

## Amended MNsure Data Sharing Agreement

This Data Sharing Agreement ("Agreement") is by and between the Minnesota Insurance Marketplace a/k/a MNsure ("MNsure") and the Minnesota Department of Human Services ("DHS").

WHEREAS, the parties have agreed to perform services on the behalf of the other party in furtherance of administering the Minnesota Insurance Marketplace pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 62V.05, subdivision 7(a)(2).

WHEREAS, the parties are authorized to share protected information pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 62V.06, subdivisions 5(b)(4) and 5(d).

WHEREAS, MNsure and DHS are authorized to enter into the below agreement ("Agreement") by Minnesota Statutes, section 62V.05, subdivision 1(b)(5).

WHEREAS, the parties' data sharing agreement executed on June 27, 2013, is hereby amended to make changes to the privacy and security of federal tax information.

### Agreement

#### 1. Term of Agreement

- 1.1 **Effective date:** August 19, 2013, or the date the State obtains all required signatures, whichever is later.
- 1.2 **Expiration date:** June 30, 2015, or until all obligations have been satisfactorily fulfilled, or until any applicable statutory authority expires, whichever comes first.

#### 2. Information Covered by this Agreement.

- 2.1 Under this Agreement, MNsure and DHS will be sharing one or more types of private information, collectively referred to as "protected information," concerning individuals, employers, and/or employees participating in MNsure. "Protected information," for purposes of this Agreement, may include any or all of the following:
  - (a) Private data (as defined in Minnesota Statutes § 13.02, subd. 12), confidential data (as defined in Minn. Stat. § 13.02, subd. 3), welfare data (as governed by Minn. Stat. § 13.46), medical data (as governed by Minn. Stat. § 13.384), and other not public data governed by other sections in the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act (MGDPA), Minn. Stats. Chapter 13;
  - (b) Protected health information ("PHI") (as defined in and governed by the Health Insurance Portability Accountability Act ("HIPAA"), 45 C.F.R. § 160.103);
  - (c) Federal Tax Information ("FTI") (as defined by IRC § 6103);
  - (d) Records (as defined by the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a; and

- (e) Other data subject to applicable State and federal statutes, rules, and regulations affecting the collection, storage, use, or dissemination of private or confidential information.

**3. Duties.** Each party shall:

- 3.1 Only release or disclose information which it is authorized by law or regulation to share with or disclose to the other party.
- 3.2 Obtain any required consents, authorizations, or other permissions that may be necessary for it to share information with or disclose information to the other party.
- 3.3 Notify the other party of limitations, restrictions, changes, or revocation of permission by an individual to use or disclose protected information, to the extent that such limitations, restrictions, changes or revocation may affect the other party's use or disclosure of protected information.
- 3.4 Not request the other party to use or disclose protected information in any manner that would not be permitted under law if done by the responsible party.
- 3.5 Be responsible for ensuring proper handling and safeguarding by its employees, subcontractors, and authorized agents of protected information collected, created, used, maintained, or disclosed on behalf of the other party. This responsibility includes ensuring that employees and agents comply with and are properly trained regarding, as applicable, the laws listed above in paragraph 2, and having implemented administrative, physical, and technical safeguards that reasonably and appropriately protect the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of any electronic protected health information at rest and in transit that it creates, receives, maintains, or transmits on behalf of the other party.
- 3.6 Comply with the "minimum necessary" access and disclosure rule set forth in the MGDPA. The collection, creation, use, maintenance, and disclosure of protected information shall be limited to that necessary for the administration and management of programs specifically authorized by the legislature or local governing body or mandated by the federal government. Minn. Stat. § 13.05 subd. 3.
- 3.7 Report to the other party any privacy or security incident regarding the information of which it becomes aware. For purposes of this Agreement, "Security incident" means the attempted or successful unauthorized access, use, disclosure, modification, or destruction of information or interference with system operations in an information system. "Privacy incident" means violation of the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act (MGDPA) and/or the including, but not limited to, improper and/or unauthorized use or disclosure of protected information, and incidents in which the confidentiality of the information maintained by it has been breached. This report must be made in writing and submitted to the other party immediately and in no case more than 7 days after learning of such incident.

- 3.8 Unless provided for otherwise in this Agreement, if a party receives a request to release the information referred to in this Clause, it must immediately notify the responsible party, who will give instructions concerning the release of the data to the requesting party before the data is released.
- 3.9 Not use or further disclose protected information created, collected, received, stored, used, maintained, or disseminated in the course or performance of this Agreement other than as permitted or required by this Agreement or as required by law, either during the period of this Agreement or hereafter.
- 3.10 Consistent with this Agreement, ensure that any agents (including contractors and subcontractors), analysts, and others to whom it provides protected information, agree in writing to be bound by the same restrictions and conditions that apply to it with respect to such information.
- 3.11 To the extent that any protected information is PHI:
- (a) Comply with the minimum necessary rule and limit the collection, creation, use, maintenance, and disclosure of PHI to “that necessary for the administration and management of programs specifically authorized by the legislature or local governing body or mandated by the federal government.” See 45 C.F.R. §§ 164.502(b) and 164.514(d).
  - (b) Report any breach or security incident pursuant to the HIPAA Privacy Rule (45 C.F.R. Part 164, Subpart E). This report must be in writing and sent to the other party not more than 7 days after learning of such non-permitted use or disclosure. Such a report will at least:
    - (1) Identify the nature of the non-permitted use or disclosure;
    - (2) Identify the PHI used or disclosed;
    - (3) Identify who made the non-permitted use or disclosure and who received the non-permitted or violating disclosure;
    - (4) Identify what corrective action was taken or will be taken to prevent further non-permitted uses or disclosures;
    - (5) Identify what was done or will be done to mitigate any deleterious effect of the non-permitted use or disclosure; and
    - (6) Provide such other information, including any written documentation, as the other party may reasonably request.
  - (c) Document such disclosures of PHI and information related to such disclosures as would be required for MNsure to respond to a request by an individual for an accounting of disclosures of PHI in accordance with 45 C.F.R. § 164.528.
  - (d) To the extent that a party handles information that constitutes protected health information (“PHI”) in order to provide health care-related administrative services and is a “Business Associate” as defined by HIPAA, the party further agrees to:
    - (1) Make available PHI in accordance with 45 C.F.R. § 164.524.

- (2) Make available PHI for amendment and incorporate any amendments to PHI in accordance with 45 C.F.R. § 164.526.
- (3) Comply with the limited disclosure rules set forth in the HITECH Act, HIPAA, and the MGDPA. To the extent possible, disclosures should be in a limited data set, which is largely information with the patients' identifying information removed, "to the extent practicable." Pertinent identifiers include, name and social security number; street address, e-mail address, telephone and fax numbers; certificate/license numbers; vehicle identifiers and serial numbers; URLs and IP addresses; full face photos and any other comparable images; or medical record numbers, health plan beneficiary numbers, and other account numbers. If a limited data set is not feasible, or does not meet the use or disclosure, minimum necessary should be applied. The collection, creation, use, maintenance, and disclosure of protected information shall be limited to "that necessary for the administration and management of programs specifically authorized by the legislature or local governing body or mandated by the federal government." See, respectively, 45 C.F.R. §§ 164.514, 45 C.F.R. §§ 164.502(b) and 164.514(d), and Minn. Stat. § 13.05 subd. 3.
- (4) Make its internal practices, books, records, policies, procedures, and documentation relating to the use, disclosure, and/or security of PHI available to MNsure and/or the Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) for purposes of determining compliance with the Privacy Rule and Security Standards, subject to attorney-client and other applicable legal privileges.
- (5) Comply with any and all other applicable provisions of the HIPAA Privacy Rule, Administrative, and Security Standards, including future amendments thereto. Develop written policies and procedures for safeguarding and securing PHI and complying with HIPAA and the HITECH Act, and other privacy laws.
- (6) Designate a privacy official to be responsible for the development and implementation of its policies and procedures as required by 45 C.F.R. Part 164, Subpart E.

3.12 To the extent that any protected information is FTI, ensure that this data only be used as authorized under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C. § 6103(C), and IRS Publication 1075, Exhibit 7, and restrict from use for any other purpose.

3.13 Mitigate, to the extent practicable, any harmful effects known to it of a use, disclosure, or breach of security with respect to protected information by it in violation of this Agreement.

3.14 Comply with any and all other applicable provisions of the Final Exchange Privacy Rule at 45 C.F.R. § 155.260, including future amendments thereto.

#### **4. Disposition of Data upon Completion, Expiration, or Agreement Termination.**

Upon completion, expiration, or termination of this Agreement, each party will return to

the other or destroy all protected information received or created on behalf of the other for purposes associated with this Agreement. A written certification of destruction or return to is required. No party will retain copies of such protected information, provided that if both parties agree that such return or destruction is not feasible, or if a party is required by the applicable regulation, rule or statutory retention schedule to retain beyond the life of this Agreement, the party will extend the protections of this Agreement to the protected information and refrain from further use or disclosure of such information, except for those purposes that make return or destruction infeasible, for as long as the party maintains the information.

**5. Amendments**

Any amendment to this agreement must be in writing and will not be effective until it has been executed and approved by the same parties who executed and approved the original agreement, or their successors in office.

**6. Liability**

Each party will be responsible for its own acts and behavior and the results thereof to the extent authorized by law and shall not be responsible for the acts of the other parties and the results thereof. The liability of each party shall be governed by the provisions of the Minnesota Tort Claims Act, Minnesota Statutes, Section 3.736, and other applicable law.

**7. Sanctions.**

In addition to any liability under section 6 of Agreement, the parties acknowledge that violation of the laws and protections described above could result in limitations being placed on future access to protected information, in investigation and imposition of sanctions by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights, and/or in civil and criminal penalties.

**8. Termination**

Either party may terminate this agreement at any time, with or without cause, upon 30 days' written notice to the other party.

**1. Minnesota Department of Human Services**

By: *Scott Kutz*  
(With delegated authority)

Title: *Assistant Commissioner*

Date: *8-23-13*

**2. Minnesota Insurance Marketplace**

By: *Barb Jacobs*  
(With delegated authority)

Title: *Chief Financial & Admin Officer*

Date: *August 23, 2013*

The agency should include the Exhibit 7 language for either General Services or Technology Services, as appropriate and include the language below to the greatest extent possible, applicable to the specific situation.

**CONTRACT LANGUAGE FOR GENERAL SERVICES****I. PERFORMANCE**

In performance of this contract, the Contractor agrees to comply with and assume responsibility for compliance by his or her employees with the following requirements:

- (1) All work will be performed under the supervision of the contractor or the contractor's responsible employees.
- (2) Any Federal tax returns or return information (hereafter referred to as returns or return information) made available shall be used only for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this contract. Information contained in such material shall be treated as confidential and shall not be divulged or made known in any manner to any person except as may be necessary in the performance of this contract. Inspection by or disclosure to anyone other than an officer or employee of the contractor is prohibited.
- (3) All returns and return information will be accounted for upon receipt and properly stored before, during, and after processing. In addition, all related output and products will be given the same level of protection as required for the source material.
- (4) No work involving returns and return information furnished under this contract will be subcontracted without prior written approval of the IRS.
- (5) The contractor will maintain a list of employees authorized access. Such list will be provided to the agency and, upon request, to the IRS reviewing office.
- (6) The agency will have the right to void the contract if the contractor fails to provide the safeguards described above.
- (7) (Include any additional safeguards that may be appropriate.)

**II. CRIMINAL/CIVIL SANCTIONS**

- (1) Each officer or employee of any person to whom returns or return information is or may be disclosed shall be notified in writing by such person that returns or return information disclosed to such officer or employee can be used only for a purpose and to the extent authorized herein, and that further disclosure of any such returns or return information for a purpose or to an extent unauthorized herein constitutes a felony punishable upon conviction by a fine of as much as \$5,000 or imprisonment for as long as five years, or both, together with the costs of prosecution. Such person shall also notify each such officer and employee that any such unauthorized future disclosure of returns or return information may also result in an award of civil damages against the officer or employee in an amount not less than \$1,000 with respect to each instance of

unauthorized disclosure. These penalties are prescribed by IRC Sections 7213 and 7431 and set forth at 26 CFR 301.6103(n)-1.

(2) Each officer or employee of any person to whom returns or return information is or may be disclosed shall be notified in writing by such person that any return or return information made available in any format shall be used only for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this contract. Information contained in such material shall be treated as confidential and shall not be divulged or made known in any manner to any person except as may be necessary in the performance of this contract. Inspection by or disclosure to anyone without an official need to know constitutes a criminal misdemeanor punishable upon conviction by a fine of as much as \$1,000.00 or imprisonment for as long as 1 year, or both, together with the costs of prosecution. Such person shall also notify each such officer and employee that any such unauthorized inspection or disclosure of returns or return information may also result in an award of civil damages against the officer or employee [United States for Federal employees] in an amount equal to the sum of the greater of \$1,000.00 for each act of unauthorized inspection or disclosure with respect to which such defendant is found liable or the sum of the actual damages sustained by the plaintiff as a result of such unauthorized inspection or disclosure plus in the case of a willful inspection or disclosure which is the result of gross negligence, punitive damages, plus the costs of the action. The penalties are prescribed by IRC Sections 7213A and 7431.

(3) Additionally, it is incumbent upon the contractor to inform its officers and employees of the penalties for improper disclosure imposed by the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. 552a. Specifically, 5 U.S.C. 552a(i)(1), which is made applicable to contractors by 5 U.S.C. 552a(m)(1), provides that any officer or employee of a contractor, who by virtue of his/her employment or official position, has possession of or access to agency records which contain individually identifiable information, the disclosure of which is prohibited by the Privacy Act or regulations established thereunder, and who knowing that disclosure of the specific material is so prohibited, willfully discloses the material in any manner to any person or agency not entitled to receive it, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and fined not more than \$5,000.

(4) Granting a contractor access to FTI must be preceded by certifying that each individual understands the agency's security policy and procedures for safeguarding IRS information. Contractors must maintain their authorization to access FTI through annual recertification. The initial certification and recertification must be documented and placed in the agency's files for review. As part of the certification and at least annually afterwards, contractors should be advised of the provisions of IRC Sections 7431, 7213, and 7213A (see Exhibit 6, *IRC Sec. 7431 Civil Damages for Unauthorized Disclosure of Returns and Return Information* and Exhibit 5, *IRC Sec. 7213 Unauthorized Disclosure of Information*). The training provided before the initial certification and annually thereafter must also cover the incident response policy and procedure for reporting unauthorized disclosures and data breaches. (See Section 10) For both the initial certification and the annual certification, the contractor should sign, either with ink or electronic signature, a confidentiality statement certifying their understanding of the security requirements.

### **III. INSPECTION**

The IRS and the Agency shall have the right to send its officers and employees into the offices and plants of the contractor for inspection of the facilities and operations provided for the performance of any work under this contract. On the basis of such inspection, specific measures may be required in cases where the contractor is found to be noncompliant with contract safeguards.

## **CONTRACT LANGUAGE FOR TECHNOLOGY SERVICES**

### **I. PERFORMANCE**

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- (4) The contractor certifies that the data processed during the performance of this contract will be completely purged from all data storage components of his or her computer facility, and no output will be retained by the contractor at the time the work is completed. If immediate purging of all data storage components is not possible, the contractor certifies that any IRS data remaining in any storage component will be safeguarded to prevent unauthorized disclosures.
- (5) Any spoilage or any intermediate hard copy printout that may result during the processing of IRS data will be given to the agency or his or her designee. When this is not possible, the contractor will be responsible for the destruction of the spoilage or any intermediate hard copy printouts, and will provide the agency or his or her designee with a statement containing the date of destruction, description of material destroyed, and the method used.
- (6) All computer systems receiving, processing, storing, or transmitting Federal tax information must meet the requirements defined in IRS Publication 1075. To meet functional and assurance requirements, the security features of the environment must provide for the managerial, operational, and technical controls. All security features must be available and activated to protect against unauthorized use of and access to Federal tax information.
- (7) No work involving Federal tax information furnished under this contract will be subcontracted without prior written approval of the IRS.

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