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Thank you for your request for an application packet for membership on the Public Employees Health (PEHP) Provider Networks.

In order to consider this request for membership, please return the following information via email to [providersubmissions@pehp.org](mailto:providersubmissions@pehp.org)

- Completed application (see attached)
- Copy of signed and dated Release Form (see attached)
- Copy of Certificate of Liability Insurance (declaration sheet with limits clearly listed, date insurance was effective, and expiration date)
- Copy of 147C IRS Form (W9 forms not accepted)
- Copy of Board Certification Certificate (if applicable)
- Copy of Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) certificate (if applicable)

**SUBMIT FORM  
TO PEHP**

If you have any questions, please contact us at 801-366-7555 or email [providersubmissions@pehp.org](mailto:providersubmissions@pehp.org).

Sincerely,  
PEHP Provider Specialist Representative



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## Instructions for Completing the Group Provider Credentialing Application

Thank you for requesting an application packet for membership in the Public Employees Health Plan (PEHP) Provider Panel. Please return the completed application with the requested information within 45 days. After 45 days, the contracting process will be suspended, and reapplying may be necessary. The credentialing process can take up to one month to complete and does not guarantee inclusion on any PEHP panel.

The information on the Application must be complete and accurate. An incomplete Application may delay processing or result in a denial of membership.

- » Type or legibly complete the Application in black or blue ink.
- » Submit completed Application as well as any requested addenda. If a Section of the Application does not apply to you, write N/A in the first box of that Section.
- » Attach copies of the following documents when the application is submitted:
  - Evidence of Professional Liability Policy or Certification (declaration sheet with limits clearly listed, date insurance was effective, and expiration date)
  - Copy of 147C IRS Form (W9 forms not accepted)
  - Board Certification (if applicable)
  - DEA Certificate (if applicable)

You will only be required to fill out the section that pertains to you. For example, if you are a medical provider, you will only fill out the Medical Provider Section. You will not need to complete the BCBA or Dental sections. If you are unclear on which section you need to fill out, please get in touch with us at 801-366-7555, or email [providersubmissions@pehp.org](mailto:providersubmissions@pehp.org).

### Non-Covered Service

Services and Benefits covered by PEHP are limited by the Master Policy, this contract, and other plan documents. By signing this agreement, you may offer noncovered services to a PEHP member but only as follows:

- » You may not bill PEHP for services that you knew or should have known were not covered by PEHP
- » You must Inform PEHP members at the time of service of the status of and out-of-pocket costs for any non-covered service
- » You must repay PEHP for any non-covered service billed to and paid by PEHP in error, together with a penalty of 25% or \$100, whichever is greater

Violation of any provision above may result in the termination of this agreement.

### PEHP Fee Schedules

You must complete the application process, which includes signing the contract agreement, before gaining access to PEHP's proprietary fee schedule. Once your application is approved, you will have online access to the fee schedule and contract. Signing the contract does not obligate you to PEHP's fee schedule for any predetermined period of time. You can terminate the contract with 30 days written notice at any time.

Note: All medical claims must be sent via EDI (Electronic Data Interchange.) Please indicate your clearinghouse or UHIN information on the application. This is a requirement in order for the application to be complete. Furthermore, we require all providers to set up EFT (Electronic Funds Transfer) services to receive payments. You will receive a user name and password later in the application process that you can use to log in to our website and set up these services.

If you have any questions, please contact a PEHP Provider Specialist at 801-366-7555 or 800-765-7347.

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All providers are to review Section 4 regarding the Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) regarding requirements.

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## PEHP Provider Credentialing Application

### Section 1 – Individual Dental Provider

This form should be typed or legibly printed in black or blue ink. If more space is needed than provided on the application, you will need to attach additional sheets and reference the question(s) being answered.

You will need to provide a current listing of all individual providers within the Group and include each provider's name, Utah State Dental License number, TIN, NPI, gender, specialty, sub-specialty, degree, languages spoken (other than English).

Copies of the following documents must be submitted with this application for each individual provider:

- 147C IRS Form
- DEA Certificate (if applicable)
- Board Certification (if applicable)
- Evidence of Professional Liability Certificate / Policy, or a Group Liability Certificate / Policy

#### I. GROUP PRACTICE INFORMATION

Group Name:			
Specialty:		Sub-Specialty:	
Clearing House Name:		Trading Partner Number for EDI:	
Taxonomy Code:			
Contact Person:		Email Address:	
Phone Number:		Fax Number:	
Utah Trading Partner Number for Electronic Billing (EDI) :			
<b>PRIMARY LOCATION</b>			
Physical Address:			Suite #:
City:	State:		Zip:
Phone Number:		Fax Number:	
Reimbursement Address:			Suite #:
City:	State:		Zip:
Phone Number:		Fax Number:	
Billing Address <i>if different than above</i> :			Suite #:
City:	State:		Zip:
Phone Number:		Fax Number:	
Tax ID Number (TIN):		National Provider Identification Number (NPI) #:	
<b>SECONDARY LOCATION</b>			
Physical Address:			Suite #:
City:	State:		Zip:
Phone Number:		Fax Number:	
Reimbursement Address:			Suite #:
City:	State:		Zip:
Phone Number:		Fax Number:	
Billing Address <i>if different than above</i> :			Suite #:
City:	State:		Zip:
Phone Number:		Fax Number:	
Tax ID Number (TIN):		National Provider Identification Number (NPI) #:	

II. INDIVIDUAL PROVIDERS IN GROUP INCLUDING MID-LEVEL PROVIDERS							
Provider Name	Board Certified (Yes or No)	TIN & NPI Number	Gender	Specialty & Sub-Specialty	Language Spoken	DEA #	Degree & Certification

III. PEER REFERENCES		
<p>All individual providers within the group must have professional references from two (2) or more dentists who practice within the PEHP service area. These references should not be from family members or those affiliated by marriage. The referring dentists must have personal knowledge of the provider's recent professional performance, ethical character, current competence, current health status, and ability to work cooperatively with others.</p> <p>List dental references from two or more dentists who practice within the PEHP service area.</p>		
Name:		
Street Address:		Suite #:
City & State:	Zip:	Phone Number:
Name:		
Street Address:		Suite #:
City & State:	Zip:	Phone Number:
Name:		
Street Address:		Suite #:
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## Professional Authorization to Release Information Form

By this application \_\_\_\_\_ agrees to the following:

- » Authorize Public Employees Health Program to evaluate its credentials or act upon our application. This authorization includes consulting with any person, organization, institution or licensing entity or inspecting records relevant to our competence and qualifications.
- » Release from liability all Public Employees Health Program employees, consultants, and administrators for acts performed without malice during the application evaluation.
- » Release from liability all institutions, organizations, and individuals who without malice furnished information concerning our mental and physical health status and ethical behavior to Public Employees Health Program.

Print Name Here: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(Stamped Signature is Not Acceptable)

## DENTAL PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Yes  No  In the past ten years, have any professional liability claims, malpractice claims, or letters of Intent to sue been filed against the group or any individual provider in the group?  
If yes, how many? \_\_\_\_\_ How many are pending? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Yes  No  In the past ten years, has any judgment in any professional liability case been entered against the group or any individual provider in the group?
3. Yes  No  In the past ten years, has the group or any individual provider in the group been denied professional liability insurance, had a policy cancelled, had a professional liability insurer refuse the group or any individual provider in the group a policy or placed limitations on the scope of the coverage of the group or any individual provider in the group, or has any professional liability carrier expressed any intent to deny, cancel, not renew, or limit the professional liability insurance or its coverage of the group or any individual provider in the group?

If the answer to any question **1 through 3** is **“Yes”**, include the nature of the case, the date, and a summary of the care given on the Professional Liability Form provided. Please enclose a copy of the original complaint and the settlement award.

4. Yes  No  Has any individual provider in the group ever had their license to practice medicine in any jurisdiction suspended, revoked, or otherwise limited?
5. Yes  No  Have any individual provider in the group ever been denied a license or the right to take an examination for licensing in any state, province, or country?
6. Yes  No  Have any individual provider in the group ever been called before any licensing board for unethical conduct or fees, or been interrogated concerning any violations of the laws or regulations pertaining to the profession for which you are applying?
7. Yes  No  Has any individual provider in the group ever had a license to prescribe or administer controlled substances revoked or suspended?
8. Yes  No  Have any individual provider in the group ever been convicted of a violation of any state or federal controlled substance act, drug, or narcotic law?
9. Yes  No  Have any individual provider in the group ever been convicted of or plead guilty to a felony?
10. Yes  No  Have the group or any individual provider in the group ever been suspended from receiving payment under the Medicare or Medicaid programs?
11. Yes  No  Has any action been taken, whether still pending or completed, by any governmental agency or law enforcement body against the group or any individual provider in the group, for the alleged failure of the group or any individual provider in the group, to comply with laws, statutes, regulations, or other legal requirements which may be applicable to the rendering of service to patients or to the practice of the profession of the group or any individual provider in the group?
12. Yes  No  Has the group or any individual provider in the group ever been denied membership or renewal thereof, or been subject to disciplinary action in any dental organization?

If the answer to any question **4 through 12** is **“Yes”**, please enclose a letter giving the date, jurisdiction, and nature of the charges and judgment, as well as the action taken.

## DENTAL PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY QUESTIONNAIRE *(Continued)*

13. Yes  No  Has any individual provider in the group ever had treatment, or is presently undergoing treatment, or ever been recommended for treatment for narcotics, sedatives, or other drug dependencies or addictions?
14. Yes  No  Has any individual provider in the group ever had treatment, or is presently undergoing treatment, or ever been recommended for treatment for alcohol abuse or addiction?
15. Yes  No  Has any individual provider in the group ever had treatment, or is presently undergoing treatment, or ever been recommended for treatment for psychiatric therapy for emotional illness?
16. Yes  No  Are the individual providers in the group aware or been advised that they have any temporary or permanent physical or mental condition or impairment which, by its nature or because of its treatment, might interfere with their ability to practice their profession with reasonable skill and safety?

If the answer to any question **13 through 16 is "Yes"**, please enclose a letter giving details of your use, condition, or addiction and include the name and address of the treating professional and/or institution.



# PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY INFORMATION

Provider Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Tax ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_

NPI Number: \_\_\_\_\_

For each malpractice action/case that the provider has been involved in during the past ten years, please print or type in detail the answers to each of the following questions. If more than one action/case exists, please copy this sheet for a separate response for each action/case. **Full disclosure of the information requested below is necessary for completion of the credentialing process.** All information will be kept confidential.

Date of Occurrence: \_\_\_\_\_

Carrier Involved: \_\_\_\_\_

### What is the status of the case?

- Pending       Settled Out of Court       Found for Plaintiff  
 Dropped       Dismissed       Found for Defendant

### If damages were paid, either by settlement or court award, what was the amount?

Paid on provider's behalf: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Paid by all parties: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### What is/was provider's status?

- Primary Defendant       Co-Defendant       Other

### In the space below (attach additional pages if needed), provide detailed information of the following:

A. What was the alleged harm to the patient?

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B. What was provider alleged to have done incorrectly or failed to have done correctly?

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C. Provide any other details pertinent to the action/case.

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D. Identify any other parties who are named in the action/case.

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E. Provide the name and Phone number of the attorney who represented the provider in the action/case.

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Provider Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Group Credentialing/Attestation Form

I hereby certify and warrant to PEHP that the group has a credentialing and recredentialing process for the individual participating provider that complies with the National Council on Quality Assurance (“NCQA”) standards.

I further certify and warrant to PEHP that the information contained in the foregoing application is accurate and true and that I fully understand that any misstatement or omissions in this application will constitute cause for denial of the application for participation or termination of the provider agreement.

I further understand and agree that PEHP’s acceptance of this application does not constitute acceptance as a participating provider until provider receives both written notice of approval of the application and PEHP’s acceptance letter.

Print Name and Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# ELECTRONIC DATA INTERCHANGE (EDI) INFORMATION FOR ALL PROVIDERS

All providers are required to submit claims electronically. PEHP currently accepts claims through the Utah Health Information Network (UHIN); through a number of clearinghouses that submit through UHIN; or providers can set up and submit individual claims through the PEHP Provider Portal.

## **Providers who wish to submit claims themselves and not through a clearinghouse:**

- Providers will need to contact UHIN and establish a Trading Partner Number. The Trading Partner Number will be used for all payers that accept claims through UHIN. To enroll with UHIN please call **801-466-7705**.
- Once the Trading Partner Number has been established, please contact the EDI department at PEHP, **801-366-7544 or 800-753-7818**, to arrange testing. We will need your Trading Partner Number, tax ID, contact name, phone number and NPI.

## **Adding a New Provider to a Practice:**

When a new provider is added to the practice, please contact the EDI Department to add the new provider to the correct trading partner to avoid claim rejections. Please contact the EDI department by phone, **801-366-7544 or 800-753-7818** or E-Mail [edi.helpdesk@pehp.org](mailto:edi.helpdesk@pehp.org). They will need to know the Trading Partner Number as well as the provider's NPI.

## **PEHP currently supports the following transactions:**

- **Health Care Claim:** PEHP accepts Dental, Professional, and Institutional claims. PEHP will return a Functional Acknowledgement (997) report and a Front-End Acknowledgement (277fe) report.
- **Health Care Eligibility and Benefit Inquiry:** Real time or batch eligibility and benefit requests. Currently available through the UHINT tool, may also be available through your practice management system.
- **Health Care Claims Status Inquiry:** Real time or batch status reports on claims that were previously submitted. Currently available through the UHINT tool, may also be available through your practice management system.
- **Health Care Claim Payment and Remittance Advice:** Providers will have the option of receiving an Electronic Provider Remittance (835) or printing a paper remittance from our website. Either option allows provider to sign up for Electronic Funds Transfer.

## **Electronic Funds Transfer:**

PEHP will send an electronic provider remittance to the provider and send the funds to the provider's bank. Providers will also have the option of viewing their remittance on the PEHP website. Only providers who receive electronic remittance are eligible for electronic funds transfer.

# PUBLIC EMPLOYEES DENTAL GROUP PROVIDER AGREEMENT

THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES MEDICAL PROVIDER AGREEMENT is entered into as of \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_ between PUBLIC EMPLOYEES HEALTH PROGRAM, herein after PEHP, a program of the Utah State Retirement Board, an independent state agency and \_\_\_\_\_ herein after "PROVIDER".

## RECITALS

**WHEREAS**, PEHP desires to provide a convenient system to expedite the Payment for dental services and eliminate the necessity for Members being involved in a claims process; and

**WHEREAS**, PEHP desires to contract with PROVIDER who has demonstrated and will continue to demonstrate effective and cost-efficient billing and utilization patterns; and

**WHEREAS**, PEHP desires to provide access to quality care for Members of PEHP by selecting PROVIDER according to accepted professional standards and allowing PROVIDER the widest possible latitude to make appropriate dental decisions; and

**WHEREAS**, PROVIDER desires to expedite the billing process to receive prompt Payment for services rendered to Members of PEHP; and

**WHEREAS**, PROVIDER desires to be designated as a "Participating Provider" to Members.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, PEHP and PROVIDER agree as follows:"

## SECTION 1 DEFINITIONS AND STANDARDS

- 1.1 **ALLOWABLE DENTAL EXPENSE**. Any necessary, reasonable and customary expense covered by the Plan(s).
- 1.2 **COORDINATION OF BENEFITS**. PEHP's group Plans contain a non-profit provision to coordinate with other group plans under which a Member is covered so that the total benefits available will not exceed 100% of the Allowable Dental Expenses.
- 1.3 **COPAYMENT**. The portion of the cost of Covered Services that a Member is obligated to pay under the Plan(s), including deductibles, coinsurance, and Copayments. A Copayment may be either a fixed dollar amount or a percentage of the Allowable Dental Expense. The payment by a Member for non-Covered Services is not considered a Copayment and, therefore, does not apply to yearly out-of-pocket limits.
- 1.4 **COVERED SERVICES**. Health care services and supplies as defined under PEHP's Master Policy that are eligible for reimbursement or Payment under a Plan. PEHP'S Master Policy can be obtained online at [www.pehp.org](http://www.pehp.org).

- 1.5 **DENTAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**. A committee which may consist of PEHP's Dental Consultant, Claims Managers, Claims Supervisors or other appropriate PEHP personnel. Based on established criteria, this committee has the authority to review, and approve or deny claims for Covered Services.
- 1.6 **ELECTRONIC TRADING PARTNER AGREEMENT**. An agreement in relation to the interchange of data by use of the PEHP Provider website.
- 1.7 **ELIGIBILITY**. Verification by PEHP that the individual is qualified to receive Covered Services and is recognized by PEHP as a Member.
- 1.8 **FEE SCHEDULE(S)**. A schedule of allowable fees established by PEHP and accepted by PROVIDER.
- 1.9 **MASTER POLICY(IES)**. A complete and detailed overview of the benefits for the various PEHP Dental Plans.
- 1.10 **MEDICALLY NECESSARY**. Any dental care services, supplies, or treatments that a prudent dentist would provide for the purpose of preventing, diagnosing or treating an illness, injury, disease or its symptoms in a manner that is (i) in accordance with generally accepted standards of dental practice; (ii) clinically appropriate in terms of type, frequency, extent, site and duration; and (iii) not primarily for the convenience of a Member or PROVIDER.
- 1.11 **MEMBER(S)**. A person who is eligible to receive Covered Services under a Plan included in this Agreement.
- 1.12 **PARTICIPATING PROVIDER**. A health care provider contracted with PEHP to provide dental services to Member in accordance with the Plan(s).
- 1.13 **PAYMENT**. A monetary amount established in the Fee Schedule(s) that PEHP pays to PROVIDER for Covered Services to Member.
- 1.14 **PLAN(S)**. The dental program(s) administered by PEHP that are covered under this Agreement.
- 1.15 **SUBSCRIBER**. An employee of the State of Utah, its political subdivisions or educational institutions who is eligible for and has elected coverage under the Group Insurance Program of Title 49, Chapter 20, of the Utah Code Annotated.

## **SECTION 2 PROVIDER RESPONSIBILITIES**

- 2.1 PROVIDER agrees to render Medically Necessary Covered Services to the Member within the scope of PROVIDER's qualifications and consistent with generally accepted standards of dental practice.
- 2.2 PROVIDER agrees to collect the applicable Copayments and accept as Payment in full the fees set forth in the Fee Schedule(s). Payment may be subject to Coordination of Benefits and Medicare provisions and PROVIDER agrees to follow all Coordination of Benefits and Medicare billing procedures.
- 2.3 PROVIDER agrees not to bill the Member for Covered Services or for any charges not specifically allowed by the Plan(s) for, or related to Covered Services. The types of charges for which PROVIDER cannot bill the Member include but are not limited to, service and interest charges (except those related to the collection of the Copayment or to the collection of charges for non-Covered Services) and/or unjustified after-hours charges. Unjustified after-hours charges are considered charges for those services rendered

during PROVIDER's posted office hours. Notwithstanding the above, PROVIDER may bill the Member for non-Covered Services.

- 2.4 PROVIDER and PEHP agree to make appropriate and good faith adjustments to claims when incorrect Payments are made and/or when additional Payments may be appropriate. PROVIDER and PEHP further agree that they are entitled to adjustments for up to twelve (12) months following the adjudication of a claim. For claims involving Coordination of Benefits, PROVIDER and PEHP are entitled to adjustments for up to fifteen (15) months following the adjudication of such claims. PROVIDER shall be given written notification of any overpayment adjustments. PEHP shall not offset overpayment amounts against any current or future payments unless PROVIDER has not refunded the overpayment within thirty(30) days of the notification.
- 2.5 PROVIDER agrees to submit all claims (including secondary claims under Coordination of Benefits) for the Member either by electronic data interchange or by mail on a current American Dental Association Dental Claim Form. PROVIDER agrees to accept Payment for all claims via Electronic Funds Transfer. PROVIDER must comply with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) standards as indicated in the Federal Register for electronic submission of claims. Claims which are mailed are to be sent directly to:
- Public Employees Health Program**  
**560 South 200 East**  
**Salt Lake City, Utah 84102-2004**
- 2.6 When submitting claim forms for the Member, PROVIDER agrees to use appropriate procedure and diagnostic codes that most closely identify services rendered to the Member, as defined by the standards of the American Dental Association (ADA) Current Terminology guidelines, or as indicated on Attachment I. PROVIDER agrees to refrain from using any coding scheme or fragmentation that would tend to increase the amount of reimbursement beyond PEHP's Allowable Dental Expense. At the sole discretion of PEHP, any improper, illegal, unprofessional or inflationary coding which misrepresents, distorts, falsely reflects or adversely increases the benefits, may result in termination of this Agreement.
- 2.7 PROVIDER agrees to maintain dental records of the Member and preserve them for such time periods as are required by applicable law, regulations, and practices. Such dental records shall be treated as confidential so as to comply with all state and federal laws and regulations regarding the confidentiality of patient records. PROVIDER, upon request, shall release such records to PEHP, subject to such confidentiality requirements.
- 2.8 PROVIDER agrees that during PROVIDER's regular business hours and upon request, PEHP or PEHP's designated representative(s) shall have access to inspect, review and obtain copies of such records (Section 2.7). When records are requested by PEHP in an on-site audit, PROVIDER shall produce copies of any such records for which PEHP shall reimburse PROVIDER no more than 10¢ per page, not to exceed \$20. However, in no event shall PEHP reimburse PROVIDER for copying records which are requested for Payment of a claim.
- 2.9 PROVIDER agrees that during regular business hours and upon reasonable notice, PEHP shall be permitted to conduct on-site evaluations and inspections of PROVIDER's place of business and/or service locations.
- 2.10 In performing the services herein specified, PROVIDER is acting as an independent contractor and shall not be considered as an agent or employee of PEHP. It is agreed and acknowledged by the parties that, as an independent contractor, PROVIDER retains sole and absolute discretion and judgment in the manner

and means of providing dental services here under. In no event shall this Agreement be construed as establishing a partnership or joint venture or similar relationship between the parties hereto, and nothing herein contained shall be construed to authorize either party to act as agent for the other. PROVIDER shall be liable for PROVIDER's own debt, obligations, acts and omissions, including the payment of all required withholding, social security and other taxes and benefits due in connection with any compensation received under this Agreement.

- 2.11 PROVIDER agrees to file a claim for Covered Services directly to PEHP within twelve (12) months from the date of service. PROVIDER further understands and agrees that claims received by PEHP twelve (12) months or more after the date of service are not eligible for Payment and charges for those Covered Services may not be billed to the Member. When PEHP is the secondary payor, it is the Member's responsibility to ensure that the PROVIDER submits claims to PEHP no later than fifteen (15) months from the date of service.
- 2.12 PROVIDER, on his/her own behalf and on behalf of all persons providing dental care of any type (such persons shall be included in the definition of PROVIDER for purposes of these representations and warranties), hereby represents and warrants to PEHP as follows:
- (1) No malpractice actions or pending proceeding shave taken place in the past five (5) years, which involve PROVIDER and have not been disclosed to PEHP;
  - (2) No malpractice settlements, judgments or arbitration proceedings have taken place in the past five (5) years, which involve PROVIDER and have not been disclosed to PEHP;
  - (3) No revocation or suspension of PROVIDER's license have taken place, which has not been disclosed to PEHP;
  - (4) No suspension of PROVIDER's Medicaid privileges has taken place, which has not been disclosed to PEHP;
  - (5) PROVIDER's professional liability insurance has not been canceled in the past five (5) years;
  - (6) PROVIDER has not been the subject of any state, federal or other jurisdictional licensing investigations or actions that have not been disclosed to PEHP;
  - (7) PROVIDER has not been convicted of any felony or misdemeanor involving moral or ethical turpitude;
  - (8) PROVIDER holds a current Drug Enforcement Agency Narcotic Registration Certificate, where applicable;
  - (9) No revocation, restriction or suspension of PROVIDER's Drug Enforcement Agency Narcotic Registration Certificate has taken place that has not been disclosed to PEHP.

Provider's failure to notify PEHP of any of the above may, at PEHP's sole discretion, result in the termination of this Agreement or the termination of the PROVIDER. If PEHP determines in good faith that the health, safety or welfare of PEHP's Members would be jeopardized by the continuation of the PROVIDER, PEHP may immediately terminate PROVIDER from this Agreement, or at PEHP's option, suspend PROVIDER from this Agreement until PEHP is satisfied that PROVIDER has remedied the situation.

- 2.13 If, during the period of this Agreement, there are changes in the status of any of the warranties listed in Section 2.14, PROVIDER agrees to immediately notify PEHP.
- 2.14 PROVIDER agrees to carry general and professional liability insurance at PROVIDER's expense in an amount of not less than one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) per occurrence with a three hundred thousand dollar (\$300,000) aggregate per year. PROVIDER shall allow PEHP access to insurance carrier

data and information on PROVIDER's dental malpractice history including the number, type, nature and disposition of claims filed against PROVIDER. If PROVIDER is or becomes uninsured at any time during the period of this Agreement, PROVIDER shall immediately inform PEHP, in writing, of this fact. Failure to maintain the required insurance amounts under this provision shall result in termination of this Agreement.

- 2.15 PROVIDER agrees to be solely liable for any and all malpractice or professional negligence actions based on PROVIDER's acts or omissions.
- 2.16 PROVIDER acknowledges this Agreement pertains to PROVIDER's services only and may not be sold, transferred, extended to, assigned, or delegated by PROVIDER without prior written consent.
- 2.17 This Agreement supersedes any prior or contemporaneous agreement entered into between PROVIDER and PEHP.
- 2.18 PROVIDER acknowledges that PROVIDER has a credentialing and recredentialing process for the individual Participating Providers that complies with the following standards:
- 1) Individual Provider will maintain a current license to practice in the State of Utah.
  - 2) Individual Provider will maintain a current Drug Enforcement Agency Narcotic Registration Certificate.
  - 3) Individual Provider has graduated from dental school and completed specialty training, as applicable.
  - 4) Individual Provider or PROVIDER has current, adequate professional liability insurance according to Section 2.14.
  - 5) PROVIDER will maintain history of professional liability claims which result in settlements or judgments paid by PROVIDER.
- 2.18.1 If an existing individual Provider is found to be in violation of aforementioned standards, PROVIDER shall notify PEHP of such violation in writing within fifteen business days. At the sole discretion of PEHP, the individual Participating Provider may be suspended from PEHP's panel upon notification, and shall not be reinstated until PEHP receives written verification from PROVIDER that the violation has been corrected. Any liability arising out of any failure to discover and/or disclose violations shall be the sole responsibility of PROVIDER.
- 2.18.2 PROVIDER shall maintain all records necessary for PEHP to monitor the effectiveness and compliance of the credentialing and recredentialing processes. During regular business hours and upon reasonable notice, PEHP or PEHP's representative shall have the right to audit and/or review all such records.
- 2.18.3 If PEHP discovers compliance problems or has concerns about the credentialing or recredentialing process, PEHP shall make such issues known to PROVIDER and the parties shall agree to discuss and use reasonable efforts to resolve such issues.
- 2.18.4 PEHP shall have the right, upon thirty (30) days written notice to PROVIDER, to revoke and assume responsibility for some or all of the credentialing or recredentialing process delegated to PROVIDER.
- 2.18.5 PROVIDER agrees to notify PEHP within fifteen (15) days of any additions or deletions of individual Participating Providers.

\_\_\_\_\_ **(The foregoing initials reflect acknowledgment of 2.18.)**  
**(Initials)**

- 2.19 Participating Provider status will not be guaranteed if PROVIDER changes geographical location(s). PROVIDER may need to reapply for continued participation with PEHP.



**SECTION 3**  
**PEHP RESPONSIBILITIES**

- 3.1 PEHP hereby agrees to adjudicate claims from PROVIDER within forty-five (45) days based on receipt of all pertinent, applicable and necessary documents for review and explanation.
- 3.2 PEHP shall perform administrative responsibilities, benefit Payment operations, accounting functions and other related functions necessary to implement and operate the Plan(s) in the most cost-effective and efficient manner.
- 3.3 PEHP shall, upon request of PROVIDER, verify and provide Member Eligibility and Plan coverage. Such verification maybe relied upon by the PROVIDER except in the case of fraud or abuse of benefits by the Member.
- 3.4 PEHP shall update and provide Members with current informational and educational materials related to benefits, provider panels and other pertinent information.
- 3.5 Requests for additional benefits or adjustments for previously processed (paid or rejected) claims must be presented in writing to the Dental Review Committee within 180 days of adjudication of claim. All requests should include documentation supporting the request for reconsideration. Any further disputes can be addressed through PEHP's Appeal Process.

**SECTION 4**  
**TERM and TERMINATION**

- 4.1 **TERM.** Performance obligations assumed under this Agreement shall commence on the date first written above and shall continue until otherwise terminated as provided herein.
- 4.2 **IMMEDIATE TERMINATION.** PROVIDER shall be automatically terminated if any license or certificate, which is required to be maintained, is revoked, suspended, or placed on probation, including any stay of execution of the revocation or suspension.
- 4.3 **TERMINATION.** Either party shall have the right to terminate this Agreement without cause upon thirty (30) days, advance written notice by certified mail.

**SECTION 5**  
**GENERAL PROVISIONS**

- 5.1 **AMENDMENT OF TERMS.** This Agreement may be amended by PEHP upon giving thirty (30) days written notification of such proposed amendment. The continued participation in the Plan(s) by PROVIDER without written objection within the thirty (30) day period shall constitute PROVIDER's approval.
- 5.2 **DISPUTE RESOLUTION.** PROVIDER and PEHP agree to make reasonable efforts to resolve controversies that might arise under this Agreement. If there is a dispute between the parties to this Agreement, the parties agree to be subject to Utah Code Ann. §49-11-613 and §63-46b-1 et. seq., the Utah Administrative Procedures Act.
- 5.3 **GOVERNING LAW.** This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Utah, without application of any principles of choice of laws.
- 5.4 **NOTICES.** All notices and other communications required to be in writing shall be deemed to have been given either at the time of delivery if delivered personally or by an independent contract carrier; or twenty-four (24) hours after the time of postmark if mailed Express Mail, postage prepaid, return receipt

requested, or three (3) days after the time of postmark if mailed registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested, and in each case addressed as follows:

**PEHP:**                    **560 East 200 South**  
                                 **Salt Lake City, Utah 84102-2004**  
                                 **Attention: Provider Relations**

**PROVIDER:**            \_\_\_\_\_  
                                 \_\_\_\_\_  
                                 \_\_\_\_\_

5.5 **PRIVACY.** PEHP and PROVIDER acknowledge that each is a “covered entity” under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA). Each party represents and warrants to the other that it is or will be in compliance with privacy provisions of HIPAA as found at 45 CFR parts 160 and 164:

Standards for Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information, commonly known as the “Final Privacy Rule”. Each party shall indemnify and hold the other party harmless from any liability, costs, awards, judgments, penalties or fees (including reasonable attorney’s fees) arising out of a breach of its obligations under the Final Privacy Rule or future obligations placed on the parties under HIPAA.

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**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the undersigned have affixed their signatures to this Agreement on their own behalf or on behalf of the party named below pursuant to authority and resolution of its Governing Board. The parties have executed this Agreement to be effective as of the date first written above.

**PROVIDER**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Print Name**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Title**

**PUBLIC EMPLOYEES HEALTH PROGRAM**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Director, Clinical Management**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

**Fill in information below: (Attach additional sheet if necessary.)**

<b>Provider Name/ Degree                      Physical Location(s)                      Telephone #                      Fax #                      E-mail Address</b>	<b>Billing Office Name                      Billing Address                      Telephone #                      Fax #                      E-mail Address</b>	<b>Tax Identification #                      Tax Name                      National Provider Identifier                      (NPI)</b>	<b>Specialty Type                      and DEA #</b>

**ATTACHMENT I**  
**PEHP ELECTRONIC TRADING PARTNER AGREEMENT (EPTA)**

The provisions of this Agreement are intended to govern the rules of conduct and methods of operation between the Public Employees Health Program (herein after referred to as PEHP) and PROVIDER who has entered in to an independent contractor arrangement with PEHP, in relation to the interchange of data by use of the PEHP Provider website.

The PEHP Provider website provides a means by which PROVIDERS may inquire about Plan coverage; Member eligibility, claims inquiry, Payment status, and other information or services that may be added or deleted from time to time (hereinafter referred to as services).

This agreement also takes into account that PEHP, a health plan, and said PROVIDERS are “covered entities” as defined by 45 CFR parts 160 and 164, Standards of Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information, and as such, are individually responsible for compliance with the provisions therein.

Therefore, in consideration of the mutual promises and covenants contained herein, the sufficiency of which is acknowledged, the parties agree as follows:

**1. SERVICES**

1.1 Availability. This Agreement applies to the services described, as modified and supplemented from time to time. Unless otherwise indicated in the related description, the PEHP Provider website is available to PROVIDERS twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week. PEHP may temporarily suspend access and services at its discretion.

2.1 PROVIDER Responsibility for Use. PROVIDER will use the PEHP Provider website in a manner consistent with applicable laws. PROVIDER is solely responsible for all use of PROVIDER’s PEHP Provider website account and for any violation of the terms of this Agreement by anyone using PROVIDER’s account. For purposes of this Agreement, PROVIDER’s “**use**” (a) means (i) use by PROVIDER’s employees, agents or contractors who have obtained PROVIDER’s signature in their employment or engagement, (ii) use by PROVIDER’s employees, agents or contractors, who following their separation from employment or engagement from PROVIDER were enabled by the use of PROVIDER’s signature obtained in their employment or engagement, (iii) use by any person who obtains PROVIDER’s signature because of PROVIDER’s negligence, and (iv) use by any person who obtains PROVIDER’s signature from any person described in (i), (ii) or (iii) above and (b) specifically excludes the unauthorized use of PROVIDER’s PEHP Provider website account by any person who is not described in (i)–(iv) above or who accesses or uses PROVIDER’s signature without authorization from same.

**3. CONFIDENTIALITY, PRIVACY AND SECURITY**

3.1 Use and Disclosure of Protected Health Information. The following provisions apply specifically to the possession, use and disclosure of Protected Health Information obtained by means of a transaction and is intended to document each party’s assurances that it will appropriately use and safeguard such data.

(a) Definition. “**Protected Health Information**” or “**PHI**” shall have the broadest meaning given under applicable laws and generally refers to individually identifiable health information transmitted or maintained in any form or medium.

(b) Standard. PEHP will not (and will require that its directors, officers, employees, contractors and agents do not) use or disclose PHI obtained from PROVIDER in any manner that would constitute a violation of law if so used or disclosed by PROVIDER. PEHP may use PHI (i) for PEHP’s proper management and administrative services or (ii) to carry out PEHP’s legal responsibilities.

(c) Obligations Regarding PHI. PEHP and PROVIDER each agree, for the benefit of each other and additionally for the benefit of the providers to whom PEHP or PROVIDER maybe a “business associate” under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (“**HIPAA**”) of 1996 and rules or regulations promulgated therein that:

- (i) both parties will not use or further disclose PHI in a manner that would violate the requirements of applicable laws, if so used or disclosed by the originator of the transaction;

- (ii) both parties will not use or further disclose PHI other than (A) as permitted or required by this Agreement or supplemental agreements now or hereafter existing which govern either party's business relationship or arrangement with other providers or (B) as required by law;
- (iii) both parties will implement appropriate safeguards to prevent use or disclosure of PHI, other than as provided by this Agreement (including the security procedures specified in the 45 CFR Parts 160 and 164);
- (iv) both parties will have a written policy to prevent the improper use or disclosure of PHI, including a procedure for notifying appropriate persons of the improper use or disclosure of PHI of which either party becomes aware;
- (v) PROVIDER will promptly report to PEHP (or, in the case of PEHP, to the affected PROVIDER) any instances of which either party becomes aware that the confidentiality of PHI has been breached;
- (vi) PROVIDER will promptly report to PEHP (or, in the case of PEHP, to the affected PROVIDER) any use or disclosure of PHI received or sent in a transaction of which either party becomes aware and which is not provided for by this Agreement;
- (vii) both parties will require that any third party, including agents and contractors agree to the same restrictions and conditions that apply to the PROVIDER with respect to such information, including those in this Section 3.1(c);
- (viii) both parties will make PHI available for amendment, to provide an accounting of disclosures or to comply with other requirements of applicable laws;
- (ix) both parties will make their internal practices, books and records relating to the use and disclosure of PHI available for purposes of determining their compliance with applicable laws pertaining to PHI; and
- (x) at termination of this Agreement, PROVIDER will return or destroy all PHI received in a transaction that is still maintained in any form and will retain no copies of such information or, if such return or destruction is not feasible, extend the protections of this Agreement and this Section 3.1 to the information and limit further use and disclosure to those purposes that make the return or destruction of the information not feasible.

(d) Breach. If PEHP or PROVIDER breaches a material obligation under this Section 3.1, or is in violation of the requirements of applicable laws respecting PHI, the non-breaching party in its sole discretion may take, but is not obligated to take, reasonable steps to cure the breach or terminate this Agreement or, if termination is not feasible, report the breach or violation to the Utah state and federal governmental authorities having jurisdiction.

(e) Incorporation of Additional Requirements: Construction. The requirements of applicable law pertaining to PHI, to the extent not adequately provided for in this Section 3.1 or elsewhere in this Agreement, are hereby incorporated by reference and shall become a part of this Agreement. This Agreement and Section 3.1 shall be construed as broadly as necessary to implement and comply with applicable privacy laws, including HIPAA. Section 3.1 is intended to document the assurances and other requirements respecting the use and disclosure of PHI that must be obtained by "covered entities" from contracting parties who are "business associates" under HIPAA and it will be modified as appropriate from time to time to comply with HIPAA.

3.2 Interception of Transactions. To the maximum extent permitted by law, PEHP is not liable for the interception by improper means or the theft by persons (other than PEHP employees, agents or contractors) of transactions carried on the PEHP Provider website.

3.3 Signatures. Access to the PEHP Provider website and use of services require an electronic identification, which may consist of user names, passwords, symbols or codes ("**signatures**"). PROVIDER SHALL MAINTAIN THE CONFIDENTIALITY AND CONTROL THE USE OF PROVIDER'S SIGNATURE. SUCH SIGNATURES SHALL BE DEEMED "CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION" UNDER SECTION 3.1 OF THIS AGREEMENT.

Recipients of transactions will maintain the confidentiality of the signatures of other Providers affixed to or contained in such transactions.

3.4 Governmental Entities. PROVIDERS that are Utah governmental entities may be subject to the Government Records Access and Management Act (Utah Code Annot. (1953), §§ 63-2-101 *et seq.*, as amended, “GRAMA”). Under GRAMA, certain records within a governmental entity’s possession or control may be subject to public disclosure. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, a PROVIDER that is a Utah governmental entity subject to GRAMA may disclose information to the extent required by GRAMA or as otherwise required by law.

#### **4. AUDIT**

4.1 PEHP will make its practices, books and records (excluding stored transactions, confidential information and PHI) relating to the safeguarding, protection, use and disclosure of PHI and confidential information available on reasonable advance notice for inspection by PROVIDER for purposes of determining compliance with Section 3.1. PEHP will, at the request of PROVIDER, make available an accounting of PEHP’s further disclosures of PHI and confidential information disclosed by PROVIDER. In addition, if PEHP has reasonable cause to believe that PROVIDER use of the PEHP Provider website is not in compliance with this Agreement or 45 CFR Parts 160 & 164, PEHP may audit stored transactions for compliance, *provided that* PEHP first notifies PROVIDER of the audit and gives PROVIDER the opportunity to have a representative present. Any audit shall be conducted so as not to cause the improper disclosure or use of transactions or their content.

#### **5. CONTRACTORS**

5.1 PEHP may perform their obligations under this Agreement directly or through contractors. PEHP shall cause its contractors to comply with the obligations, restrictions and conditions applicable to PEHP regarding the contents of transactions, confidential information, security and privacy contained in Section 3. Notwithstanding that PEHP may contract certain communication and support services, PEHP shall remain primarily responsible for the performance of such services.

#### **6. INTERNET (ISP) ACCESS AND OTHER PROVIDER RESOURCES**

6.1 PROVIDER, at PROVIDER’s own expense, will provide and maintain the hardware, software, equipment and services necessary to effectively and reliably access the PEHP Provider website. PROVIDER will also format, transmit and receive transactions complying with the standards and use of other services. An Internet service provider and Internet browser that support the use of 128 byte SSL encryption is necessary. The PROVIDER’s web browser must be enabled to accept “cookies”.

#### **7. COMPLIANCE WITH LAW**

7.1 Generally. PEHP and PROVIDER will each comply with laws applicable to this Agreement to the use of the PEHP Provider website, other services and the content of transactions. This Agreement will be interpreted, to the maximum extent possible, so as to be consistent with such laws.

7.2 No Agency. PEHP provides specific PEHP Provider services to PROVIDERS, but does not act for PROVIDERS as a general matter. PEHP is not responsible for the content of transactions.

#### **8. STORAGE AND RETENTION**

8.1 PROVIDER is solely responsible for providing and maintaining data backup and retention adequate for PROVIDER’s needs, for maintaining adequate source records (which may be electronic) relating to transactions and for complying with applicable law relating to the storage, maintenance and retention of such record.

#### **9. LIMITED WARRANTY; DISCLAIMERS**

9.1 PEHP warrants that it will use its best efforts to correctly provide services of the PEHP Provider website in a timely manner. PEHP MAKES NO OTHER WARRANTIES, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY AND FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE REGARDING THE SERVICES OR RESOURCES PROVIDED BY IT OR THE USE OF SERVICES NOT COMPLYING WITH APPLICABLE LAW. PEHP DISCLAIMS LIABILITY (RELATING TO PEHP’S OR PROVIDER’S CONNECTION TO THE INTERNET OR THE INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDER) FOR THE FAILURE OF PROVIDERS TO COMPLY WITH THIS AGREEMENT (INCLUDING ANY FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH APPLICABLE LAWS, RULES OR

REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE SECURITY OR PRIVACY OF PHI OR FOR THE CONTENT AND USE OF SAID SERVICES). PEHP DOES NOT WARRANT UNINTERRUPTED OR ERROR-FREE OPERATION, COMPATIBILITY WITH ANY PARTICULAR HARDWARE OR SOFTWARE, OR INTER-CONNECTIBILITY WITH OTHER NETWORKS OR SERVICES.

## **10. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY**

10.1 Regardless of whether any remedy set forth herein fails in its essential purpose or otherwise, neither PROVIDER nor PEHP will be liable to the other for lost profits or data, or any special, incidental, indirect, exemplary or consequential damages arising from, or as a result of, any delay, omission or error in the transmission or receipt of any transactions or use of other services or other claims arising out of this Agreement, even if advised in advance of the possibility of such damages.

## **11. INDEMNIFICATION**

11.1 By PEHP. PEHP will defend PROVIDER against claims that the use of services by PROVIDER infringes on any patents, copyrights or trademarks or that the use of services is a misappropriation of trade secrets, and will pay (a) all costs, damages and attorney's fees finally awarded against PROVIDER as a result of such claims and (b) any settlement of such claims, provided that PROVIDER notifies PEHP in writing promptly upon discovery of such claims and fully cooperates giving PEHP complete authority and control in the defense and settlement of such claims. PEHP will have no liability or obligation for claims based on (i) use of services not in compliance with applicable standards or (ii) the content of transaction. THIS SECTION 11.1 STATES PEHP'S ENTIRE OBLIGATION FOR BREACH OF THE FOREGOING NON-INFRINGEMENT WARRANTY.

11.2 By PROVIDER. Except for claims arising out of PEHP's breach of this Agreement or PEHP's negligent acts, omissions or willful misconduct, PROVIDER agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless PEHP, its employees, directors, agents and contractors for, from, and against all damages and costs, including reasonable attorneys fees, that result from (i) the claims of third parties arising out of (a) PROVIDER's use of the PEHP Provider website and services, including PROVIDER's connection to the Internet or (b) the content and use of the PEHP Provider website by PROVIDER, (ii) the Payment of health insurance claims and (iii) the compliance by PROVIDER with applicable laws (including those relating to the security and privacy of PHI), provided that PEHP notifies PROVIDER in writing promptly upon discovery of any such third party claims and fully cooperates giving PROVIDER complete authority and control in the defense and settlement of such claims. For purposes of this Section 11.2, PROVIDER's "**use**" of the PEHP Provider website and services (a) means (i) use by PROVIDER's employees, agents or contractors who have obtained PROVIDER's signature in their employment or engagement, (ii) use by PROVIDER's employees, agents and contractors who following their separation from employment or engagement by PROVIDER were enabled by the use of PROVIDER's signature obtained in their employment or engagement, (iii) use by any person who obtains PROVIDER's signature because of PROVIDER's negligence, and (iv) use by any person who obtains PROVIDER's signature from any person described in (i), (ii) or (iii) above and (b) specifically excludes the unauthorized use of PROVIDER's PEHP website account by any person who is not described in (i) - (iv) above or who accesses or uses PROVIDER's signature without authorization from same.

## **12. LIMITATION OF ACTION**

12.1 No action, regardless of form, arising out of this Agreement may be brought by either party more than two years after the cause of action has arisen, or in the area of nonpayment, more than two years from the date of last Payment.

## **13. TERMINATION**

13.1 By Either Party. This Agreement will remain in effect until terminated by either party with not less than thirty (30) days prior notice to the other party.

13.2 By PEHP for Cause. PEHP may terminate this Agreement (a) if PROVIDER fails to comply with any of its material terms or conditions, and fails to cure such non-compliance within thirty (30) days of notice, or (b) if PROVIDER uses or attempts to use the PEHP Provider website services for any fraudulent or illegal purpose

or (c) fails to comply with the standards of 45 CFR Parts 160 & 164 and fails to cure such non-compliance within thirty (30) days of notice. PEHP may immediately suspend PROVIDER's access to the PEHP Provider website and services, with or without terminating this Agreement, (i) if PROVIDER uses or attempts to use the PEHP Provider website or services for any fraudulent or illegal purpose or (ii) PROVIDER fails to comply with 45 CFR Parts 160 & 164.

13.3 Obligations on Termination. Upon termination for areas on other than stated in Section 13.2 (i) and (ii), PEHP and PROVIDER will agree on a reasonable time, not to exceed thirty (30) days, within which PROVIDER may pursue alternatives to the services. During this time period, PROVIDER may continue to use the PEHP Provider website and services in accordance with this Agreement, and the parties shall be subject to this Agreement for such time period. The effective date of termination will be the date on which PROVIDER ceases to use the PEHP Provider website and services or thirty (30) days following notice of termination, whichever first occurs. PROVIDER will, within thirty (30) days of the effective date of termination, turnover to PEHP or, if agreed by PEHP, certify the destruction of all property belonging to or provided by PEHP.

#### **14. MODIFICATION**

14.1 The terms and conditions of this Agreement cannot be modified or waived except (a) by a writing signed by the parties hereto or (b) by PEHP giving PROVIDER thirty (30) days advance written notice of changes, in which case PROVIDER's use of services after the thirty (30) day notice period will constitute PROVIDER's acceptance of the modification or waiver stated in the notice.

#### **15. APPEALS**

15.1 Any action arising out of this Agreement shall be a legal right under Title 49 of the Utah Code Annotated and such action shall be subject to the appeals procedure as set forth in Utah Code Annotated Section 49-11-613.

#### **16. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

16.1 Assignment. Neither PEHP nor PROVIDER may transfer or assign its rights or obligations under this Agreement without the prior written consent of the other, except for a transfer or assignment to a parent, a subsidiary, an affiliate, an entity with which it is merged or consolidated, or the purchaser of all or substantially all of its assets, provided such transferee assumes all its obligations under this Agreement.

16.2 Attorney's Fees. The prevailing party in any legal action concerning this Agreement is entitled to recover its reasonable attorney's fees and costs following a final judgment.

16.3 Construction; Severability. To the maximum extent possible, this Agreement and its provisions will be interpreted consistently with applicable law. Any provision of this Agreement that is determined to be invalid or unenforceable will be ineffective to the extent of such determination without invalidating the remaining provisions of this Agreement or affecting the validity or enforceability of such remaining provisions. The words "law" or "laws" shall have the broadest meaning in the context used, and will generally refer to Utah state and federal laws, rules and regulations.

16.4 Entire Agreement. This Agreement contains the parties' entire agreement respecting the subject matter hereof, supersedes and replaces all prior agreements between PEHP and PROVIDER pertaining to the provision of services, and may be modified only as provided herein or by a signed written document. THIS AGREEMENT MAY NOT BE CONTRADICTED BY EVIDENCE OF ANY ALLEGED ORAL AGREEMENT. ALL PRIOR ORAL DISCUSSIONS ARE MERGED IN THIS AGREEMENT. No course of dealing or failure or delay in exercising any right, privilege, remedy or option will operate as a waiver of any right, privilege, remedy or option under this Agreement.

16.5 Excusable Delays. No party will be liable for any failure to perform its obligations hereunder, where such failure results from any act of God or other cause beyond such party's reasonable control (including, without limitation, any mechanical, electronic or communications failure).

16.6 Governing Law. This Agreement is governed by the laws of Utah, excluding laws pertaining to choice of law.



16.7 Headings. Section headings are for convenience and will not affect the construction or interpretation of any provisions of this Agreement.

16.8 Notice. All notices hereunder will be by e-mail (excluding notices under Sections 3.1(c), 3.1(d), 13, 14 and 16) or in writing sent by United States certified mail, postage prepaid, to the address of the other party which is set forth in this Agreement, or to such other addresses as the party will designate in writing. Any notice will be deemed to be effective upon delivery. Notice may be waived by mutual written consent of the parties.

16.9 Ownership. PROVIDER has no rights of ownership or other property rights in any standards, services or other materials furnished by PEHP in connection with this Agreement.

16.10 Survival. The provisions of Sections 3, 7.2, 9, 10, 11, 15 and 16 will survive the termination of this Agreement.

16.11 Third Party Rights. Nothing in this Agreement is intended to confer any rights or remedies on any persons other than the parties hereto and their respective successors and assigns, nor is anything in this Agreement intended to relieve or discharge the obligation or liability of any third parties to any party to this Agreement, nor will any provision give any third party any right of subrogation or action against any party to this Agreement.

**EXECUTED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

**PROVIDER**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name (if applicable attach group roster)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Tax Identification Number(s) (TIN) (If applicable, list multiple TIN's)

\_\_\_\_\_  
NPI

\_\_\_\_\_  
Provider Signature

**PUBLIC EMPLOYEES HEALTH PROGRAM**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Director, Clinical Management

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date