFR Section  
6 164.501), to an individual or to County in order to meet the requirements of 45 CFR  
7 Section 164.524 regarding access by individuals to their PHI.

8                   Contractor shall make any amendment(s) to PHI in a designated record set at the  
9 request of County, and in the time and manner designated by County in accordance with 45  
10 CFR Section 164.526.

11                   Contractor shall provide to County or to an individual, in a time and manner  
12 designated by County, information collected in accordance with 45 CFR Section 164.528, to  
13 permit County to respond to a request by the individual for an accounting of disclosures of PHI  
14 in accordance with 45 CFR Section 164.528.

15           8.       Contractor shall report to County, in writing, any knowledge or reasonable belief  
16 that there has been unauthorized access, viewing, use, disclosure, or breach of PHI not  
17 permitted by this Agreement, and any breach of unsecured PHI of which it becomes aware,  
18 immediately and without reasonable delay and in no case later than two (2) business days of  
19 discovery. Immediate notification shall be made to County's Information Security Officer and  
20 Privacy Officer and DBH's HIPAA Representative, within two (2) business days of discovery.  
21 The notification shall include, to the extent possible, the identification of each individual whose  
22 unsecured PHI has been, or is reasonably believed to have been, accessed, acquired, used,  
23 disclosed, or breached. Contractor shall take prompt corrective action to cure any deficiencies  
24 and any action pertaining to such unauthorized disclosure required by applicable Federal and  
25 State Laws and regulations. Contractor shall investigate such breach and is responsible for all  
26 notifications required by law and regulation or deemed necessary by County and shall provide a  
27 written report of the investigation and reporting required to County's Information Security Officer  
28 and Privacy Officer and DBH's HIPAA Representative. This written investigation and

description of any reporting necessary shall be postmarked within the thirty (30) working days of the discovery of the breach to the addresses below:

County of Fresno  
Department of Public Health  
HIPAA Representative  
(559) 600-6439  
P.O. Box 11867  
Fresno, California 93775

County of Fresno  
Department of Public Health  
Privacy Officer  
(559) 600-6405  
P.O. Box 11867  
Fresno, California 93775

County of Fresno  
Department of Internal  
Services  
Information Security Officer  
(559) 600-5800  
2048 North Fine Street  
Fresno, California 93727

9. Contractor shall make its internal practices, books, and records relating to the use and disclosure of PHI received from County, or created or received by the Contractor on behalf of County, available to the United States Department of Health and Human Services upon demand.

10. Safeguards

Contractor shall implement administrative, physical, and technical safeguards as required by 45 CFR 164.308, 164.310, and 164.312 that reasonably and appropriately protect the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of PHI, including electronic PHI, that it creates, receives, maintains or transmits on behalf of County; and to prevent access, use or disclosure of PHI other than as provided for by this Agreement. Contractor shall develop and maintain a written information privacy and security program that includes administrative, technical and physical safeguards appropriate to the size and complexity of Contractor's operations and the nature and scope of its activities. Upon County's request, Contractor shall provide County with information concerning such safeguards.

Contractor shall implement strong access controls and other security safeguards and precautions in order to restrict logical and physical access to confidential, personal (e.g., PHI) or sensitive data to authorized users only.

11. Mitigation of Harmful Effects

Contractor shall mitigate, to the extent practicable, any harmful effect that is known to Contractor of an unauthorized access, viewing, use, disclosure, or breach of PHI by Contractor or its subcontractors in violation of the requirements of these provisions.

1           12.       Contractor's Subcontractors

2                   Contractor shall ensure that any of its subcontractors, if applicable, to whom  
3 Contractor provides PHI received from or created or received by Contractor on behalf of County,  
4 agree to the same restrictions and conditions that apply to Contractor with respect to such PHI;  
5 and to incorporate, when applicable, the relevant provisions of these provisions into each  
6 subcontract or sub-award to such subcontractors.

7           13.       Term

8                   This Agreement is effective on January 27, 2026 and terminates on the date all  
9 PHI is returned to the County and/or the County receives certification from Contractor that all  
10 PHI has been destroyed in accordance with HIPAA Rules.

11          14.       Notices

12                   Contact Information. The persons and their addresses having authority to give  
13 and receive notices provided for or permitted under this Agreement include the following:

14                   For the County:  
15                   Director  
16                   County of Fresno  
17                   1925 E. Dakota Avenue  
18                   Fresno, CA 93726

19                   For the Contractor:  
20                   Executive Director  
21                   251 Llewellyn Avenue  
22                   Campbell, CA 95008

23                   Change of Contact Information. Either party may change the information in this  
24 section by giving notice as provided in this section

25                   Method of Delivery. Each notice between the County and the Contractor provided  
26 for or permitted under this Agreement must be in writing, state that it is a notice provided under  
27 this Agreement, and be delivered either by personal service, by first-class United States mail, by  
28 an overnight commercial courier service, by telephonic facsimile transmission, or by Portable  
Document Format (PDF) document attached to an email.

15.       Effect of Termination

              Upon termination of this Agreement, Contractor shall provide notice to County

1 and either 1) commence PHI return and complete such return within thirty days of notice or 2)  
2 provide certification of date and time of destruction of PHI.

3 16. Interpretation

4 The terms and conditions in these provisions shall be interpreted as broadly as  
5 necessary to implement and comply with HIPAA, the HIPAA regulations and applicable State  
6 laws. The parties agree that any ambiguity in the terms and conditions of these provisions shall  
7 be resolved in favor of a meaning that complies and is consistent with HIPAA and the HIPAA  
8 regulations.

9 17. Regulatory References

10 A reference in the terms and conditions of these provisions to a section in the  
11 HIPAA regulations means the section as in effect or as amended.

12 18. Survival

13 The respective rights and obligations of Contractor as stated in this Section shall  
14 survive the termination or expiration of this Agreement.

15 19. Authorized Signature

16 The Contractor represents and warrants to the County that:

17 (A) The Contractor is duly authorized and empowered to sign and perform its  
18 obligations under this Agreement.

19 (B) The individual signing this Agreement on behalf of the Contractor is duly  
20 authorized to do so and his or her signature on this Agreement legally binds the Contractor to  
21 the terms of this Agreement.

22 20. Electronic Signatures

23 The parties agree that this Agreement may be executed by electronic signature  
24 as provided in this section.

25 (A) An "electronic signature" means any symbol or process intended by an  
26 individual signing this Agreement to represent their signature, including but not limited to (1) a  
27 digital signature; (2) a faxed version of an original handwritten signature; or (3) an electronically  
28 scanned and transmitted (for example by PDF document) version of an original handwritten

1 signature.

2 (B) Each electronic signature affixed or attached to this Agreement (1) is  
3 deemed equivalent to a valid original handwritten signature of the person signing this  
4 Agreement for all purposes, including but not limited to evidentiary proof in any administrative or  
5 judicial proceeding, and (2) has the same force and effect as the valid original handwritten  
6 signature of that person.

7 (C) The provisions of this section satisfy the requirements of Civil Code  
8 section 1633.5, subdivision (b), in the Uniform Electronic Transaction Act (Civil Code, Division 3,  
9 Part 2, Title 2.5, beginning with section 1633.1).

10 (D) Each party using a digital signature represents that it has undertaken and  
11 satisfied the requirements of Government Code section 16.5, subdivision (a), paragraphs (1)  
12 through (5), and agrees that each other party may rely upon that representation.

13 (E) This Agreement is not conditioned upon the parties conducting the  
14 transactions under it by electronic means and either party may sign this Agreement with an  
15 original handwritten signature.

16 21. Counterparts

17 This Agreement may be signed in counterparts, each of which is an original, and  
18 all of which together constitute this Agreement.

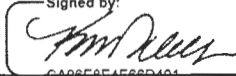
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The parties are signing this Agreement on the date stated in the introductory clause.

Pacific Clinics

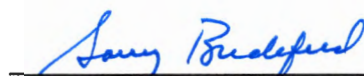
COUNTY OF FRESNO

Signed by:



Kim M. Wells, Chief Legal Officer

499 Loma Alta Ave  
Los Gatos, CA 95030




Garry Bredefeld, Chairman of the Board of  
Supervisors of the County of Fresno

**Attest:**

Bernice E. Seidel  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
County of Fresno, State of California

By:

  
Deputy

For accounting use only:

Org No.: 56304323, 56304335, 56307007  
Account No.: 7295  
Fund No.: 0001  
Subclass No.: 10000