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Dear Legislators,

Pursuant to MN Statutes Section 62V.05, subdivision 7, please find the copies of interagency agreements MNsure has executed with the Department of Human Services, Department of Commerce, MN.IT Services and the Department of Health. Each agreement specifies the duration of the agreement, the purpose of the agreement, and the terms of the agreement.

Please direct any questions you might have to Anna Burke, government affairs manager, at 651.539.1332 or [Anna.T.Burke@state.mn.us](mailto:Anna.T.Burke@state.mn.us).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nathan".

Nathan Clark  
Chief Executive Officer



Minnesota Management and Budget (MMB)

FY 2020 Transfers

October 15, 2020

TRANSFER FROM					TRANSFER TO					Purpose of Transfer	Legal Authority for Transfer
Transfer Out Agency	Transfer Out Fund Name	Transfer Out AppropID	Transfer Out AppropID Name	Transfer Out Amt	Transfer In Agency	Transfer In Fund Name	Transfer In AppropID	Transfer In AppropID Name	Transfer In Amount		
MMB	General Fund	H601550	MNsure Gen Fund Approp 2020	(8,000,000)	MNsure	MN Health Insurance	H601500	MNsure Enterprise Fund Approp	8,000,000	To process a general fund appropriation transfer to MNsure Enterprise Fund designated in legal citation 191 009 14 010.	191 009 14 010
<b>TOTAL</b>				(8,000,000)					8,000,000		

**MNsure**

FY 2021 Interagency Agreements and Service Level Agreements

March 15, 2021

Agency	Amount	Legal Authority	Purpose	Effective Date	Duration
MNIT Services	\$ 789,756	M.S. 16E.016, 62V.05	MNIT provides enterprise IT services to MNsure. *reflects amount paid to date in FY21	7/1/2019	ongoing
MNsure	\$ 24,060,000	Public Law 89-97 Title XIX	DHS contracts with MNsure for MNsure participation in the administration of the MN State Plan	12/10/2019	9/30/2021
DHS	\$ 20,261,210	M.S. 62V.05, 471.59	MNsure contracts with DHS to provide services as described in the IAA	9/30/2019	9/30/2021
Commerce, MDH	\$ -	M.S. 62V.05, 471.59	Agreement detailing the process for QHP and QDP certification for plans sold on the Exchange	4/25/2013	ongoing
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 45,110,966</b>				



# Comprehensive IT Service Level Agreement

in direct support of

MNsure Business Operations

10/26/2018

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# Service Agreement – General Terms

## Introduction

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The purpose of this Service Level Agreement (SLA) is to provide a basis for close cooperation between Minnesota IT Services (MNIT) and agencies, boards, and councils (Agency) and for support services to be provided by MNIT to the Agency, thereby ensuring that IT services are timely, cost effective, and efficient for the Agency.

The complete agreement consists of three parts:

1. Service Agreement: General Terms
2. Service Agreement: Projects and Services
3. Service Agreement: Performance Metrics

The primary objective of this SLA is to define the service delivery items that will govern the relationship between MNIT and the Agency. This SLA documents the required business-facing information technology (IT) services that support the existing Agency business processes at the existing service levels.

This SLA, and all supporting documents which are incorporated herein by reference, supersedes in its entirety any previous service level agreements between MNIT and the Agency, or any other similar agreements relating to Laws of Minnesota 2011, First Special Session chapter 10, article 4 (the IT Consolidation Act). This SLA is authorized by and implements the requirements set forth in the IT Consolidation Act.

For purposes of this SLA, “information technology” (IT) is defined as the acquisition, storage, communication, and processing of information by computers, telecommunications, applications and other software. This includes, but is not limited to: business data, voice, images, and video. IT provides an agency with business process automation, productivity tools and information delivery services to help execute the business strategy. Specific components of IT include, but are not limited to, enterprise-wide and agency-specific applications (business application software and related technical support services), system software, networks, databases, telecommunications, data centers, mainframes, servers, desktops, laptops/mobile computing devices, output devices such as printers, electronic mail, office systems, reporting, and other standard software tools, help desk, upgrades, security and IT service continuity, and maintenance and support of these systems.

The success of this SLA and the cooperative relationship created is dependent on each party understanding and fulfilling their responsibilities and generating an environment conducive to the achievement and maintenance of targeted service levels.

## Objectives

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- To create an environment that is conducive to a cooperative relationship between MNIT and the Agency to ensure the effective support of the Agency as it conducts its business.
- To document the roles and responsibilities of all parties taking part in the SLA.
- To ensure that the Agency receives the provision of agreed upon service levels with the support of MNIT.
- To define the services to be delivered by MNIT and the level of expected service and anticipated costs that can be expected by the Agency, thereby reducing the possibility for misunderstandings.
- To provide a common understanding of service requirements or capabilities and service levels and objectives.
- To provide a single, easily referenced document that addresses the objectives as listed above.

## Review Process

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This SLA will be reviewed by MNIT and the Agency no less frequently than every two years. MNIT and the Agency will maintain regular dialog and use the SLA as a basis for cooperation between the two entities in order to ensure that the Agency is receiving the services it needs.

## Common Partnership

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MNIT and the Agency will work collaboratively to meet the State's strategic direction and business needs and will establish a cooperative relationship to achieve efficiencies and improve the delivery of technology services.

MNIT and the Agency agree to all terms in this Agreement, including as follows:

- In conjunction with state agencies and other stakeholders, MNIT will establish and maintain a formal governance process that includes agency business participation and incorporates agency business requirements into overall IT strategy and direction.

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- MNIT's oversight authority includes, but is not limited to, IT planning activities, IT budget management, IT purchasing, IT policy development and implementation, and direction of MNIT employees. MNIT's oversight authority does not extend to the non-IT portions of the Agency's business operations, plans or needs.
  - MNIT provides enterprise IT services to all state agencies, boards, and councils as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 16E. MNIT assigns a Chief Business Technology Officer (CBTO) to work with agencies, boards, and councils to deliver and sustain agency-specific solutions to meet their unique mission system and application requirements.

## MNIT Roles and Responsibilities

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MNIT will work with the Agency to ensure the best interest of the state and the Agency it supports.

MNIT has the responsibility to:

- Coordinate, develop, communicate, and manage all IT strategic planning and establish the state's IT direction in the form of policies, standards, guidelines and directives.
- Collaborate with agencies to develop and determine delivery strategies for all executive branch state agency IT activity and services consistent with the IT Governance Framework.
- Manage IT resource deployment at the executive branch level based on strategic planning, service delivery strategies, Agency and executive branch business needs, and legal requirements pertaining to IT resources and IT resource funding.
- Manage all IT employees. All IT employees are MNIT employees and report up through the MNIT Commissioner.
- Perform human resources services for MNIT employees. MNIT Human Resources (HR) has authority with regard to IT-related employment including, but not limited to, transactions, classification, compensation, staffing (including hiring and termination), labor relations, unemployment, workforce planning, recruitment, training, safety and investigations.
- Work with agencies to support development of legislative initiatives related to IT.
- Determine responsibility, role and compensation for the Agency-based CBTO. Create a position description, complete performance appraisals of the Agency-based CBTO, and implement performance-related measures, including performance management.



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- Implement and maintain appropriate IT internal controls for all IT-related business needs. Additionally, set information security policies and standards, and oversee the security of the state's executive branch information and telecommunications technology systems and services. MNIT will proactively identify and communicate to the Agency any system risks, vulnerabilities, weaknesses, threats or gaps that put the Agency at risk and identify options for change to address the risk, within the parameters and limits of the resources available to MNIT. MNIT is not responsible for maintaining internal controls for Agency non-IT related business.
  - Develop and maintain plans and procedures for the recovery of the state's executive branch critical information and telecommunications technology systems and services in case of system or service interruption or failure. MNIT will collaborate with executive branch state agencies to develop recovery strategies consistent with business priorities and timelines. MNIT will coordinate and communicate response and recovery activities and timelines with executive branch state agencies during a continuity incident, emergency or disaster. MNIT will also collaborate with executive branch state agencies on training, testing and exercise activities to determine and improve the effectiveness of IT continuity plans and procedures.
  - MNIT will collaborate with the Agency to comply with all applicable state and federal laws, rules and regulations that affect all consolidated agencies, boards, and councils. MNIT will work with the Agency to comply with the additional agency-specific legal and/or regulatory, safety and security requirements, and state standards. If the Agency is not currently in compliance, additional resources may be required to bring the Agency into compliance.
  - Provide timely, accurate invoices to the Agency at a level of detail necessary for the Agency to identify the appropriate funding source from which to make payment, and respond to agency billing questions.
  - Provide regular rate and cost information to the Agency sufficient for the Agency to plan, manage, and commit funding for Agency IT services, fiscal operations, and functions related to the CBTO and MNIT employees.

## The Agency Roles and Responsibilities

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The Agency has the responsibility to:

- Ensure the CBTO is in a role within the Agency that directly communicates with the Commissioner, Deputy Commissioner, or equivalent.

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- Include the CBTO as a regular attendee of Agency leadership team meetings to provide IT-related reports and work in partnership to ensure that the MNIT IT strategy supports the business needs of the Agency.
  - Provide feedback to MNIT's Commissioner regarding the performance of the Agency's CBTO as the Agency deems appropriate.
  - Work with MNIT to perform a portion of the other administrative services and partner with MNIT on legislative functions, as needed and agreed upon by the parties to this SLA. (Specific services will be added to the local services section of this document.)
  - Collaborate with MNIT to identify and ensure Agency compliance with all applicable state and federal laws, rules, standards and regulations. If the Agency is not currently in compliance, additional resources may be required to bring the Agency into compliance.
  - Process and pay all invoices to MNIT in a timely manner. The Agency may request a credit or an amendment to a bill if there is an error.
  - Work collaboratively with MNIT and the CBTO to adhere to the policies, processes and procedures for requesting and maintaining IT services and tools, and participate in IT project management methodologies.
  - Collaborate with MNIT on MNIT's Asset Management and Inventory to ensure proper accounting for IT assets at the Agency, in compliance with federal and state statutory and regulatory requirements and policies.
  - Determine and communicate new service requirements to the CBTO based on program needs including, but not limited to, changes in service volumes and IT projects, identifying funds for new services and investments, and initiating a change to this SLA and/or the IT Budget, as prescribed by the SLA and this Section.
  - Unless otherwise approved by MNIT's Commissioner, provide at least 30 days' notice to MNIT of cancellation of projects and termination of services. This is required because MNIT is obligated under labor agreements to provide staff with a 21-day notice of layoffs.
  - Work with its CBTO to provide necessary financial accounting services and purchasing of IT goods and services for the Agency. Provide regular financial reporting sufficient to plan, manage and commit funding for Agency IT services, fiscal operations and functions related to the CBTO and MNIT employees.
  - Develop and maintain a continuity of operations plan and procedures that include the Agency's business priorities, timelines and critical information needs. Collaborate with

MNIT to develop recovery strategies for the critical telecommunications and technology systems and services needed to support business services. Coordinate and communicate response and recovery activities with MNIT during a continuity incident, emergency or disaster. Work jointly with MNIT on training, testing and exercise activities to determine and improve the effectiveness of continuity plans and procedures.

- Provide oversight, leadership, and direction for Agency IT investments and services.

## **The Chief Business Technology Officer Roles and Responsibilities**

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The CBTO represents MNIT at the Agency, oversees all Agency-based MNIT resources and employees, and reports to MNIT. The CBTO is responsible for maintaining a strong and collaborative partnership with the Agency. The CBTO has the authority and responsibility to:

- Hire and manage MNIT employees in coordination with MNIT Human Resources.
- Represent MNIT in communications with Agency leadership regarding the Agency's needs for IT services to support the Agency's unique business operations and priorities.
- Ensure that the Agency is made aware of and implements all MNIT IT policies, standards, guidelines, direction, strategies, procedures and decisions. Where the Agency does not implement the aforementioned, the CBTO will inform the Agency where and how the Agency is assuming risk. The CBTO will work with the Agency to identify and avoid risks that the Agency cannot assume because they would impair other agencies, boards, or councils.
- Report directly to, and be held accountable by MNIT for IT operational direction including, but not limited to, IT-related planning activities, purchasing, security, policy implementation and management of MNIT employees.
- Maintain regular dialog with the Agency's senior leadership to ensure that the SLA performance expectations reflect the current Agency needs and that the Agency is receiving the services it needs.
- Manage within the Agency-approved IT Budget, including determining service delivery strategies in consultation with the Agency. Work with Agency to ensure shared understanding of MNIT financial accounting and IT management and purchasing for the Agency. Provide regular financial reporting sufficient for the Agency to plan, manage, and commit funding for IT services and other IT operations.

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## Data Handling Roles and Responsibilities

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- The Agency's electronic data that is housed on MNIT-managed technology belongs to the Agency and is subject to the Agency's direction and control. MNIT is the custodian of the Agency's electronic data. The State Chief Information Officer is not the responsible authority under Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 13 (the Data Practices Act) for the Agency's data that resides on MNIT managed technology equipment. Agencies will work collaboratively with MNIT to ensure that MNIT has the appropriate resources to adhere to all policies and requirements provided by the Agency in order to protect the Agency's data.
- Should MNIT receive a data request for the Agency's data, MNIT will not produce the requested data. However, MNIT will assist in retrieving the data housed on MNIT-managed technology if requested by the Agency to do so.
- Should an Agency receive a request for MNIT data, the Agency will not produce the requested data.
- Should a request include Agency data and MNIT data, MNIT and the Agency will work together to appropriately respond to the request.
- Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 16E, requires the Agency to share data, including not public Agency data, with MNIT as necessary for MNIT to provide IT services and equipment to the Agency. Sharing data as required by Chapter 16E, and in the manner prescribed in the Data Practices Act, does not affect the classification of any not public data shared with MNIT and is not intended to waive any privileges afforded to not public data under applicable law.
- In accordance with the Data Practices Act, MNIT will only access and use not public agency data that it is the custodian of in relation to a work assignment or project on behalf of the Agency.
- Should MNIT or the Agency become aware of a known or suspected security incident or potential breach of an Agency's electronic data, each will promptly notify the other. MNIT will work to identify the deficiency that led to the breach and to correct, mitigate and remediate the deficiency, which may require additional Agency resources. The Agency will be responsible for complying with the notice and regulatory requirements under the Data Practices Act and other applicable state and federal laws, rules, and regulations for any breaches of Agency data.

- This SLA is not meant to supersede, waive, or violate data handling roles and responsibilities set forth in state law, federal law, or any applicable data sharing and/or business associate agreement between MNIT and Agency.

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## Budget Scope

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Enterprise rate-based services and services provided by the CBTO will be billed directly to the Agency. The CBTO will work with the Agency's Chief Financial Officer (CFO) and other appropriate finance staff as designated by the CFO to develop budget for local services, and to ensure that all IT expenditures are accounted for, such as staffing, hardware, software, supplies, training, and administrative costs. Staffing costs include legal and settlement costs for MNIT employees assigned to the Agency. All IT budget expenditures must be approved by the CBTO or delegate.

MNIT and the Agency will collaborate to determine appropriate accounting processes to support the Agency's payment of all MNIT bills. MNIT and the Agency will cooperatively plan and communicate regarding IT expenditures and billing.

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## Acceptance

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In the IT Consolidation Act, the Minnesota Legislature required the Chief Information Officer to enter into a Service Level Agreement governing the provision of IT systems and services, assets, and personnel with each state agency. STATE GOVERNMENT, INNOVATIONS AND VETERANS OMNIBUS BILL, 2011 Minn. Session Law Serv. 1st Special Session, Ch. 10, Art. 4 (S.F. 12).

For the departments, agencies, offices, councils, boards, commissions and other entities in the executive branch of Minnesota State government that are subject to IT Consolidation, the use of MNIT is required by the State Legislature. MNIT recognizes that providing IT services is most successfully done in close partnership with the Agency. MNIT and the Agency representative will memorialize their formal partnership by adding their signatures to this document.

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## Dispute Management

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The parties agree to cooperate with each other in the performance of the duties and responsibilities under this SLA. Each party to this SLA will make every effort to avoid disputes by clearly documenting communication and engaging the applicable chain of command as necessary. If the parties are unable to reach an agreement with respect to any dispute related to the services, terms, and provisions of this SLA, the Agency's Commissioner/CEO/Executive Director and MNIT's Commissioner will meet to determine further action. If no agreement can be reached, the Agency and MNIT will participate in conflict resolution proceedings managed by the Bureau of Mediation Services.

## Liability

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Each party shall be responsible for claims, losses, damages and expenses which are proximately caused by the acts or omissions, including lack of funding, of that party or its agents, employees or representatives acting within the scope of their duties. Nothing herein shall be construed to limit either party from asserting against third parties any defenses or immunities (including common law, statutory and constitutional) it may have, nor shall anything herein be construed to create a basis for any claim or suit when none would otherwise exist. This provision shall survive the termination of this SLA.

## Additional Provisions

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The terms of this SLA are not intended to supersede or violate any applicable bargaining unit contracts, state laws, or federal laws. If any provision of this SLA is determined to be unenforceable, then such provision will be modified to reflect the parties' intention. All remaining provisions of this SLA shall remain in full force and effect.

## Law to Govern

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This SLA shall be interpreted and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Minnesota. Any legal proceedings arising out of this SLA, or breach thereof, shall be adjudicated in the state courts of Minnesota, and venued in Ramsey County, Minnesota.

## Assignment

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Neither MNIT nor the Agency shall assign or transfer any rights or obligations under this SLA without the prior written consent of the other party. This provision must not be construed to limit MNIT's ability to use third party contractors or products to meet its obligations under this SLA.

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## Service Agreement – Projects and Services

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This section provides information related to the various projects and services provided to agencies. Further information on each project or service is available through the agency-based CBTO or their designee.

### Projects

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Definitions:

- **Project:** a temporary endeavor undertaken to create a unique product, service or result. It has a start date, specific goals and conditions, defined responsibilities, a budget, a plan, and end date. Examples include, but are not limited to, developing a new product or service, developing or acquiring a new or modified information system, upgrades, and releases.
- **IT Project:** an effort to acquire or produce information and telecommunications technology systems and services.
- **Total expected project cost:** direct staff costs, all supplemental contract staff and vendor costs, and costs of hardware and software development or purchase.

Projects can have multiple funding sources including:

- A specific legislative appropriation called a Biennial IT (BIT) project.
- A 2001 fund allocation known as an Odyssey Fund project.
- An internal agency budget allocation known as an Agency Funded project.

Each of these project types is documented in the MNIT Enterprise Project Management Office (ePMO) project and program management system. Projects documented in this fashion are incorporated by reference in this SLA. Documentation on each project is available through the agency-based CBTO or their designee.



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## Services

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There are five types of services available:

1. Enterprise Services
2. Shared Services
3. Center of Excellence Services
4. Local Services
5. Enterprise Security Services

**Enterprise Services** are standard services that all executive branch agencies are required to utilize to ensure consistency and business interoperability within government. Examples include: email and calendaring, phones, networks, servers, desktop/laptop computers and related support services. These services have biennial enterprise rates approved by Minnesota Management and Budget (MMB) and are uniform across all agencies.

**Shared Services** are standard services that executive branch agencies may utilize to support their business operations. Alternatively, this type of service may also be provided on a single agency basis by Minnesota IT Services (MNIT) staff partnering with agencies. An example is Geospatial services. This service has biennial enterprise rates approved by MMB and are uniform across all agencies that utilize the shared service.

**Center of Excellence Services** are services that executive branch agencies may utilize to support their business operations. Typically these services are provided to multiple agencies by MNIT staff located at a single agency office. Examples include: FileNet Document Management, and Identity and Access Management (IAM) services are provided by MNIT staff located at the MNIT/DHS office, and are used by a number of other agencies. These services have rates set by the service provider and approved by MMB and are uniform across all agencies that utilize the service.

**Local Services** are services that are provided by MNIT staff located at an agency office, and are provided to serve business operations only at that agency. Examples include: Application Support and Development, Application Management, Application Operations, Project Management Office functions including Project Management, Business Analyst and Quality Assurance functions. These services are provided on a 'pass-through' basis for staff salaries and benefits, and any IT purchases not covered by an Enterprise, Shared, or Center of Excellence Service.

**Enterprise Security Services** are provided to all Minnesota IT Services executive branch customers at a core level. These services include: Security Operations, Threat and Vulnerability Management, Access and Identity Management, and Governance, Risk, and Compliance. Within these services, additional protective services are provided.

A detailed description of each service, pricing and delivery terms associated with that service may be found on the [MNIT public website](#).

Services documented in this fashion are incorporated by reference in this SLA.

## Delivered Services

### Enterprise Services Summary

MNIT delivers the following Enterprise Services to MNsure:

Service Details	Summary Description
Service Name	Desktop Bundle
Included	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Standard desktop, keyboard and mouse – replaced every 5 years.</li> <li>• Workstation management and protection package: firewalls, security patching and encryption</li> <li>• Workstation support, including remote desktop and deskside support</li> <li>• Inventory management</li> </ul>
NOT included	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Performance-upgraded desktop</li> <li>• Monitor(s)</li> <li>• Memory upgrade</li> <li>• Headset</li> <li>• Cameras (required to use all of the functionality of Skype for Business)</li> <li>• Local printer, if applicable for your agency</li> <li>• Ergonomic or wireless bundle of keyboard &amp; mouse Programmable keyboard</li> <li>• Shorter refresh cycle (see details below)</li> </ul>
Delivery Method	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fulltime support staff for both online and deskside support</li> </ul>
Hours of Operation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 24x7x365 with following hours of support:</li> <li>• M-F: 7 a.m.-5 p.m.</li> </ul>

Service Details	Summary Description
Service Name	Enterprise Software Bundle
Included	<p><u>Enterprise License:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Microsoft Office 365: Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook, OneNote, Access</li> <li>• Skype for Business</li> <li>• Web filtering</li> </ul> <p><u>Kiosk License:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Microsoft Office 365, Kiosk User Office Online</li> </ul> <p><u>Enterprise and Kiosk License also include:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SharePoint access license</li> <li>• Security awareness training</li> <li>• Access oversight and audit</li> <li>• Physical access to data centers and data</li> <li>• Data access security monitoring</li> </ul>
NOT included	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agency-specific software packages</li> </ul>
Delivery Method	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fulltime support staff for both online and deskside support.</li> </ul>
Hours of Operation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Access to Foundational Services (Email, SharePoint and Skype) 24x7x365 from Microsoft</li> <li>• Tier 2 Support – 24x7x365</li> </ul>

<b>Service Details</b>	<b>Summary Description</b>
Service Name	Local Area Network (LAN)
Included	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wired and wireless IP network connections within a location or campus</li> </ul>
NOT included	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wide area network (WAN) connections</li> </ul>
Delivery Method	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minnesota IT Services owned and managed LAN devices</li> </ul>
Hours of Operation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 24x7x365</li> </ul>

Service Details	Summary Description
Service Name	Laptop Bundle
Included	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Standard laptop, replaced every 4 years</li> <li>• Docking station, keyboard and mouse (replaced with laptop if necessary, monitor not included)</li> <li>• Workstation management and protection package: firewalls, security patching and encryption</li> <li>• Workstation support, including remote desktop and deskside support</li> <li>• Inventory management</li> </ul>
NOT included	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Performance-upgraded laptop</li> <li>• Monitor(s)</li> <li>• Memory upgrade</li> <li>• Headset</li> <li>• Cameras (required to use all of the functionality of Skype for Business)</li> <li>• Local printer, if applicable for your agency</li> <li>• Ergonomic or wireless bundle for keyboard and mouse</li> <li>• Programmable keyboard</li> <li>• Shorter refresh cycle (see details below)</li> </ul>
Delivery Method	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fulltime staff for both remote and deskside support</li> </ul>
Hours of Operation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 24x7x365 with following hours of support:</li> <li>• M-F; 7 a.m.-5 p.m.</li> </ul>

<b>Service Details</b>	<b>Summary Description</b>
Service Name	Telephone
Included	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Telephone service using state IP services or contracted traditional services</li> </ul>
NOT included	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cellular Phones</li> </ul>
Delivery Method	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dial tone to telephone handset</li> </ul>
Hours of Operation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 24x7x365</li> </ul>

<b>Service Details</b>	<b>Summary Description</b>
Service Name	Mobile Device Management
Included	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Help with device enrollment</li> <li>• Working with agency partners to establish security standards, feature restrictions and application testing</li> <li>• Monitoring devices for compliance with agency partner rules and operating system requirements</li> <li>• Management of lost devices (wipe)</li> <li>• Establishing retirement parameters</li> <li>• Troubleshooting instructions and remote diagnostics</li> </ul>
NOT included	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Device procurement</li> <li>• Initial setup is provided by agency partner or local MNIT Services Staff</li> <li>• End user training</li> <li>• Forced operating system updates</li> <li>• Cell carrier management</li> <li>• Support for accessories</li> </ul>
Delivery Method	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Level 1 – Service Desk</li> <li>• Back office – Supported by MDM team</li> <li>• Additional service provided by @agency MNIT personnel if needed</li> </ul>
Hours of Operation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• M-F; 7 a.m.-5 p.m.</li> </ul>

<b>Service Details</b>	<b>Summary Description</b>
Service Name	WAN
Included	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IP Network Connection</li> </ul>
NOT included	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applications running on the network</li> </ul>
Delivery Method	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Managed circuits and WAN devices</li> </ul>
Hours of Operation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 24 x 7</li> </ul>

<b>Service Details</b>	<b>Summary Description</b>
Service Name	Web Management
Included	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SDL Web (Tridion), Drupal Shared Hosting, and Search</li> <li>• Website development, design, hosting, search, and support</li> </ul>
NOT included	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Customer application support</li> <li>• Optional: Quality Assurance website tool and Web Analytics</li> </ul>
Delivery Method	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fulltime support staff with access to MNIT on-premise and external cloud environments</li> </ul>
Hours of Operation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Production availability 7x24x365</li> </ul>

### **Shared Services Summary**

Services in this category have been deleted from this template because any Shared Services delivered and billed to MNsure would be contained in the Interagency Agreement between DHS and MNsure.

### Center of Excellence Services Summary

MNIT delivers the following Center of Excellence Services to MNsure:

<b>Service Details</b>	<b>Summary Description</b>
Service Name	FileNet Electronic Document Management System (EDMS)
Included	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monthly user license</li> </ul>
NOT included	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Data storage</li> </ul>
Delivery Method	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agency-specific web portal</li> </ul>
Hours of Operation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High availability 24x7x365, excluding scheduled maintenance</li> </ul>

<b>Service Details</b>	<b>Summary Description</b>
Service Name	MN Enterprise Identity and Access Management (MNEIAM) – Center of Excellence
Included	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oracle IAM suite, IAM Database in Exadata appliance, and Middleware technology</li> </ul>
NOT included	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Load balancer, firewall, and any website development/integration outside IAM authentication</li> </ul>
Delivery Method	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Service delivery should occur through a centralized issue tracking tool – BMC service management method</li> </ul>
Hours of Operation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 24x7x365 with multi-datacenter architecture to provide high availability / up-time service of IAM system</li> </ul>



## Local Services Summary

### *Functional Support*

The appendix entitled *Roles, Responsibilities and Governance Program Management Structures* describes the functional roles and responsibilities of MNIT staff for project-based IT work. MNIT acts as a partner for the business and facilitates execution of projects. Some MNIT areas include:

- Program and Project Management
- Business Analysis (BA)
- Technical Development
- Quality Assurance (QA)
- Release Management
- Communication and Reporting
- Financial and Budget Management
- Contract Management

Some DHS/MNsure functions are supported by combinations of Enterprise and Local Services.

### *Governance, Prioritization and Decision-making*

Oversight and Governance of IT Programs is provided by:

- Executive Steering Committee (ESC)
- Program Management Team (PMT)
- IT Program Manager

Please refer to the *Governance Diagram* appendix.

### *Application Inventory System*

Applications supported by MNIT and serving both DHS and MNsure are listed in the DHS/MNsure Application Inventory System (AIS), which is maintained by MNIT. The AIS serves as the system of record for Local Services for both agencies. Information contained in the AIS includes the following:

- Application name and description
- Services and systems supported

- Available support
- Recovery Time Objective (RTO)

The AIS is a living system which is regularly updated and includes additional information about each application. Reports can be retrieved from the AIS by MNIT@DHS/MNsure staff. A list of MNsure applications is included in the Appendices of this SLA. Each listing in the AIS includes a Business Contact/Owner, Technical Contact, and a DHS and/or MNsure Recovery Director. The Technical Contact supports the application and ensures it is operational. The Recovery Director is responsible for Continuity Of Operations Planning (COOP) activities for the application.

The AIS is audited quarterly by MNIT@DHS/MNsure. The AIS Administrator at MNIT@DHS/MNsure works with the Business Contact, Technical Contact, and Recovery Director to ensure all AIS data is correct and up to date. Changes to AIS data are coordinated through the AIS Administrator and subject to approval by the Business Contact, DHS and/or MNsure leadership and the MNIT Chief Administration Officer (CAO).

**Enterprise Security Services Summary**

<b>Service Details</b>	<b>Summary Description</b>
Service Name	Enterprise Vulnerability Management
Included	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Internal Vulnerability Scanning of desktops, servers, network devices and other supported devices</li> <li>• External scanning of internal facing devices</li> <li>• Communication of prioritized vulnerabilities</li> <li>• Oversight of remediation efforts on vulnerabilities</li> <li>• Configuration compliance scanning (emerging capability)</li> <li>• Web application security scanning</li> <li>• Veracode administration for teams using Veracode</li> <li>• Penetration and Red Team Services (emerging capability)</li> </ul>
NOT included	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Devices not connected to MNIT managed networks</li> <li>• Devices not supported by TVMU tools</li> </ul>
Delivery Method	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fulltime support Staff</li> <li>• Automated scanning</li> <li>• MNIT Mall: Threat and Vulnerability Management</li> </ul>
Hours of Operation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• M-F; 7 a.m.-5 p.m.</li> <li>• Emergency after hours support: MNIT Service Desk</li> </ul>

Service Details	Summary Description
Service Name	Security Operations Center
Included	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Security Incident Response</li> <li>• Threat Research and SOC Daily Brief</li> <li>• Spam/Phishing Investigation</li> <li>• Security Operations Coordination</li> <li>• Security Monitoring</li> <li>• Enterprise Intrusion Detection and Prevention</li> <li>• Enterprise Web Content Filtering</li> <li>• Enterprise Endpoint Protection</li> </ul>
NOT included	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Full service provided to MN executive branch and partner entities with core detection/alerting to other MNET customers</li> <li>• Monitoring is limited to network activity only for external MNET entities that do not participate in the Intrusion Detection and Prevention Service</li> </ul>
Delivery Method	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fulltime support staff</li> <li>• Email: <a href="mailto:soc@state.mn.us">soc@state.mn.us</a></li> <li>• Phone: 651.201.1281</li> <li>• MNIT Mall: Report a Security Event</li> </ul>
Hours of Operation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Daily 6 a.m. – 6 p.m.</li> <li>• Emergency after hours support: MNIT Service Desk 24x7x365</li> </ul>

<b>Service Details</b>	<b>Summary Description</b>
Service Name	Digital Forensics
Included	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Data Preservation</li> <li>• Data Recovery</li> <li>• Security Incident Investigations</li> <li>• eDiscovery</li> </ul>
NOT included	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Devices not owned by executive branch agencies</li> </ul>
Delivery Method	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fulltime support staff</li> <li>• MNIT Mail: Use the Agency Data &amp; Legal Hold Request Form</li> <li>• SOC Phone: 651-201-1281</li> </ul>
Hours of Operation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• M-F: 6 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.</li> <li>• Emergency service daily 6 a.m. – 6 p.m. through the Security Operations Center</li> <li>• Emergency after hours support: MNIT Service Desk 24x7x365</li> </ul>

Service Details	Summary Description
Service Name	Enterprise Privileged Account Management Service
Included	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• User license</li> <li>• Centralized, secure storage</li> <li>• Automatic password rotation</li> <li>• Automated Workflows</li> <li>• Security Awareness Training</li> <li>• Access oversight and audit</li> </ul>
NOT included	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A self-service portal for password reset</li> <li>• Storage of personal passwords</li> </ul>
Delivery Method	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fulltime Support staff</li> <li>• MNIT Mall: Privileged Account Access</li> </ul>
Hours of Operation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• M-F; 7 a.m.-5 p.m.</li> <li>• Emergency after hours support: MNIT Service Desk</li> </ul>

Service Details	Summary Description
Service Name	Enterprise Digital Certificate and Encryption Key Management (PKI)
Included	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Management of external digital certificates</li> <li>• Management of internal digital certificates</li> </ul>
NOT included	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Management of encryption keys</li> </ul>
Delivery Method	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fulltime Support staff</li> <li>• MNIT Mall: Security Certificates</li> </ul>
Hours of Operation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• M-F; 7 a.m.-5 p.m.</li> <li>• Emergency after hours support: MNIT Service Desk</li> </ul>

Service Details	Summary Description
Service Name	Enterprise Governance, Risk, and Compliance
Included	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IT Audit Coordination across agencies (i.e., IRS, FBI, SSA, PCI, etc.)</li> <li>• Securing the Human (Annual Security Awareness Training)</li> <li>• CJIS training coordination</li> <li>• Security ScoreCard Metrics process ownership</li> <li>• Anti-phishing training coordination</li> <li>• Statewide Security Policy and Standards (creation, publishing, curation)</li> <li>• Security finding management (audit findings, exceptions)</li> <li>• Archer management and administration</li> <li>• Risk assessment process ownership</li> </ul>
NOT included	
Delivery Method	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fulltime support staff</li> </ul>
Hours of Operation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• M-F, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. via GRC@state.mn.us</li> </ul>

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# Agency Optimization Schedule

## Information Technology Consolidation Act

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In the **Information Technology Consolidation Act**, the Minnesota Legislature required the Chief Information Officer to enter into a service level agreement governing the provision of Information Technology systems and services, assets, and personnel, with each state agency. STATE GOVERNMENT, INNOVATIONS AND VETERANS OMNIBUS BILL, 2011 Minn. Session Law Serv. 1st Special Session, Ch. 10, Art. 4 (S.F. 12).

For the departments, agencies, offices, councils, boards, commissions and other entities in the executive branch of Minnesota state government that are subject to IT Consolidation, the use of Minnesota IT Services (MNIT) is required by the State Legislature.

## Optimization Schedule

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Many agencies have completed the full enterprise service adoption and optimization during FY18.

Agencies that continue to have locally provided, overlapping or duplicate services to those offered by MNIT Enterprise will transition to and adopt the following Enterprise Services (as described in Section 2) starting in October 2018:

- Hosting Services
- Enterprise Software Bundle
- Desktop Bundle
- Laptop Bundle
- LAN
- Mainframe Service
- Middleware
- Mobile Device Management
- Telephone
- Enterprise Security
- Other Enterprise Services as necessary

This transition will consist of a service optimization strategy beginning with a shift in local overlapping MNIT staff reporting organizationally to MNIT Enterprise Service Management. Full service integration will follow over the next 12-18 months.



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## Service Agreement – Performance Metrics

This section provides information related to the various performance metrics provided to agencies. Further information on each metric is available through the agency based CBTO or their designee.

### Performance Metrics

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There are multiple types of metrics available:

- Project Portfolio and Status Reports
- Security Risk Score (contains NOT PUBLIC security information)
- Application Portfolio Health

CBTOs may provide other metrics as needed.

**Project Portfolio and Status Reports** are updated weekly/monthly and reflect the current state and performance metrics (time, budget, scope, quality) of each project. Each project is documented in the MNIT Enterprise Project Management Office (ePMO) project and program management system.

**Security Risk Scorecard** measures a number of key metrics and security controls for an agency yielding a numeric score on 8 separate subject areas:

1. Risk Management
2. Vulnerability and Threat Management
3. Secure System Development
4. Security Configuration Management
5. Access Control
6. Monitoring and Incident Response
7. Disaster Recovery Readiness
8. Security Training and Awareness

**Application Portfolio Health** is an overall view of an agencies group of business applications and their relative scores that measure technical health and business value.

Each of these metrics is documented within its system of record and are incorporated by reference in this SLA.

Additional metrics may be added over time.

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## Service Agreement – MNsure Appendices

This section provides information specific to MNsure which is not included elsewhere in the Service Level Agreement.

### MNsure Exhibits

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#### **Appendix A: IT Program Structure, Roles and Responsibilities**

Governance document detailing IT program structure, roles and responsibilities. Maintained by the MNIT@DHS CBTO or his/her designee. Updated semiannually.

#### **Appendix B: METS Governance Diagram**

Chart showing governance process for MNsure IT projects and the Minnesota Eligibility Technology System.

#### **Appendix C: Application Inventory for MNsure**

List of IT applications for MNsure. Maintained by the MNIT@ MNsure AIS coordinator, updated regularly.

#### **Appendix D: MNsure Support Agreement 2019**

Indicates support hours (MNIT), points of contact (MNsure and MNIT), issue logging procedures, issue status reporting, and issue response and resolution for METS. Maintained by the MNIT Application Services Division (ASD) in conjunction with MNsure.

## **Appendix A: Roles, Responsibilities and Governance Program Management Structures**

Information Technology (IT) projects are supported by a team, with each team member serving a defined role or roles. Team members representing various business and technology roles partner to implement mission critical solutions. Not all roles are filled for every project and some roles may be filled by more than one person. Project Team members are drawn from agencies and stakeholders (e.g., DHS, MNsure, MNIT, counties, tribes, health plans, navigators, external contractors and other stakeholder groups).

Business is the owner and key stakeholder of programs or projects. Some typical business roles include:

- Executive Sponsor
- Subject Matter Experts (SME) such as:
  - Business Policy and Operations experts from DHS
  - Policy, Legal or Compliance
  - Representatives from Counties, Tribes, Health Plans, Navigators, and others.

MNIT acts as a partner for the business and facilitates execution of projects. Some MNIT areas include:

- Program and Project Management
- Business Analysis (BA)
- Technical Development
- Quality Assurance (QA)
- Release Management
- Communication and Reporting
- Financial and Budget Management
- Contract Management

Oversight and Governance of IT Programs is provided by:

- Executive Steering Committee (ESC)
- Program Management Team (PMT)
- IT Program Manager

Due to the unique nature of Direct Care and Treatment IT work, there are circumstances under which MNIT leads the implementation of a DCT project and there are circumstances where DCT serves as the lead for a project. For MNIT led projects, the MNIT Program Manager and MNIT Project Manager assume the same roles and responsibilities outlined in this document. For DCT led projects, the roles and responsibilities for what is referred to as the DCT Program Manager and DCT Project Manager are included under separate descriptions.

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## Project Team Roles and Responsibilities

### Executive Sponsor

An Executive Sponsor(s) role advocates for and supports the project, providing clear direction on how the project links with overall DHS/MNsure and MNIT goals and strategies (or the goals and strategies of project stakeholders).

An Executive Sponsor(s) or designee works with the IT Program Manager and the Program Management Team or Project Manager, assisting with project matters such as scope clarification, monitoring project progress, and influencing others to support the project. The Executive Sponsor(s) or designee takes responsibility for pushing a process through, garnering resources and buy-in from people and other departments. A project can have multiple sponsors that may come from different areas and may include County or MNIT staff.

The Executive Sponsor(s) or designee has the following roles and responsibilities:

- Responsible as business owner of project deliverables and has authority as a decision maker.
- Responsible to the business for the success of projects and functions.
- Governs risk.
- Ensures projects align with Project Scope Statement and reviews project plans.
- Supports the project manager and assist with removing obstacles for them
- Works with the Project Manager to resolve operational questions and concerns that can be addressed without escalation to the Program Management Team Examples include:
  - ✓ Identifies issues that put project deliverables at risk.
  - ✓ Determines project resource needs and helps to address concerns.
- Provides clarification and input for the work.
- Responsible for providing input and approving the Charter, Project Plan, Close Report.
- Reviews, approves, and signs off on all Project Change Requests.

### Project Team Members

A Project Team member is responsible for executing tasks and producing deliverables as outlined in the *Project Plan* and directed by the Project Manager. They may include staff who are working on the project on a full-time or part-time basis and include resources from state agencies, counties, tribes or external consultants.

All Project Team Members have the following key responsibilities:

- Represents your agency's business functions.
- Authority to facilitate decision-making based on the area they represent.
- Assists in the development of the *Project Plan*.
- Participates in the review and prioritization of project work and scope determination for iterative project releases as is appropriate.
- Provides initial and ongoing estimates of level of effort and the duration of assigned activities and tasks.



- Commits to, and accomplishes the tasks assigned.
- Seeks advice of the business unit they represent for expertise.
- Reports performance against task assignments.
- Alerts the Project Manager, as well as their supervisor and/or team lead, if the assigned task may not meet the schedule.
- Informs unit they represent of the project status and all important project updates.
- Identifies and resolves task-related problems, as appropriate.
- Informs the Project Manager of any problems, concerns, risks or issues as they arise.
- Attends and participate in team meetings.
- Advises supervisor of the unit they represent of the commitments made as a Project Team member.
- Provides estimates of time and effort to evaluate project change requests, as assigned.
- Evaluates the impact of project changes on cost, schedule, scope, and/or performance, as assigned.
- Participates in project reviews, as appropriate.
- Responsible to report time worked on project(s).

### Subject Matter Expert (SME)

A Subject Matter Expert (SME) provides knowledge and expertise in specific areas. Staff from the business area who provide the requirements of the project and answer functional questions.

The Subject Matter Expert has the following key responsibilities:

- Provides knowledge and expertise in a specific area for a project.
- Responsible that policy and business requirements are correct **and** verifies with others when needed.
- Helps answer questions associated with the design of the existing application, its features, and its capabilities.
- Understands how changes will affect the business.
- Introduces the changes to the business area.
- Participates in requirement walkthroughs and signoffs.
- Answers functional and business process questions.
- Answers policy and compliance questions.
- Helps validate user requirements.
- Reviews requirements traceability matrix and ensures that requirements have been covered.
- Helps refine and determine feasibility, correctness, and completeness of end-user's requirement.
- Provides input for the design and construction of test cases and business scenarios and ensures test cases meet the business requirements.
- Reviews test cases for testing.
- Validates test results.
- Informs other member of their business area and supervisor of progress.
- Responsible to report time worked on project(s).

## Resource Manager

A Resource Manager works with the Project Manager and is responsible for assigning the right people to the right projects at the right time. The Resource Manager arranges for coaching, training or resource adjustments.

The Resource Manager has the following roles and responsibilities:

- Understands both the strategic and tactical priorities for their organization and communicates these clearly and consistently to their teams.
- Assigns resources to projects when requested by Project Manager.
- Coordinates employee's capabilities and workload.
- Assigns Lead Roles for their area of responsibility.
- Provides the information needed to make adjustments due to emerging priorities, schedule changes, scope changes, or changes in the available resource pool due to illness, resignations or reassignments.
- Understands the changing needs and priorities of the enterprise to ensure that the resources available to do the work have the requisite time and skills to do the work.
- Evaluates individual performance against project and program goals and provides meaningful and constructive feedback to the people that they manage.
- Participates in project change request impact assessments.
- Supports and follows up with team members on time tracking process.
- Supports team members with contentions.

## Project Manager

A Project Manager is responsible for project communication, managing teams, removing obstacles, facilitating prioritization within a project, escalating issues, and motivating team members. A Project Manager engages Resource Managers to fill Project Team roles and to resolve identified issues. A Project Manager makes sure that project resource needs are met or, if not, the issue is escalated to the Sponsor and/or PMT. A Project Manager meets with the sponsor on a regular basis and communicates the status to the Sponsor, Program Managers and Stakeholders.

The Project Manager has the following roles and responsibilities:

- Works with the Sponsor to determine the scope of the project based on the business need.
- Documents high level scope and project objectives.
- Obtains acceptance of the baseline project scope from the Executive Sponsor.
- Schedules and conducts the project kick-off meeting and ongoing project meetings.
- Coordinates and communicates with area leads on all aspects of the project.
- Communicates to Resource Managers if Project Team member performance impacts project outcome.
- Generates timely and accurate status reports.
- Rapidly assess the work that has to be done or issues to be resolved and make assignments to team members.

- Directs the Project Team in developing project requirements, identifying project risks, and the complexity of the potential solution; considers appropriate structured activity management and incremental delivery approaches, meeting Sponsor expectations.
- Directs the Project Team to perform project change request analysis, including the impact on overall project release plan and schedule.
- Ensures Project Team is reviewing, assessing and prioritizing Change Requests, defects and other work as part of the project scope.
- Develops project management artifacts.
- Facilitates and ensures appropriate approvals of project documents including requirements documentation, test plans, technical design documents and others as applicable.
- Obtains acceptance of the project charter, project plan, change requests and project close documents from the Executive Sponsor, PMO, and PMT.
- Orients new Project Team members when necessary.
- Responsible to report time worked on project(s).
- Supports and follows up with team members on time tracking process.

### DCT Project Manager

This individual serves in the role of coordinating and managing an individual DCT project in a capacity that is similar to a MNIT project manager. The type of project they are coordinating typically requires more effort on the business side, but has an IT dependency many times requiring support from MNIT Enterprise. For IT dependencies requiring resources from MNIT@DHS, they will work with the DCT Program Manager who will coordinate with the MNIT DCT Program Manager to obtain resources. For IT dependencies requiring MNIT Enterprise resources, they will submit work orders through the MNIT Enterprise Service Desk and work with the MNIT DCT Enterprise Escalation Manager to obtain resources and services.

### Business Analysis Lead

A Business Analysis Lead works with Project Team members by guiding, consulting, and collaborating on the analysis, development, testing, deployment and adoption of solutions.

A Business Analysis Lead has the following key responsibilities:

- Determines the approach for gathering project requirements from business.
- Provides guidance to the BAs assigned to the project in the requirements, elicitation and documentation, design or review of test cases.
- Provides input to project change requests, managing a project's scope, acceptance, installation and deployment.
- Ensures that identified business analyst deliverables are defined and implemented.
- Coordinates with other project members such as QA, Release Management, and Technical staff.
- Assists the Project Manager when preparing the *Project Plan* by defining the tasks, level of effort estimates, dependencies, and required skills for each business analysis task.
- Assists Project Manager when defining the basic business requirement for the project.
- Authorized sign-off of Business and Functional Requirements, Functional Design, Technical Design, Business Validation Plan/UAT, and the QA Test Plan.

- Responsible to report time worked on project(s).
- Supports and follows up with team members on time tracking process.

### Technical Lead

A Technical Team Lead works with the Project Team, building and working on enterprise systems and will provide technical and team leadership by guiding, consulting, and collaborating on the development, testing, deployment and adoption of solutions.

A Technical Lead has the following key responsibilities:

- Delivers the technical solution and design documentation within the boundaries of the project technical architecture.
- Ensures technical deliverables are implemented in accordance with business requirements.
- Provides implementation oversight to ensure that technical work is completed on schedule.
- Assists the Project Manager and the Technical Architect by defining the tasks, estimates, dependencies, and required skills for each technical task.
- Provides day to day support to the technical team.
- Authorized sign-off of Business and Functional Requirements, Functional Design, Technical Design and the QA Test Plan.
- Responsible to report time worked on project(s).

### Quality Assurance Lead

A Quality Assurance (QA) Lead works with Project Team members by guiding, consulting, and collaborating on the development, testing, deployment and adoption of solutions.

A Quality Assurance Lead has the following key responsibilities:

- Determines QA testing and reporting needs for all projects.
- Works with the Project Manager, Business Analysts and Business Partners in determining UAT testing and reporting needs for all projects.
- Creates test plan and obtains appropriate sign-off.
- Creates the Final Test Documents, which are used as a tool to help Business Partners in making educated Go/No Go decisions.
- Coordinates the Defect Triage meetings.
- Creates test scenarios and test cases based on requirements and Use Cases.
- Authorized sign-off of Functional and Non Functional Requirements, Functional and Non Functional Technical Design, and the QA Test Plan.
- Manages all QA Environments.
- Responsible to report time worked on project(s).

## Business Analyst

A Business Analyst (BA) has the task of understanding business change needs, assessing the business impact of those changes, capturing, analyzing and documenting requirements and supporting the communication and delivery of requirements with relevant stakeholders.

A Business Analyst has the following key responsibilities:

- Participates in scoping discussions and reviews/provides input to scope.
- Participates in “As Is” sessions to model the current processes.
- Documents the BA activities needed for the work effort (provide LOE).
- Documents and communicates business and functional requirements.
- Develops and documents business and functional requirements, communicates requirements including planning the approach, working with stakeholders to analyze the approach, elicitation, estimates for level of effort, and managing requirements for traceability and changes.
- Schedules meetings to elicit and walk through BA artifacts/deliverables.
- Participates in design sessions, providing input and reviewing/approving design documentation.
- Collaborates with Application Services staff working on the change.
- Participates in or leads functional reviews or walkthroughs of the design or new function
- Reviews the QA test cases and test plan strategy.
- Performs any cursory functional review when the code is delivered and before QA testing begins.
- Supports QA testing, including being the primary contact for defects and changes, analyzing defects and meeting with or working with business on priority and any follow up documentation.
- Coordinates and supports business validation testing (UAT), including developing and documenting test plans, primary contact for defects, and working with business on business validation testing.
- Participates in release or deployment discussions.
- Manages defects following deployment to stabilize the system and plan for the next release.
- Reviews and participates in the development of procedures, instructions or communications to users and other stakeholders.
- Provides level of effort for work assignments.
- Provides level of effort for potential change requests and provides input on impact of change.
- Provides updates on completion of work assignments.
- Attains appropriate approval on deliverables.
- Attends and participates in project team meetings.
- Responsible to report time worked on project(s).

## System Analyst

A System Analyst provides technical expertise to ensure that system integration initiatives implemented are in compliance with federal and state laws. This includes the analysis of technical systems and providing system requirements. The System Analyst coordinates efforts of staff to locate, assess, install, test and maintain computer applications.

A System Analyst has the following key responsibilities:

- Executes problem analysis to resolve system or application issues.
- Assists developers with database queries and design.
- Creates technical schemas representing the interrelationship between system attributes using Extensible Markup Language (XML).
- Defines and authors technical system requirements and provides viable alternatives.
- Completes complex diagnosis of problems, working with MNIT staff to provide solutions.
- Coordinates implementation of fixes and enhancements.
- Ensures application changes are thoroughly documented, meeting deployment requirements established by the operations team.
- Provides level of effort for work assignments.
- Provides level of effort for potential change requests and provides input on impact of change.
- Provides updates on completion of work assignments.
- Attains appropriate approval on deliverables.
- Attends and participates in project team meetings.
- Responsible to report time worked on project(s).

## Technical Developer

A Technical Developer is responsible for detailed analysis regarding design options and solutions, coding, conversion, and testing of individual modules or job streams as they are modified or developed. Technical staff work with the business analyst to ensure that specifications are correct and complete.

A Technical Developer has the following key responsibilities:

- Creates Design Documents.
- Develops code based on the requirements, architectures, and designs.
- Executes unit test cases.
- Reviews defects, fix defects, and retest.
- Provides support during System Testing and Acceptance Testing.
- Prepares deployment documentation for test and production environments.
- Performs Code reviews of peer's work.
- Provides level of effort for work assignments.
- Provides level of effort for potential change requests and provides input on impact of change.
- Provides updates on completion of work assignments.
- Attains appropriate approval on deliverables.
- Attends and participates in project team meetings.

- Responsible to report time worked on project(s).

### Quality Assurance Analyst

A Quality Assurance (QA) Analyst provides professional knowledge and skills in information systems software testing, quality assurance and quality control of application software, systems, and infrastructure.

Quality Assurance Analyst has the following key responsibilities:

- Manages the QA test environment Informing Test Lead when they are ready to receive a new change to QA's test environment.
- Works with Test Lead in deploying changes to QA's test environment.
- Ensures all Entrance Criteria are met before allowing any changes to be deployed to QA's test environment.
- Ensures that all Exit Criteria are met before allowing any changes to be deployed into UAT.
- Creates test cases.
- Executes test cases.
- Reports defects and retest.
- Assists with Test Closure document.
- Provides level of effort for work assignments.
- Provides level of effort for potential change requests and provides input on impact of change.
- Provides updates on completion of work assignments.
- Attains appropriate approval on deliverables.
- Attends and participates in project team meetings.
- Responsible to report time worked on project(s).

## Program Management and Governance:

The roles and functions in this section ensure alignment with IT Program Strategic Goals; provide oversight and decision making as part of the Governance structure. These roles include:

### Executive Steering Committee

This committee is responsible for the overall management and coordination of project efforts to ensure business, program and system goals are achieved. This committee is composed of executive level management representatives from DHS, MNSure, MNIT@DHS and our county and Tribe partners.

The Executive Steering Committee (ESC) has the following key responsibilities:

- Executive level coordination of DHS, County, MNSure and MNIT efforts, including reconciling competing business needs.
- Escalation point for the Program Management Team for issue resolution.
- Oversight of the policy and technology components.
- Directs the Program Management Team with regard to setting priority standards and strategic direction.
- Serves as the overall IT system Program and Project Owner.
- Makes major go/no-go decisions.

### Program Management Team (PMT)

Point of Contact for the Executive Steering Committee for day-to-day program management including overall communication and strategic recommendations regarding policy, program and system issues and is considered the product owner.

Program Management Team has the following key responsibilities:

- Responsible to represent their entire line of business.
- Serves as the escalation point for the Program Manager for issue resolution or determinations or the need for further escalation.
- Provides guidance on high priority or critical issues and risks and/or determines what needs to be escalated to the Executive Steering Committee.
- Provides direction for the Program Manager regarding project priorities (both for transformation/modernization efforts, in addition to ongoing project work), resources, risks and issues.
- Reviews and approves significant modifications to the program work plan and authorizes projects move from initiation to planning, and from planning to execution, and for project close.
- Provides high-level operational direction and day-to-day operational decisions.
- Works with Release Management team to determine content and timing of all major releases.
- Reviews, approves or rejects project change requests that meet the threshold for PMT approval.



- Provides input to projects through Program Manager to Executive Sponsor, and Project Manager(s).
- Oversees status reporting to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and Independent Verification and Validation (IV&V) services, when appropriate.
- Works with the Program Manager and Business Solutions Office (BSO) Enterprise Alignment Team to align the Advanced Planning Document (APD) priorities with the various, if appropriate modernizations/transformation roadmaps.
- Makes recommendations to ESC on major go/no-go decisions.
- Responsible to report time worked on project(s).

## Enterprise Program Roles:

### Program Manager

The Program Manager (and the Associate Project Managers) oversees the program management plan and ongoing activities.

The Program Manager has the following key responsibilities:

- Informed by project managers of project activities.
- Serves as the point of contact for Project Managers to the Program Management Team including overall communication and status regarding the program portfolio.
- Serves as escalation point for project change requests to the Program Management Team.
- Serves as conduit for communication between various governance bodies.
- Understands organizational strategy and helps MNIT and DHS organizations achieve strategic results within the MNIT program and supporting projects.
- Adjusts program and projects as organizational strategy shifts.
- Manages cross-project dependencies; leverages control and return on investment not available from managing projects separately.
- Actively seeks out information from Project Managers in order to assess and communicate that overall program goals are achieved and supported.
- Monitors all weekly project status reports for the program.
- Responsible for developing weekly Program status reports and communicates weekly program level status reports to governance boards.
- Responsible to report time worked on project(s).

### DCT Program Manager

This individual oversees and is responsible for reporting on the portfolio of DCT led projects. They work closely with the MNIT DCT Program Manager to align reporting and efforts with MNIT led DCT projects as well as identify MNIT@DHS resources necessary to support a DCT led project (if applicable). They serve as an escalation point to assist DCT project managers resolve issues with the individual projects they are overseeing.

### Business Architect

A Business Architect provides strategic and long-range planning, business and system expertise, consultation, and direction to business and technical staff working on cross-agency teams to analyze, design, develop, and implement - solutions that meet business needs.

A Business Architect has the following key responsibilities:

- Engage with business to assess the business strategy and evaluate perspective on business. May help to plan a restructuring of the business itself.
- Participates in overall project planning including analysis of a project's relationship to and overlap with other projects, addressing conflicting requirements and leveraging reuse of existing capabilities to ensure that the concerns and interests of all business areas work in concert to achieve the overall goals for the benefit of all.

- Aligns strategic goals and objectives with decisions regarding products and services, partners, organization, capabilities, and key business and IT initiatives to ensure a level of consistency in the delivery of functionality. The primary foci are the business motivations, business operations and business analysis frameworks and related networks that link these aspects of the enterprise together.
- Provide assistance and direction to Business Analysts working on conditions or capabilities of particularly complex functions.
- Collaborates with Systems Architects on technology environment and review proposed technical solutions.
- Ensures that the system design is consistent and furthers the broad aims and directions of the business.
- Authorized Approver of Business Requirements, Functional Specifications, Functional Design, Technical Design, and the QA Test Plan.
- Responsible to report time worked on project(s).

### Quality Assurance Accessibility Team Lead

A Quality Assurance (QA) Lead works with project team members by guiding, consulting, and collaborating on the development and testing solutions to ensure they are compliant per ADA needs.

A Quality Assurance Accessibility Team Lead has the following key responsibilities:

- Works with the Project Manager, Business Analysts and Business Partners in determining Accessibility testing and reporting needs for all assigned projects.
- Works with Business Analysts to determine Accessibility requirements if none exist.
- Creates Accessibility QA Test Plan and obtains appropriate sign-off.
- Authorized sign-off of Accessibility Business and Functional Requirements, Accessibility Functional Design, Accessibility Technical Design, and the Accessibility QA Test Plan.
- Creates the Accessibility QA Test Closure document and distributes to project stakeholders.
- Creates Accessibility test scenarios and test cases based on Accessibility requirements and use cases.
- Coordinates / participates in the Defect Triage meetings by representing Accessibility Test Team.
- Provides guidance to Accessibility Test Team on best practices and use of accessibility testing tools (i.e., JAWS).
- Reports time worked on project(s).

### Accessibility Quality Assurance Analyst

An Accessibility Quality Assurance (QA) Analyst provides professional knowledge and skills in information systems ADA compliance software testing, quality assurance and quality control of application software, systems, and infrastructure. Additionally, the Accessibility QA Analyst will have had training in and ability to execute tests using Accessibility testing tools, such as JAWS, Windows Magnifier, Windows Narrator, and/or Compliance Sheriff.

Accessibility Quality Assurance Analyst has the following key responsibilities:

- Assists with / creates Accessibility QA Test Plan.
- Collaborates with the functional Test Lead when ready to receive a change to QA's test environment.
- Works with functional Test Lead when deploying changes to QA's test environment.
- Ensures the scope for Accessibility Testing is communicated to the project stakeholders (i.e., checklist).
- Follows the Entrance and Exit Criteria for Accessibility testing.
- Creates / modifies Accessibility test scenarios and test cases based on Accessibility requirements and use cases.
- Executes Accessibility QA Test Cases by following the schedule assigned by the project.
- Reports Accessibility defects and retests when code has been fixed and deployed to test environment.
- Coordinates / participates in the Defect Triage meetings by representing Accessibility Test Team.
- Assists with / creates Accessibility QA Test Closure document.
- Reports time worked on project(s).

### Release Manager

A Release Manager is responsible for oversight and coordination of system software code releases.

A Release Manager has the following key responsibilities:

- Manages all release contents and schedules.
- Coordinates input and communicates on release timing and components from the Program Management Team, Program Manager, Project Managers and Development Teams.
- Responsible to report time worked on project(s).

### Technical Architect

A Technical Architect, in collaboration with other system architects and technical managers, develops standards and guidelines; selects specific technologies to meet business needs; and guides strategic and long-range planning for client-server information systems and networks.

A Technical Architect has the following key responsibilities:

- Responsible for technical strategies to deliver on the business strategy.
- Defines the technical architecture, produces documentation, and provides input as to technical feasibility of project scope and objectives.
- Provides technical input and counsel to the Project Manager and the Project Team.
- Collaborates with business during all phases of the project.
- Provides oversight to ensure technical deliverables are being implemented as defined.
- Consults and coordinates with resources such as QA, Release Management and contract staff regarding technical needs.

- Assists the Project Manager in preparing the *Project Plan* by defining tasks, estimates, dependencies, and required skills for each technical task.
- Responsible to the enterprise for providing sustainable solutions.
- Defines and enforces project level governance and standards.
- Authorized sign off of Business and Functional Requirements, Functional Design, Technical Design, and the QA Test Plan.
- Facilitates development of standard reporting needs during development
- Responsible to report time worked on project(s).

### Quality Assurance Automation Engineer

A Quality Assurance (QA) Automation Engineer is responsible for creating, executing and managing a set of automated test scripts to be utilized as part of the formal QA process.

A Quality Assurance Automation Engineer has the following key responsibilities:

- Works with the Project Manager, Business Analysts and Business Partners in determining automation testing needs for all projects.
- Assist the QA Leads in determining which manual test cases are candidates for automation.
- Create automated test scripts.
- Execute automated test scripts.
- Manage automated test scripts.
- Manage automated test suite.
- Assist the QA Test Lead in managing all projects and maintenance changes according to the processes described in the Quality Assurance Test Methodology.
- Assist in maintaining the Quality Assurance Test Methodology.
- Assist the QA Team Lead in creating the Test Plan.
- Assist the QA Team Lead in creating the Test Closure document.

### Quality Assurance Performance Engineer

A Quality Assurance (QA) Performance Engineer is responsible for creating, executing and managing a set of performance/load test scripts to be utilized as part of the formal QA process.

A Quality Assurance Performance Engineer has the following key responsibilities:

- Works with the Project Manager, Business Analysts and Business Partners in determining performance and load testing needs for all projects.
- Create performance/load test scripts.
- Manage performance/load test scripts and suites.
- Manage and maintain performance environment.
- Execute performance/load test scripts.
- Work with Developers, DBA, Infrastructure team in monitoring all components of the infrastructure during test execution.
- Document and collate results.
- Report results to Project Team.
- Assist in maintaining the Quality Assurance Test Methodology.

- Assist the QA Team Lead in creating the Test Plan.
- Assist the QA Team Lead in creating the Test Closure document.
- Assist the Project Team in determining business flows to script.

## *Addendum A: Cross Program Roles*

Information Technology (IT) projects are supported by staff who work across projects and programs, ensuring common activities are aligned and that program needs are met.

### **Communications Manager:**

A Communication Manager supports project and programs in delivering the program/project key messages and provides purposeful communication to stakeholders.

A Communication and Reporting Lead has the following key responsibilities:

- Develops and implements communications strategies for IT program.
- Creates and distributes internal IT program communications on an ongoing basis and in alignment with IT modernization milestone events.
- Establishes a process and plan to provide information, context and content on IT issues to DHS and MNsure public affairs professionals to use with counties, tribes, providers, health plans and other external stakeholders for the IT program.
- Supports leadership communication needs, including presentations and other communication tactics.
- Responsible for communicating pertinent information within the IT Program.
- Manages and produces summary-level, cross-agency communications regarding the IT program; execute weekly updates to leaders and to line-level employees working on IT.
- Monitors weekly PM status reports.
- Assists with internal and external program status reporting.
- Coordinates with other IT program communication and reporting leads on high-level communication plans.

### **Contract Management Lead**

A Contract Management Lead serves as a conduit for contract related issues and information between staff across multiple agencies and for DHS and MNsure.

A Contract Management Lead has the following key responsibilities:

- Oversees program contracts for all augmented resources.
- Responsible for ensuring onboarding/off boarding is complete for contract workers.
- Manages contract costs in coordination with Finance and Budgeting and Risk Management.
- Tracks and documents all expenses and deliverables associated with Contracts.

### **Finance and Budget Lead**

A Finance and Budget Lead provides oversight, monitoring and coordination for fiscal accounts and project budgets.

A Finance and Budget Lead has the following key responsibilities:

- Manages overall budget for the IT program in coordination with Program Manager and IT Leadership; provides regular updates to the Executive Steering Committee and the Program Management Team.
- Responsible for tracking and documenting expenses.
- Oversees finance reporting in relation to all federal and state funding of the IT program.

### **Technical Writer**

A Technical Writer will create and maintain technical documentation and is involved with writing documentation through the life cycle of building and maintaining a computer system (application) including help information for users describing system functionality and how to use it.

A Technical Writer has the following key responsibilities:

- Creates and maintains documentation standards for system architectural, standards, and development documents.
- Creates and maintains architectural, standards, and system technical documentation for applications.
- Reviews and tests electronic (on-line) documentation tools and methods in support of documentation improvement efforts.
- Assists Architects, Developers, Business Analysts and other technical staff with ad hoc documentation requests.



## *Addendum B: Reference Links*

This document is about the key roles and responsibilities, at a high level, for managing projects and programs. Links with more detailed information on roles and responsibilities across MNIT are included here.

Business Architecture:

[Business Architecture Roles and Responsibilities](#)

Project Management:

[Project Management Process Map](#)

[Project Toolkit & Requirements \(Templates\)](#)

[Project Management Policies](#)

Release Management:

Quality Assurance:

[QA Processes](#)

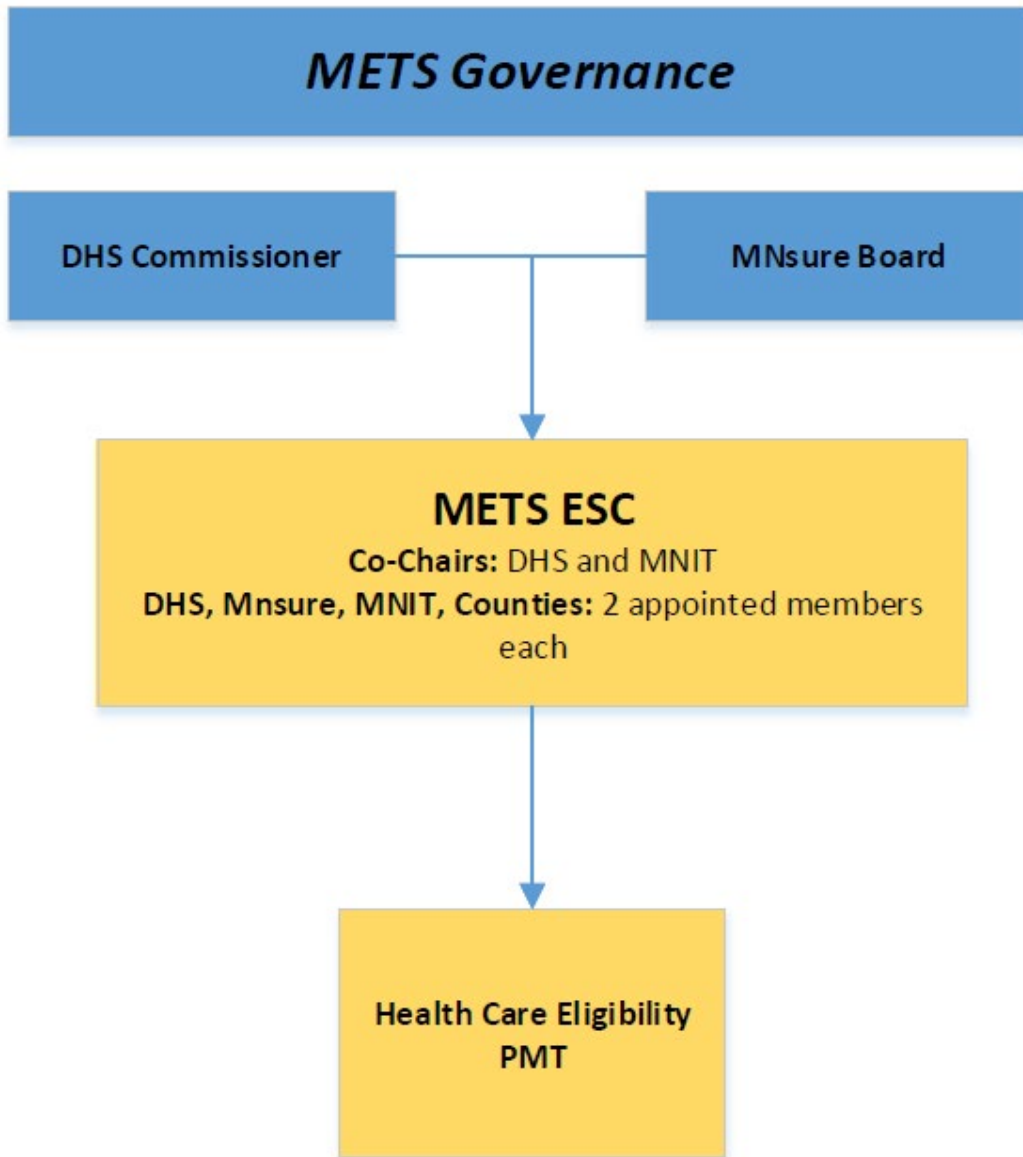
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[QA Templates](#)

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**SLA Appendix C: Application Inventory System Summary – MNsure Local Applications**

<u>Application</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Hours of Support - M-F</u>	<u>Hours of Support - Holiday</u>	<u>Recovery Time Objective</u>
Calabrio (MNsure)	Records inbound calls to MNsure's contact center	Standard (7am - 5pm)	MNIT Help Desk	Priority 2 - 48 hours
Caspio (MNsure)	Cloud based electronic forms builder and host.	Standard (7am - 5pm)	MNIT Help Desk	Priority 2 - 48 hours
Cloudera	Reporting for MNsure, including web metrics, database reporting and the replicated data store. To date, all reporting is created on an ad hoc basis via technical staff; nothing is automated and little direct access is available to business or policy staff.	Standard (7am - 5pm)	MNIT Help Desk	Priority 2 - 48 hours
Connecture	Connecture provides the QHP plans available on the Exchange. These plans are organized by metal level (bronze, silver, gold, and platinum) with the basic plans corresponding to the bronze level and the least expensive option. The platinum plans are the most expensive and feature rich plans. Individuals are encouraged to consider, out-of-pocket expenses, monthly premiums, historical costs, physician preference and offerings such as smoking cessation, vision coverage, etc.	Standard (7am - 5pm)	MNIT Help Desk	Priority 2 - 5 days

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Datapower	Integration and interfaces between MNsure components and other applications. This includes carrier enrollment, document management and archiving, notices and templates, and 2-way interfaces, e.g., MMIS, the federal hub, SWIFT, SMI, etc.).	Standard (7am - 5pm)	MNIT Help Desk	Priority 1 - Immediate
EngagePoint	The EngagePoint SOA Platform serves as the integration hub between the COTS products, as well as the interfaces with external systems that support MNsure.	Standard (7am - 5pm)	MNIT Help Desk	Priority 4 - 30+ days
EP Financials	MNsure application to calculate premiums, generate billings, record payments, and to process collections and risk adjustment	Standard (7am - 5pm)	MNIT Help Desk	Priority 4 - 30+ days
IBM Curam	The eligibility determination application from IBM-Curam begins with a series of questions on residence, income, family size, etc. These questions determine eligibility for government sponsored insurance.	Standard (7am - 5pm)	MNIT Help Desk	Priority 4 - 30+ days
Minnesota Eligibility Technology System (METS)	Worker, citizen, and anonymous shopping portals for MNsure. Functionality provided includes determination of eligibility, individual plan selection, and individual plan enrollment.	24 x 7 x 365	MNIT Help Desk	Priority 4 - 30+ days

**SLA Appendix C: Application Inventory System Summary – MNsire Local Applications**

<u>Application</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Hours of Support - M-F</u>	<u>Hours of Support - Holiday</u>	<u>Recovery Time Objective</u>
MNsire CRM	Track calls coming into the MNsire contact center	Standard (7am - 5pm)	MNIT Help Desk	Priority 3 - 2 weeks (14 days)
SWIFT MNsire	Electronic reporting of SWIFT data for MNsire.	Standard (7am - 5pm)	MNIT Help Desk	Priority 4 - 30+ days

## Appendix D: MNSure and MNIT@DHS 2019 Support Procedures

### MNIT Support Hours

- Outside of Open Enrollment
  - Core hours for MNIT Tier II ([DHS.Tier2@state.mn.us](mailto:DHS.Tier2@state.mn.us)), are 8am-6pm; MASBlue ([MASBlue@state.mn.us](mailto:MASBlue@state.mn.us)), can be contacted if issues arise after core hours between 6PM-11PM.
- During Open Enrollment
  - MNIT @ DHS support (MNIT Tier 2) will be available during MNSure contact center open hours plus any carryover time required to log and forward issues that have been reported. On critical deadline days, MNIT Tier II will remain available until MNSure Operations has cleared the call queue. See the link below for the approved schedule for MNSure contact center hours from 11/1/2017 to 1/14/2018:
    - [MNSure Contact Center Hours](#)
- MNSure will notify MNIT of any changes to work schedules that would change the agreed support schedule, and MNIT will notify MNSure of any scheduled maintenance or outage plans that affect MNSure contact center hours.

### MNSure and MNIT Points of Contact

- MNIT Tier 2 email. The contact address is [DHS.Tier2@state.mn.us](mailto:DHS.Tier2@state.mn.us) MNSure will use this address to:
  - Notify of access issues (unable to login to METS or consumers unable to login), or widespread problems or error messages
  - Provide additional information regarding Magic tickets that have been submitted
  - Follow-up with questions or requests for status updates on Magic tickets, or provide additional information as requested by MNIT Tier 2
- MNIT Tier 2 phone. The contacts are Donna McAulay (651) 431-3197, Melissa Montour (651) 431-3095, and Tenzin Yarphe (651) 431-3057. MNSure will contact Tier 2 directly to:
  - Follow-up on urgent issues that have already been reported on a Magic ticket; MNSure will not use phone contact as a replacement for Tier 2 email.
- MNIT Escalation. The contact is Debra Meier [debra.meier@state.mn.us](mailto:debra.meier@state.mn.us). (651) 431-4451 or (651) 335-8011. MNSure will contact to:
  - Escalate issues prioritized Critical or High that are not being updated or resolved and need immediate attention
- MNSure Ops and Issues contact. The contact is **#Mnsure\_Mnsure Operations and Issues Group**. MNIT or Tier 2 will use this address to:
  - Request additional information regarding Magic tickets that have been submitted
  - Notify MNSure of outages or maintenance or other outage plans that will affect METS availability during contact center hours
- MNSure Escalation. The contact is Jo Wright (651) 539-1396 [jolene.l.wright@state.mn.us](mailto:jolene.l.wright@state.mn.us). MNIT will contact to:
  - Resolve any questions about business prioritization of reported issues
  - Report or follow-up on urgent issues
- MNSure Leadership. The contact is **#Mnsure\_Mnsure Business Operations Leadership**. MNIT will contact to:
  - Notify or acknowledge Critical issues that are identified, reported or resolved

## Issue Logging

- MNSure will log issues in the [Business & Ops Issues Log](#) on SharePoint.
  - MNSure will provide access to the log to MNIT Tier 2 and other MNIT support staff
- MNSure will report production issues via Magic Tickets.
  - MNSure will create Magic Tickets to report METS, Connecture, ESOR, MNEIAM, CRM, FileNet, SharePoint, Caspio, Tridion and MNIT Telecom issues
    - Note: For all MNIT Telecom issues, Tier 2 will create the ticket with the Service Desk, will add the ticket details in the BOPS Log, and will assist MNSure with follow-up as needed
  - MNSure will train sufficient resources to ensure issues are logged as they are received
  - As necessary, MNIT Tier 2 will reach out to the issue reporter via email or to the Ops and Issues mailing list to request additional information regarding Magic tickets that have been submitted
  - As requested information is provided by MNSure to MNIT Tier 2 or the BAs; MNIT Tier 2 or MNIT BAs will add that information into the defect ticket
  - MNIT Tier 2 will escalate all Magic Tickets received by sending emails to the appropriate email groups, including:
    - [DHS.Tier2@state.mn.us](mailto:DHS.Tier2@state.mn.us)
    - [DHS.Carrier.Team@state.mn.us](mailto:DHS.Carrier.Team@state.mn.us)
    - [DHS.MINT@state.mn.us](mailto:DHS.MINT@state.mn.us)
    - [MNEIAM\\_IAM\\_TEAM@state.mn.us](mailto:MNEIAM_IAM_TEAM@state.mn.us)
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    - [MASBlue@state.mn.us](mailto:MASBlue@state.mn.us)
  - If a reported issue is determined to be a defect, MNIT Tier 2 or the MNIT OAM team will create defect tickets. MNIT Tier 2 will update the MNSure Issue Log with the defect ticket number and will reach out to MNSure to confirm business priority ranking for the defect.
  - MNSure will review defect and provide additional clarifying information if it is necessary
- MNSure will provide follow-up information and update the number of occurrences for a reported issue via email, referencing the Magic Ticket # in the subject line to avoid creating multiple magic tickets

## Issue Status Reporting

- MNIT Tier 2 will update the MNSure Issue Log with the status of issues that have been referred via Magic Ticket: ticket number of RTCs and/or JIRAs that have been created, follow-up requests that have been sent to the MNSure OE Ops and Issues contact, escalation to vendors, information regarding issue investigation or resolution, etc.
- MNIT Tier 2 will actively participate in the daily MNSure Issue huddle
  - Review and provide status of issues that have been referred to MNIT including actions taken, MNIT activity, requests for additional information, etc.
  - Assist with providing direction and oversight regarding real-time urgent challenges or barriers
  - Inform of system issues or scheduled events that may impact METS performance or availability
  - Convey urgency and priority of items discussed at the daily huddle to MNIT resources who are working on the reported issue

**Issue Response and Resolution**

- The Priority MNsure indicates on Magic Tickets and the MNsure Ops Issues Log will be assessed and assigned based on urgency and impact. If a defect is logged in defect tracking tool, this BOPS Log priority will align with defect priority. MNsure will use the following Priority definitions:

Priority Level	Definition	Service Level Goals
<p>Critical</p> <p><i>(MNsure will record the urgency as "High" on the Tier 2 Reporting Form since "Critical" is not available in the drop list)</i></p>	<p>An outage of MNsure enterprise-wide services that affects all users at a main campus, is likely to cause significant financial loss or critical data loss, or seriously impairs regular ongoing work of MNsure as it relates to customers and partners.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Notification or acknowledgment to MNsure Ops Leadership contact within 20 minutes of a Critical issue being identified or reported</li> <li>• Issue resolution within 2 hours and confirmation to MNsure Ops Leadership contact</li> <li>• Conference call with MNsure Ops Leadership contact if issue is not resolved or will not be resolved within 2 hours</li> </ul>
<p>High</p>	<p>Substantial impact on MNsure business users or customers and may cause financial or data loss, impairs non-routine work of MNsure as it relates to its customers and businesses, and has no feasible workaround.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Notification or acknowledgment to MNsure Ops and Issues contact within 2 hours of a High issue being identified or reported</li> <li>• Issue analysis and assessment, and update to MNsure within 8 hours</li> </ul>
<p>Medium</p>	<p>Limited or confinable impact on business users or customers, minimal work impairment and a reasonable workaround is available.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Notification or acknowledgment to MNsure Ops and Issues contact within 8 hours of a Medium issue being identified or reported</li> <li>• Issue analysis and assessment, and update to MNsure within 2 business days</li> </ul>
<p>Low</p>	<p>Insignificant impact on business users or customers, and a known reliable workaround is available.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Notification or acknowledgment to MNsure Ops and Issues contact within 8 hours of a Low issue being identified or reported</li> <li>• Issue analysis and assessment, and update to MNsure within 5 business days</li> </ul>





## Signature Page

Under Minnesota Statutes section 16E, the Office of MN.IT Services (dba Minnesota IT Services/MNIT) provides Information Technology services to MNsure. MNsure's use of these services constitutes an acceptance of this Service Level Agreement.

The MNIT Service Level Agreement is reviewed and recognized by:

**Agency/Entity**

**The Office of MN.IT Services**

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Nathan Clark

Johanna Clyborne

Chief Executive Officer  
MNsure

State Chief Information Officer and  
Commissioner of the Office of MN.IT Services

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**STATE OF MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES & MNSURE  
INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT**

THIS INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT, and amendments and supplements, is between the State of Minnesota, acting through its Chief Executive Officer of the Minnesota Health Insurance Marketplace (hereinafter "MNSure", and, the Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Human Services (hereinafter "DHS").

**RECITALS**

WHEREAS, MNSure, the state health insurance marketplace as described in Minnesota Statutes; section 62V.03, is empowered to enter into interagency agreements pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 471.59, subdivision 10;

WHEREAS, DHS is empowered to enter into interagency agreements pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 471.59, subdivision 10;

WHEREAS, MNSure is in need of standard, centralized administrative services to enable administrative efficiency;

WHEREAS, DHS has access to specialized resources capable of providing the administrative services sought by MNSure; and

WHEREAS, DHS represents that it is duly qualified and willing to perform the services set forth in this Agreement.

THEREFORE, the Parties agree as follows:

**AGREEMENT**

**1. PARTIES' DUTIES- MNSURE BUSINESS OPERATIONS.**

**1.1 Human Resources.** DHS shall provide human resource services to MNSure in accordance with the duties, responsibilities, and obligations set forth in Exhibit B, which are attached and incorporated into this Agreement.

**A. Scope of Work.** MNSure shall retain ownership and responsibility for its human resource decisions, while DHS shall serve in an advisory capacity and provide transaction and

other services. MNSure shall be responsible for paying-all costs associated with all independent investigations.

**B. Authorized Representatives.**

1. DHS' authorized representative in regards to human resource services is Connie Jones, Human Resources Director, or her successor.
2. MNSure's authorized representative in regards to human resource services is Dave Rowley, General Counsel, or his successor.
3. Each representative shall have final authority for acceptance of human resource services of the other party and shall have responsibility to insure that all payments due to the other party with respect to human resource services are made pursuant to the terms of this Agreement

**1.2 Financial Operations.**

**A. Scope of Work.**

1. **Payroll.** DHS shall:
  - a. Process bi-Weekly employee payroll for MNSure employees.
  - b. Process payroll funding and expense corrections to ensure that all salaries are paid from the correct funding source. Corrections will be processed when received or during the next available open pay period.
  - c. Process other needed payroll adjustments, including retroactive wage increases, or changes to claimed sick or vacation.
  - d. Print and review payroll reports as required by Minnesota Management and Budget (MMB) policy.
  - e. Maintain audit trail for payment documents.
  - f. Serve as contact for MNSure employees with questions regarding Direct Deposit.
2. **Accounts Payable.** DHS shall:

- a. Issue payments to vendors, contractors, carriers, and agencies based on submission of approved invoices from MNSure. Payments will be submitted by MNSure to DHS' Financial Operations Division (FOD) Accounts Payable email in-box and will be paid by FOD within 48 hours of receipt.
- b. Respond to vendors with questions about payments received.
- c. DHS in consultation with MNSure, will establish blanket encumbrances for certain administrative expenses. This includes but is not limited to Central Mail, Innovative Office Solutions, Issuance Operations Center, Receipt Center, Post Office Box Rentals, and Phone bills.
- d. Process EIORs for Accounts Payable purchase types for items such as training, registrations, and room rentals.
- e. Process refunds due to previously receipted MNSure payments.
- f. Process expenditure corrections related to cost coding of MNSure expenditures (EBFD, AC1 and ProjID codes) within one week of receiving from MNSure;
- g. Establish vendor numbers in SWIFT for payments when needed.
- h. Process Employee Business Expenses.
- i. Maintain audit trail for encumbrance and payment documents.

**3. SWIFT and SEMA4 Security.** DHS shall:

- a. Establish and maintain SWIFT security clearance of MNSure employees as authorized by MNSure's Chief Financial Officer or designee.
- b. Establish and maintain SEMA4 security clearance of MNSure employees as authorized by MNSure's Chief Financial Officer or designee.
- c. Coordinate and include MNSure in the annual MMB security certification process.

- d. Include MNSure in annual review and update of SWIFT security risk assessment.

**4. SWIFT-ER functionality.** DHS shall:

- a. Provide training and access to SWIFT-ER. SWIFT-ER is a web- based custom DHS/MN.IT application that serves as a front-end to the SWIFT Data Warehouse for standard report purposes.
- b. Maintain underlying SWIFT-ER data base tables, report programing, and web-based interface.
- c. Coordinate with MMB and their source "staging" tables to ensure the necessary data is accurate and available to refresh the SWIFT-ER data base nightly.
- d. Provide Annual SWIFT-ER and data base maintenance, the transition between fiscal years requires extensive annual attention by technical staff.

**5. Navigator Program payments.** DHS shall:

- a. Calculate quarterly Navigator Program payments based on program data provided by MNSure.
- b. Stage the quarterly payments in IWP interface file; validate file against SWIFT vendor file.
- c. Coordinate processing IWP interface file with MN.IT and MMB technical staff. (Note: the IWP file interface is maintained by MN.IT, but DHS pays for this service).
- d. Provide Navigator budget vs actual reporting to MNSure.

**6. Accounts Receivable.** DHS shall:

- a. To the extent permitted by Minnesota Statutes, section 16D.13 and MMB, include MNSure in DHS' waiver from not charging simple interest on debts owed to the state of Minnesota.

- b. Provide general assistance on SWIFT Accounts Receivable and Billing functionality.
- c. Provide back-up to MNSure staff on an as needed basis for SWIFT functions to ensure segregation of duties per SWIFT security risk assessment, including running single action process, approving credit bills, and updating customer demographic information.

**7. Collections.** DHS shall:

- a. Provide general assistance of collection questions.
- b. Coordinate referral of past due receivables to Department of Revenue for collections.

**8. Budget Planning & Cost Allocation.** DHS shall:

- a. Provide assistance with budget planning related to Minnesota Eligibility Technology System (METS) by DHS's Financial Operations Director or designee.
- b. Provide Public Assistance Cost Allocation Plan (PACAP) and Operational Advance Planning Document (OAPD) cost allocation services. Negotiate of cost allocation methodology and budget with federal agencies.
- c. Provide COCAS administration and technical support as related to Schedule 90 of the PACAP.
- d. Provide METS accounting and Executive Steering Committee (ESC) reporting by FOD staff to the extent it benefits MNSure.

**9. On-going MNSure Financial Responsibilities.** Apart from DHS' duties and obligations under this Section, MNSure shall perform and remain responsible for the activities described in Exhibit C, On-going Financial Responsibilities, which is attached and incorporated into this Agreement.

10. Receipt Center. DHS shall provide standard Receipt Center receipting services for MNSure.

**B. Authorized Representatives.**

1. DHS's authorized representative in regards to financial operations is Terri Engel, Accounting Operations Manager, or her successor.
2. MNSure's authorized representative in regards to financial operations is Gerald Wood, Accounting Director, or his successor.
3. Each representative shall have final authority for acceptance of payroll and accounts payable services of the other party and shall have responsibility to ensure that all payments due to the other party with respect to payroll and accounts payable services are made pursuant to the terms of this Agreement.

**1.3 Procurement**

**A. Procurement Scope of Work.** DHS shall provide procurement support services to MNSure in accordance with the duties, responsibilities, and obligations set forth below. DHS shall provide training and procedural policies, protocols and updates for all of the services described in this section.

1. **Swift Procurement Transactions.** DHS shall encumber and dispatch various types of purchase orders as requested by MNSure via the Electronic Inter-Office Requisition (EIOR) system. This includes the on-going maintenance of such purchase orders and the year-end closing or certification that is required.
2. **Purchasing Card Administration.** Per the DHS Purchasing Card Policy, DHS shall provide training for current and new cardholders, transaction support and/or dispute resolution, monthly reconciliation of transactions in SWIFT, record management and retention via FileNet, account maintenance and support via contracted purchasing card supplier etc.
3. **EIOR Administrative Services.** DHS shall provide training and administrative support for EIOR as it pertains to MNSure's business protocols. This includes

granting user access, functional reporting features based on MNSure requests, proper approval routing, accurate FinDept funding sources, etc.

4. **Agency Buyer Support.** Based on commodity, DHS shall support MNSure in the protocol of the procurement process. This includes posting events, coordinating bid events, and training in DHS business processes (Innovative Office Supplies, Multi-Function Devices, and other miscellaneous procurement standards).
5. **Receipts and Delivery.** DHS shall provide receiving, SWIFT receipting and internal building to building delivery of commodities shipped to the 444 Lafayette loading dock. Any items that have been pre-approved for direct shipment to MNSure will be receipted as needed per the DHS procedures on handling packing slips from remote locations. This will include fulfilling the requirement of completing the SWIFT receipt process and subsequent 3-way match on required commodities. The appropriate profiles will be built in SWIFT for any asset related items per the DHS Fixed Asset Policy.
6. **Asset inventory and management.** DHS shall coordinate the inventory and management of MNSure fixed assets. This collaborated effort will be in accordance with the DHS Fixed Asset Policy and Procedures which will outline the process in accordance to State policy.
7. **MMB/CAFR asset reporting.** DHS shall assist in the CAFR reporting to be submitted and certified by a MNSure representative. DHS will update or adjust CAFR records based on data provided by MNSure and the financials created in SWIFT. This collaborated effort will be in accordance with the DHS Fixed Asset Policy and Procedures which will outline the process in accordance to State policy.

**B. Authorized Representatives.**

1. DHS' authorized representative in regards to procurement services is Mike LaValle, Procurement Supervisor, or his successor.
2. MNSure's authorized representative in regards to procurement services is Katie DeGrio Channing, Legal Director or her successor.



3. Each representative shall have final authority for acceptance of procurement services of the other party and shall have responsibility to insure that all payments due to the other party with respect to procurement services are made pursuant to the terms of this Agreement

#### 1.4 Contracts

- A. **Contracts Scope of Work.** DHS' Contracts unit shall enter Contracts and POs in SWIFT for MNSure and MNSure/DHS related contracts according to MNSure/DHS contract work flow procedures. This includes MNSure administered professional technical contracts authorized within the ESC-approved METS budget that are cost allocated 100% to MNSure.
- B. **Authorized Representatives.**
  1. DHS' authorized representative in regards to contract services is Sebastian Stewart, Director of Contracts, Procurement & Legal Compliance, or his successor.
  2. MNSure's authorized representative in regards to procurement services is Katie DeGrio Channing, Legal Director, or her successor.
  3. Each representative shall have final authority for acceptance of contract services of the other party and shall have responsibility to insure that all payments due to the other party with respect to contract services are made pursuant to the terms of this Agreement.

#### 1.5 Background Studies.

- A. **Scope of Work.** DHS shall provide background study services to MNSure in accordance with the duties, responsibilities, and obligations set forth below. DHS shall:
  1. Provide designated MNSure and Assister Resource Center staff with sufficient user access to the DHS NETStudy or NETStudy 2.0 application to allow for the performance of their job duties.

2. Provide staff resources to input and process all Consumer Assistance Partner background study requests in a timely manner.
3. Conduct a review of criminal records maintained by the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, and compare any discovered convictions against the potentially disqualifying criminal offenses specified under Minnesota Statutes, section 245C.15.
4. Notify MNsure through NETStudy or NETStudy 2.0 of the results of each background study.
5. When the result of the background study is a potential disqualification, send the potentially disqualified background study subject a notice explaining the information reviewed, the conclusion reached, the process for challenging the correctness of the information, the process for requesting an individualized review of the individual's fitness and rehabilitation, and the date by which a request for review must be received.
6. Provide MNsure a copy of the notice described in item 5.
7. With respect to the Consumer Assistance Partner programs, work in partnership with MNsure regarding individualized reviews or appeal requested by a background study subject with potential disqualifying conduct or criminal offenses.
8. After transitioning to NETstudy 2.0, monitor MNsure's previous background study subjects through the "Registry Recheck" process and notify MNsure of matches with the Minnesota OIG Excluded Individuals, the Federal OIG List of Excluded Individuals and Entities, and the Minnesota Nurse Aide Registry.

**B. MNsure Responsibilities.** MNsure shall:

1. Request user access for NETstudy or NETstudy 2.0 for appropriate MNsure and Assister Resource Center staff.
2. Provide designated Assister Resource Center and DHS staff with access to MNsure data for these purposes including financial information, identity verification, and other relevant data.

3. Provide background study subjects with privacy notice from NETStudy or NETStudy 2.0.
4. Obtain a signed consent form the background study subject.

**C. Authorized Representatives.**

1. DHS's authorized representative in regards to background study services is Dawn Davis, Division Director or her successor.
2. MNSure's authorized representative in regards to background study services is Christina Wessel, Senior Director of Partner and Board Relations, or her successor.
3. Each representative shall have final authority for acceptance of background study services of the other party and shall have responsibility to insure that all payments due to the other party with respect to background study services are made pursuant to the terms of this Agreement.

**1.6 Fair Hearing and Appeals.**

**A. Scope of Work.** DHS shall provide fair hearing appeal adjudication services to MNSure as described in Exhibit D, Fair Hearing and Appeal Services, which is attached and incorporated into this Agreement.

**B. Authorized Representatives.**

1. DHS' authorized representative in regards to fair hearing appeal adjudication services is John Freeman, Appeals Division Director, or his successor.
2. MNSure's authorized representative in regards to fair hearing appeal adjudication services is Lindsey Millard, Legal Director, or her successor.
3. Each representative shall have final authority for acceptance of fair hearing appeal adjudication services of the other party and shall have responsibility to insure that all payments due to the other party With respect to fair hearing appeal adjudication services are made pursuant to the terms of this Agreement.

- C. Consideration.** Consideration for all fair hearing appeal adjudication services performed by DHS pursuant to this Agreement shall be paid by MNsure based on actual case counts and DHS' standard quarterly cost allocation process for appeals adjudication. Appeal adjudications resulting in a decision only on MNsure eligibility issue(s) listed in Exhibit D will be allocated completely to MNsure. Appeal adjudications resulting in a decision on both MNsure eligibility issue(s) and Medicaid/MinnesotaCare (Basic Health Plan) issue(s) will be allocated 50/50 between MNsure and DHS. Monthly, DHS will provide activity reports that the authorized representatives will examine and reconcile on a quarterly basis. The examination and reconciliation will occur within 90 days of the end of the quarter.

**1.7 Issuance Operations Center.**

- A. Scope of Work.** DHS shall provide Standard Issuance Operations Center print and mail services for METS and MNsure's QHP program.
- B. Authorized Representatives.**
1. DHS' authorized representative in regards to issuance operation services is Terri Engel, FOD Accounting Operations Director, or her successor.
  2. MNsure's authorized representative in regards to issuance operation services is Gerald Wood, Accounting Operations Director, or his successor.
  3. Each representative shall have final authority for acceptance of issuance operation services of the other party and shall have responsibility to insure that all payments due to the other party with respect issuance operation services are made pursuant to the terms of this Agreement

**2. PARTIES' DUTIES -- MINNESOTA ELIGIBILITY TECHNOLOGY SYSTEM (METS).**

**2.1 METS System Operations.**

- A. Scope of Work.** DHS through its MN.IT@DHS shall be the technical lead for METS operations as defined and authorized by the METS Executive Steering Committee, and

cost allocated in accordance with federally approved DHS Public Assistance Cost Allocation Plan ("PACAP").

**B. Authorized Representatives.**

1. DHS' authorized representative in regards to METS System Operations services is Alex Kotze, Chief Financial Officer, or her successor.
2. MNSure's authorized representative in regards METS System Operations services is Kari Koob, Chief Financial Officer, or her successor.
3. Each representative shall have final authority for acceptance of METS System Operations services of the other party and shall have responsibility to insure that all payments due to the other party with respect to METS System Operations services are made pursuant to the terms of this Agreement

**2.2 METS System Development-QHP.**

A. **Scope of Work.** DHS through MN.IT@DHS shall provide METS System Development-QHP services associated with the implementation and enhancement of MNSure's state-based Health Insurance Exchange as authorized by the METS Executive Steering Committee, and cost allocated in accordance with federally approved DHS PACAP.

**B. Authorized Representatives.**

1. DHS' authorized representative in regards to METS System Development-QHP services is Alex Kotze, Chief Financial Officer, or her successor.
2. MNSure's authorized representative in regards to METS System Development-QHP services is Kari Koob, Chief Financial Officer, or her successor.
3. Each representative shall have final authority for acceptance of METS System Development-QHP services of the other party and shall have responsibility to insure that all payments due to the other party with respect to METS System Development-QHP services are made pursuant to the terms of this Agreement.

**3. Occupancy and IT Support Indirect Costs.**

**3.1 Scope of Work.** Payments made and invoices submitted between DHS and MNSure under Section 1 and Section 2.1 of this Agreement are based on direct costs, including the associated Full Time Employee (FTE) positions. This Section addresses the occupancy and IT support indirect costs attributable to these FTE positions. DHS may submit, and MNSure shall pay, invoices for occupancy and IT support indirect costs associated with FTE assigned to perform work under this Agreement.

**3.2 Authorized Representatives.**

1. DHS' authorized representative in regards to occupancy and IT support indirect costs is Marty Cammack, Financial Operations Director, or his successor.
2. MNSure's authorized representative in regards to occupancy and IT support indirect costs is Kari Koob, Chief Financial Officer, or her successor.
3. Each representative shall have final authority for acceptance of IT support services of the other party and shall have responsibility to insure that all payments due to the other party with respect to IT support services are made pursuant to the terms of this Agreement

**4. DHS PUBLIC HEALTH CARE PROGRAMS.**

**A. Scope.** DHS and MNSure acknowledge that under an Interagency Agreement titled "Interagency Services Agreement for MNSure Participation In the Administration of the Minnesota State Plan or Services Under Title XIX" and dated November 3rd, 2014, which is incorporated into this Agreement by reference, each party has separate and independent obligations related to MNSure's role in DHS' public health care programs.

1. Under the above referenced Interagency Agreement, MNSure has a separate obligation to provide enrollment activities, including eligibility determination, case management, policy renewal, outreach, and post-eligibility activities to DHS for Minnesotans seeking benefits under DHS's public health care programs, including Medical Assistance and MinnesotaCare.
2. The Parties acknowledge that services provided by MNSure under the above referenced Interagency Agreement benefit DHS' public health care programs.

3. DHS' and MNSure's roles and responsibilities in the operation, support, and implementation of the Consumer Assistance Programs, including the Navigator Program and Certified Application Counselor Program, and the Assistor Resource Center shall be governed by Exhibit E, Consumer Assistance Program, which is attached and incorporated into this Agreement.

**B. Estimated Payments. Under the above referenced Interagency Agreement, the Parties acknowledge that DHS has a separate and independent obligation to pay MNSure for MNSure administrative costs attributable to the DHS' public health care programs according to the DHS Public Assistance Cost Allocation Plan ("PACAP"). The estimated amounts are as follows:**

1. SFY2020: \$13,280,000
2. SFY2021: \$13,550,000

The amounts specified in this Section are estimates only. This Agreement does not obligate DHS to pay MNSure the amounts estimated in this Section for any service performed in this Agreement or the Interagency Agreement referenced in Paragraph 1 of this Section, but it does obligate DHS to pay for actual costs as described in the interagency agreement specific to the PACAP.

## 5. CONSIDERATION AND TERMS OF PAYMENT.

### A. Payment Structure.

1. **Section 1 Parties' Duties - MNSure Business Operations.** Consideration for all services performed by DHS under Section 1 of this Agreement represents MNSure's payment to DHS for DHS administrative and business operations costs attributable to MNSure's private health care programs.
2. **Section 2 Parties' Duties - METS Services.** Consideration for all services performed by DHS under Section 2 of this Agreement represents MNSure's payment to DHS for METS system operation and development costs attributable to MNSure's private health care programs,
3. **Section 3 Occupancy and IT Support Indirect Costs.** Payments made and invoices submitted between DHS and MNSure under Section 1 and Section 2 of

this Agreement are based on direct costs, including the associated FTE allocation. Compensation under Section 3 represents the occupancy and IT support indirect costs attributable to these FTE positions.

4. **Payment Methodology.** Payments made and invoices submitted between DHS and MNsure shall be in accordance with the DHS Public Assistance Cost Allocation Plan ("PACAP") methodology and associated Central Office Cost Allocation System ("COCAS") policies and procedures, and in accordance with Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' ("CMS") advance planning documents ("APDs") associated with Minnesota's Medicaid Eligibility Determination System ("MEDs"), which are hereby incorporated into this Agreement by reference.

- B. **Consideration.** Consideration for all services performed by DHS pursuant to this Agreement shall be paid by MNsure in accordance with the allocations set forth in Exhibit A, Budget, as amended, which is attached and incorporated into this Agreement.
- C. **Terms of Payment.** Payment shall be made by MNsure on a quarterly basis within thirty (30) days after DHS has presented Invoices for services performed to MNsure. DHS shall present invoices to MNsure within forty five (45) days after each calendar quarter end.
- D. **Total Obligation.**
  1. **MNsure Business Operations Services.** The total obligation of MNsure for all compensation and reimbursements to DHS for non-IT related services under this Agreement shall not exceed **three million four hundred ninety thousand dollars (\$3,490,000)**, unless otherwise stated in Exhibit A, Budget as amended.
  2. **METS Services.** The total obligation of MNsure for all compensation and reimbursements to DHS for IT related services under this Agreement shall not exceed **fifteen million forty six thousand dollars (\$15,046,000)**, unless otherwise stated in Exhibit A Budget, as amended.
  3. **Occupancy and IT Support Indirect Costs.** The total obligation of MNsure for all compensation and reimbursements to DHS for occupancy and IT support



indirect costs under this Agreement shall not exceed **four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000.00)**, unless otherwise stated in Exhibit A, Budget as amended.

- E. Advance Payments.** MNsure's and DHS's Chief Financial Officers, or their successors, may, based on estimated invoices, authorize advance payments between MNsure and DHS for the limited purpose of addressing cash flow issues resulting from quarterly PACAP and COCAS procedures. Advance payments made under this Section must be settled against the next invoice and shall not exceed line item amounts set forth in Exhibit A, Budget.
- F. Section 4 DHS Public Health Care Programs.** Section 4 of this Agreement represents DHS' separate and independent obligation to pay MNsure for MNsure administrative costs attributable to the DHS' public health care programs. This Agreement does not obligate DHS to pay MNsure the amounts estimated in Section 4 for any service performed in this Agreement or the Interagency Agreement referenced in Section 4.
- 6. CONDITIONS OF PAYMENT.** All services provided by DHS pursuant to this Agreement shall be performed to the satisfaction of MNsure, as determined at the sole discretion of its Authorized Representative.
- 7. TERMS OF AGREEMENT.** This Agreement shall be effective on **October 1, 2019** without regard to the Execution Date of this Agreement, and shall remain in effect through **September 30, 2021**, or until all obligations set forth in this Agreement have been satisfactorily fulfilled, whichever occurs first. Upon the Execution Date of this Agreement, all previous agreements between DHS and MNsure for goods and services, covered by this Agreement shall terminate and be replaced by this Agreement. All previous agreements between DHS and MNsure for goods and services not covered by this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.
- 8. CANCELLATION.** This Agreement may be canceled by MNsure or DHS at any time, with or without cause, upon thirty (30) days written notice to the other party. In the event of such a cancellation, DHS shall be entitled to payment, determined on a pro rata basis, for work or services satisfactorily performed.
- 9. ASSIGNMENT.** Neither DHS nor MNsure shall assign or transfer any rights or obligations under this Agreement without the prior written consent of the other party.

- 10. AMENDMENTS.** Any amendments to this Agreement shall be in writing, and shall not be effective until executed by the same parties who executed the original agreement; or their successors in office.
- A. In the event of an emergency, MNsure's and DHS's Chief Financial Officers, or their successors, may agree, in writing, to the provision and payment of services not otherwise addressed in this Agreement. For purposes of this Section, an emergency shall have the same meaning as Minnesota Statutes, section 16C.02, subdivision 6(b) and due to time constraints, cannot be addressed with an immediate amendment to this Agreement. All services and payments authorized under this Section must be incorporated into a formal amendment in accordance with Section 8 above within a reasonable time after the emergency.
- 11. LIABILITY.** DHS and MNsure agree that each party will be responsible for its own acts and the results thereof to the extent authorized by law and shall not be responsible for the acts of the other and the results thereof. The DHS and the MNsure liability shall be governed by the provisions of the Minnesota Tort Claims Act, Minnesota Statutes, section 3.736, and other applicable law.
- 12. INFORMATION PRIVACY AND SECURITY.** Information privacy and security shall be governed by the "Data Sharing Agreement and Business Associate Agreement Terms and Conditions", identified as DSK%107571, as amended, or the applicable successive Data Sharing Agreement executed by the Parties, which is incorporated into this Agreement by reference. DHS and MNsure respectively agree that each party shall fully comply with the terms of the Data Sharing Agreement when carrying out any duties or obligation identified in this Agreement.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this Interagency Agreement to be duly executed intending to be bound thereby

APPROVED:

**1. REQUESTING AGENCY ENCUMBRANCE VERIFICATION**

*Individual certifies that funds have been encumbered as required by Minn. Stat. §§ 16A.15 and 16C.05*

DocuSigned by:  
By: Dora Burns  
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Date: 9/30/2019

SWIFT Contract No: IAK 167373  
SWIFT PO #: 3000001647

**2. MN Department of Human Services**

DocuSigned by:  
By: [Signature]  
With delegated authority  
Title: Deputy Commissioner  
Date: 10/1/2019

**3. MNSure**

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By: Nathan Clark  
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With delegated authority  
Title: CEO  
Date: 10/1/2019

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Requesting Agency – Original (fully executed) contract  
Providing Agency  
Contracting & Legal Compliance, Contracts Unit- #0238

Exhibit A

Please see the Excel File

### **EXHIBIT B - Human Resource Services**

DHS will provide the agency the following human resource services that will help MNsure operate effectively:

#### Transactions

- Complete accurate and timely SEMA-4 changes related to changes in employee information, hire, funding; promotion, separation dates, increase dates, department ID, medical leaves of absence, performance reviews, etc.
- Seniority Rosters will be updated/posted as required by contracts/plans.

Timely transactions depend on DHS receiving timely information from MNsure about employee status. DHS is not responsible for processing information if it has not received a written request.

#### ***Performance Management***

Definition: Developing standards and policies and providing support for supervisors and managers to provide constructive and developmental feedback and direction for 'ongoing coaching as well as a context for management decision-making.

- Train management on performance improvement techniques.
- Advise managers and supervisors in investigating employee misconduct, performance or attendance problems, or recommend retention of an outside Investigator. Investigations for managerial staff will be referred to an independent Investigator outside the state. DHS will coordinate the investigation.
- Advise managers and supervisors on handling performance, attendance, and conduct issues with employees.
- Assist managers and supervisors in withholding performance increases, taking disciplinary action, or discharging employees.
- Draft disciplinary letters and letters of expectations.

- Advise managers and supervisors on human resources best practices in employee motivation, reviews, and supervisory practices.

MNsure is responsible for paying all costs associated with independent investigations.

***Human Resources Policy Management***

Definition: Researching, developing, recommending, implementing, and communicating an array of Human Resources policies to support consistent employment practices.

- Investigate the need for and write new policies for human resource issues.
- Maintain and update existing policies.

**Contract Administration**

- Advise managers and supervisors on the proper application of contract language. When appropriate, DHS will seek MMB's advice on contract interpretation.
- Advise managers and supervisors on the practical application of employment laws such as FMLA, FLSA, ADA, USERRA, and all discrimination laws.

***Training***

Definition: Providing strategy, planning, and implementation of targeted learning activities to support both individual employee development and organizational strategies. This training is restricted to employees of MNsure.

- In conjunction with MNsure HR Specialist, train managers and supervisors on human resources practices, employment law, bargaining unit contract language/ compensation, code of ethics, and other topics directly related to human resources.

***Classification and Compensation***

Definition: Conduct an analysis of the individual position to identify and describe the different kinds of work in an organization and group similar positions under common classification titles based upon the kind of work, degree of difficulty and the, responsibilities required.

- Review position descriptions; determine appropriate classification, document audit decisions, and explain the rationale for classification decisions.

- Coordinate Hay sessions when applicable.
- Conduct studies of groups of positions as necessary.
- Approve or deny compensation requests for new hires or promotions.
- Supervisors will receive notification of positions that are ending each quarter.

MNsure must provide documentation of requests to convert unclassified position to the classified service at least one month in advance of the end of the unclassified position.

DHS has received delegated authority from MMB-Enterprise Human Resources to make classification and compensation decisions. DHS must abide by accepted practices and rules governing classification and compensation in order to retain this delegation. MMB-Enterprise Human Resources periodically audits DHS's work to determine compliance with rules and laws.

***Vacancy-Filling***

Definition: Work With HR Specialist who works directly to assist managers in hiring so that MNsure follows state bargaining unit contracts, employment laws, and state laws governing state positions. This includes filling vacancies by developing appropriate qualifications for vacancies, determining recruitment options, posting, reviewing candidates, determining qualified candidates, and assisting the supervisor or managers in following state bargaining unit contracts and state laws.

- Advise on minimum qualifications and recruitment options.
- Posting and bidding/expression of interest process for classified positions.
- Review position applications to determine which applicants meet the minimum qualifications and refer successful candidates to the hiring supervisor.
- Assist managers and supervisors in developing interview questions and other selection criteria and exercises.
- Conduct background checks.
- Document hires for affirmative action purposes.
- Compose offer and employment confirmation letters.

- Notify all applicants of position hiring decisions.
- Close out Resumix

***Labor Relations and Employment Law***

Definition: Ongoing maintenance and development of union and employee relations in order to advise management on performance and employment law issues, standards; and policies.

- Represent management at meet and confer sessions.
- Respond to third-step grievances for MNSure.
- Review and responding to requests for accommodation under the ADA.
- Monitor payroll and leave under USERRA.
- Notify MNSure of new laws, state rules, and issues.
- Investigate all significant workers' compensation claims, process claims, and work through settlements and resolutions on behalf of MNSure.
- Advise supervisors and managers with other employment law issues such as discrimination, sexual harassment, etc.
- Review unemployment claims and represent management in unemployment hearings.

***Safety & Workers' Compensation***

- File yearly OSHA lost-time reports.
- Assist with first reports of injury filings.

***Reporting***

- Upon request, provide ad hoc reports on employee costs, leave use, hires, separations, and other employment Information contained in the state's information warehouse.

***File Maintenance & Storage***

- Maintain and store audit (Job classification decision) files and requisitions (vacancy filling) files.



- Inform MNSure on the types of personnel information that should be securely maintained onsite.
- Maintain Personnel files/records.

**DHS Human Resources Responsibilities:**

DHS will provide the following level of service:

- Vacancies will be posted within two business days of receipt of a request to fill (if the position does not need to be allocated or the allocation changed)
- Examine 1-9 documentation, after hire, for legal hiring.
- Positions requiring initial allocation will be allocated within two weeks of the receipt of a complete position description, organizational chart, and request memo.
- Positions requiring reallocation will be audited within four to six weeks of the receipt of a complete position description, organizational chart, and request memo.
- Investigations will be conducted promptly. Timing depends on the exact circumstances and availability of union representatives.
- Transactions turned In by Thursday of the non-payroll week will take effect that payroll period.
- Employees hired during the last two days of the pay period may not be paid for those days until the next pay period.

**MNSure's Responsibilities:**

Management of MNSure is responsible for the actions of the organization's employees, including unethical, violent, or harassing behavior and failure to follow state policies and procedures.

MNSure is responsible for completing the following human resource actions:

***Benefits Administration***

- Convey benefits information from Minnesota Management and Budget (DHS) to employees of MNSure.

- Benefits questions and issues will be handled directly by the State Employee Group Insurance Program (SEGIP) at MMB. All employees will receive information on the SEGIP contact.
- FMLA requests: All employees will receive information on how to apply for FMLA from DHS and supervisors and managers will coordinate directly with DHS.

***Training***

Definition: Providing strategy, planning, and Implementation of targeted learning activities to support both individual employee development and organizational strategies. This training is restricted to employees of MNSure.

- In conjunction with DHS, train managers and supervisors on human resources practices, employment law, bargaining unit contract language, compensation, code of ethics, and other topics directly related to human resources.
- Track completion on topics mandated by law or policy - code of conduct, sexual harassment prevention, right-to-know, etc.
- Send communications to employees about various human resource topics.

***Policies and Procedures***

- MNSure has appointed an Ethics Officer and communicated that designation to employees.
- Employees are trained on the Code of Ethics (M.S. 43A.18) and as required the Code of Conduct.
- Position descriptions clearly indicate the employee's level of decision-making authority.
- Employees receive copies of general statewide policies and policies and procedures governing their particular jobs.
- Formal delegations of duties are on file.
- Operating practices are consistent with state policies.
- Appropriate action is taken for violations of policy.

***Position Descriptions***

- All positions have position descriptions that are updated at least every three years.

- Position descriptions are consistent with employees' actual job duties and include a listing of essential functions under the ADA.

***Employee Performance Management***

- New employees must receive copies of their position descriptions and an orientation to their work and their work unit,
- All new employees must receive mid-probationary and probationary reviews.
- All employees must be given honest feedback on their performance at least once a year with a written formal evaluation placed in their personnel
- Performance expectations are made clear for all employees.
- Employees whose performance, attendance, or behavior is problematic will be coached on their deficiencies to permit them to improve- unless the behavior is so severe that immediate action must be taken to end their appointment. All such issues should be discussed with the DHS Labor Relations Representative.

## EXHIBIT C - On-going MNSure Financial Responsibilities

Apart from DHS' duties and obligations under Clauses 1.2 "Financial Operations", 1.3 "Procurement" and 1.4 "Contracts" of this Agreement, MNSure shall perform and remain responsible for the following activities:

1. Management of overall MNSure finances and operating budget with the federal government, Minnesota Management and Budget (MMB) and the MNSure Board of Directors.
2. Reconciliation of MNSure-related legislative actions to MMB Fund Balance Statements; reconciliation of MNSure Enterprise Fund activity to MMB Financial Statements (CAFR).
3. Administration of federal grant applications and awards, including coordination with DHS federal APD projects and associated MNSure/DHS cost sharing.
4. Administration of federal fiscal reporting requirements; responses to data requests from federal agencies and /or auditors.
5. Management of SWIFT Agency H60 (MNSure) chart of accounts, budget structure, and budget/commitment control.
6. Coordination with MMB Executive Budget Officer (s) assigned to MNSure; authorization of SWIFT Agency H60 (MNSure) appropriation transfers and cash flow assistance.
7. Forecasting MNSure premium withhold revenue; budgeting and accounting for premium withhold revenue, including invoicing process.
8. Accounting for and reconciliation of MNSure premium pass-through activity within SWIFT and with the MNSure System (as applicable).
9. Contract management, including legal/attorney function including drafting and review and SWIFT processes (professional technical contracts and grant contracts)
10. Ensuring timely, policy compliant, SEMA4 Employee Self-Service Timesheet completion and supervisory approvals; and associated employee Business Expense approvals.
11. Ensuring MNSure's SEMA4 Department ID structure and SEMA4 position funding records are maintained consistent with the current organization structure and available funding.

12. Initiation and approval of E-1768 personnel transaction, including completion of the Funding Tab when required.
13. Initiation and approval of EIOR commodity purchases, including the Fund Approver role.
14. Approval of special expenses requests and employee business expenses (e.g. travel).
15. Approval of vendor/interagency invoices for payment; timely delivery of approved invoices to DHS Accounts Payable.
16. Maintaining SWIFT customer file so invoicing processes are timely.
17. Troubleshooting and direct follow-up with vendors and customers on payment/invoice inquiries and issues.
18. Annual certifications to MMB, for example: annual spending plan, accounts receivable, financial statement accruals, encumbrances at fiscal year close, CAFR, federal Single Audit Schedules, etc.
19. Updating of Biennial Budget System (a.k.a BPAS), including budget maintenance; narratives and fiscal pages.
20. Coordination of MNsure technology system related fiscal notes/assumptions with ~~DH~~ DHS Budget Analysis Division.
21. Administration of interagency agreements with DHS.

## EXHIBIT D - Fair Hearing and Appeal Services

### 1. DHS Duties. DHS shall:

- A. Maintain adequate staffing levels for services specified in this Exhibit by employing: human services judges, paralegals, administrative support staff, and supervisor human services judges.
- B. Adjudicate, including issuing final orders of eligibility determinations, all MNsure eligibility appeals, including employer shared responsibility appeals and carrier eligibility determination review appeals.<sup>1</sup>
- C. Manage the intake of all MNsure eligibility appeals.
- D. Provide a representative sample of redacted final decisions to be publically posted.
- E. Send all correspondence regarding MNsure eligibility appeals to the parties, including, but not limited to, an acknowledgement of receipt of appeal requests and hearing notices.
- F. Submit measurable reports, as agreed upon, to MNsure.
- G. Investigate and respond to all complaints received pertaining to DHS's handling of MNsure appeals, copying MNsure's Authorized Representative.

### 2. MNsure Duties. MNsure Shall:

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<sup>1</sup> 1 Carrier eligibility determination review appeals are in accordance with section 2.3 of the MNsure Carrier Business Agreement, whereby a carrier offering plans through MNsure may request a formal review of an eligibility determination or redetermination made by MNsure with respect to an enrollee of the Carrier.

- A. Provide the consultation, coordination, and directive services of a full time MNSure Appeals Manager.
- B. Provide the design for public interfacing for MNSure eligibility appeals.
- C. Pay DHS in accordance with Clause 1.6 of the Interagency Agreement and attached Budget.
- D. Provide appeal summaries to DHS In accordance with the timelines and other requirements of Minnesota Rules, part 7700.0105, subpart 10, and other applicable law.

**3. DHS Tasks.**

- A. **Staffing and Training.** DHS will provide sufficient staffing levels necessary for adjudicating eligibility appeals and all other functions incorporated through this Agreement, in accordance with state and federal law and MNSure policies and procedures: DHS will monitor staffing levels on an ongoing basis and will preemptively identify options for filling staffing vacancies on short notice. DHS will monitor on an ongoing basis all staffing and training weakness and report the same upon identification to MNSure, which will actively identify potential solutions for DHS to explore.
- B. **Adjudication.** DHS will adjudicate all MNSure eligibility appeals on:
  - 1. Any MNSure determination of eligibility to enroll in a Qualified Health Plan (QHP) through MNSure, including redeterminations in accordance with 45 C.F.R. § 155.305 (a)- (b); 45 C.F.R. § 155,330; and 45 C.F.R. § 155.335;
  - 2. Any MNSure determination of eligibility for and level of Advance Premium Tax Credit (APTC), and eligibility for and level of Cost Sharing Reductions (CSR), including redeterminations in accordance with 45 C.F.R. § 155.305 (f)-(g); 45 C.F.R. § 155.330; and 45 C.F.R. § 155.335;
  - 3. Any MNSure determination or redetermination of eligibility for employee and/or employer In a Small Business Health Option Program (SHOP) in accordance with 45 C.F.R. § 155.710 (a) and 45 C.F.R. § 155.710 (e);
  - 4. Any MNSure determination or redetermination of a grant of certification attesting that, for the purposes of the individual responsibility penalty under section 5000A of the Internal Revenue

Service Code of 1986, an individual is exempt from the individual requirement imposed, in accordance with 45 C.F.R. § 155.605;

5. Any failure by MNSure to provide timely notice of an eligibility determination in accordance with 45 C.F.R. § 155.310 (g), 45 C.F.R. § 155.330 (e)(l)(ii), 45 C.F.R. § 155.335 (h)(ii), 45 C.F.R. § 155.610 (i) or 45 C.F.R. § 155.715 (e)-(f); and
6. Any MNSure determination of start date or termination of Exchange enrollment or coverage pursuant to 45 C.F.R. § 155.430; and
7. In response to a notice sent by MNSure under 45 C.F.R. § 155.310 (h), a determination that an employer does not provide minimum essential coverage through an employer- sponsored plan or that the employer does provide coverage but is not affordable coverage with respect to an employee.
8. Carrier eligibility determination review appeals, in accordance with section 2.3 of the MNSure Carrier Business Agreement, whereby a carrier offering plans through MNSure may request a formal review of an eligibility determination or redetermination made by MNSure with respect to an enrollee of the Carrier.

The adjudication of MNSure appeals will offer all procedural due process required by federal and state law; offer all accessibility rights under state and federal law; and will adhere to all final and proposed state and federal regulations governing the adjudication of MNSure appeals. The adjudication will honor the timelines specified in state and federal law. The adjudication includes "expedited appeals," in accordance with 45 Code of Federal Regulations, part 155.540, and MNSure policies and procedures. The adjudication will include, but not be limited to, the following components:

- a. A written recommended decision;
- b. A telephone hearing, a videoconference hearing, or an in-person hearing, when required;
- c. A prehearing conference, if deemed necessary by the presiding judge;
- d. A notice and order for hearing
- e. A MNSure Order issued on behalf of the MNSure Board;
- f. Digital recording of the hearing;



- g. Language Interpretation and translation services, where requested, provided, assistance from MNSure in exploring options for providing in-person interpretation when requested; and
- h. Compliance with all MNSure policies and procedures related to appeal adjudication.

**C. Intake and Finalization.**

1. DHS will provide, at minimum, daily monitoring of the designated EDMS folder to check any eligibility records to transfer from MNSure to DHS. DHS will input all received MNSure appeals forms into the case management system (CMS), categorize and assign the appeals. MNSure reserves the right to review appeal requests and informally resolve them internally.
2. DHS will input the eligibility records received from MNSure and/or received directly from the appellant into the CMS or records management system (EDMS). DHS is responsible for ensuring accumulation of the appeal record, until a final order is issued and the entire Appeal record is uploaded to EDMS and comprehensive appeal record retention, including the digital recording of the hearing.
3. Upon final order, DHS will input the entire Appeal record into the designated EDMS folder for MNSure to maintain. MNSure is the official record holder for the official appeal record once final and uploaded to EDMS.

- D. Redaction.** DHS shall redact for public viewing a sizeable representative sample of MNSure Orders in accordance with state and federal data privacy laws. The size of the representative sample and the methodology for the sampling will be agreed upon by the parties.

DHS will carefully review each Order chosen for redaction so as to redact all identifying information on a case-by-case basis, in addition to redacting all standard identifiers. DHS will upload each redacted order to the decisions database designated by MNSure.

**E. Sending and Maintaining Correspondence.**

1. Upon request, DHS will send all correspondence regarding filed MNSure appeals, including, but not limited to, an acknowledgement of receipt of appeal requests, hearing notices, decisions and MNSure Orders, and reconsideration requests to MNSure.
2. All correspondence related to MNSure appeals will use letterhead approved by MNSure's Authorized Representative, and will use the appropriate MNSure appeals correspondence template.

3. Correspondence that must be mailed in a "timely" manner will be sent on or before 10 (ten) business days. Final Orders will be mailed within 1 (one) business day of finalization and within 90 (ninety) days of receipt of request, as administratively feasible. Dismissals of expedited appeals and final Orders of expedited appeals will be sent within the timeframes as determined by the Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services.
4. A copy of all MNSure appeals correspondence will be retained in the case management system, as part of the appeal record. All correspondence related to MNSure appeals will be post-marked no later than one calendar day following the date listed on the MNSure appeals correspondence (i.e., all MNSure appeals correspondence post-marked on Monday will reflect Monday's date on the letter).
5. DHS will investigate all returned MNSure appeals correspondence, and notify MNSure's Authorized Representative of all returned MNSure appeals correspondence and their respective resolutions on a weekly basis.
- F. **Reporting.** DHS shall submit to MNSure's Authorized Representative reports to measure various metrics pertaining to MNSure appeals, including, but not limited to, number of appeals; number of hearings; timeliness of pending appeals; timeliness of finalized appeals; caseloads; requests for reconsideration, and any metrics measured by state and/or federal reporting needs or audits. The frequency of these reports will be as agreed upon by MNSure's Authorized Representative and DHS' Authorized Representative and will include both regularly reoccurring reports and reports in response to ad hoc requests.
- G. Investigation and Response to complaints. DHS will investigate and respond to all complaints received pertaining to DHS's handling of MNSure appeals and respond to complainant, copying MNSure's Authorized Representative, within 30 days of receiving complaint, per the policy and procedure developed according to this Statement.
- H. Invoicing. DHS will submit to MNSure's Authorized Representative, quarterly itemized invoices unless otherwise stated in this Agreement.
4. **MNSure Tasks.**
  - A. **Consultation, Coordination, and Direction.** MNSure shall employ and provide a full-time MNSure Appeals Manager to consult, coordinate, and direct services under this Exhibit D. The

MNsire Appeals Manager will coordinate the efforts of the parties under this Agreement; organize as needed meetings; serve as a subject matter expert for MNsure appeals; and generally be available to consult and provide direction on a need-be basis for DHS. In the absence of the MNsure Appeals Manager (e.g., vacation), an interim replacement will be identified.

- B. Public Interfacing for MNsure appeals. MNsure will provide the sole public interfacing for MNsure appeals by making appeal information and materials available on its website and through outreach plans developed by MNsure.
- C. Payment. MNsure will pay DHS upon acceptance by MNsure that the tasks and deliverables have been completed, and in accordance with the invoices of each respective agency and the costs as detailed above,
- D. Appeals Summaries. MNsure will provide DHS appeal summaries in accordance with the timelines and other requirements of Minnesota Rules, part 7700.0105, subpart 10, and other applicable law.

### Exhibit E - Consumer Assistance Program

1. **MNsure's Responsibilities.** MNsure will operate the Consumer Assistance Programs, including the Navigator Program, Certified Application Counselor program, and the Assister Resource Center ("ARC"). Operational responsibilities include:
  - A. **Contracting.** MNsure will:
    1. Process all consumer assistance partner applications and contracts;
    2. Specifically identify DHS as a third-party beneficiary in all Consumer Assistance Partner contracts including, Certified Application Counselor Services Agreements, and Joint Powers and Grant Navigator/In-Person Assister Agreements.
    3. Request input from DHS's Contracts division on the creation and modification of all consumer assistance partner contract templates.
  - B. **Training, resource pages and manual.** MNsure will:
    1. Develop, implement, and maintain certification and recertification training for all consumer assistance partners
    2. Request input and content from DHS' Health Care Administration on all consumer assistance partner training related to public programs.
    3. Update and maintain the navigator resource webpages.
  - C. **Certification.** MNsure will:
    1. Process all consumer assistance partner certification, recertification, and decertification.
    2. Resolve all complaints against consumer assistance partners.
  - D. **Customer Service and Support.** MNsure will:
    1. Provide customer services and support to consumer assistance partners through the ARC.

2. Oversee supervision, hiring, work direction and priority setting as it relates to staffing and work activities of the ARC.
3. Develop, implement, and maintain operational support for all consumer assistance partners.
4. Obtain input and approval from DHS Health Care Administration on all consumer assistance partner communications related to public programs.

**E. Compensation.** MNSure will:

1. Seek approval from DHS FOD for all consumer assistance partner payments and provide necessary data.
2. Request input from DHS on all consumer assistance partner compensation model decisions.
3. Maintain all consumer assistance partners' compensation according set forth in the Consumer Assistance Partner contracts, and not make any modifications to Consumer Assistance Partner compensation rates without the explicit approval of DHS.
4. Implement controls to ensure Consumer Assistance Partner compensation payments are appropriate and audit as needed to safeguard against potential fraud or misuse.
5. Consistent with Clause 1.5 (Internal Audits) of this Agreement, cooperate with DHS audits of consumer assistance partner payments. In the event of an audit of Consumer Assistance Partner payments initiated by MNSure that requires cooperation and assistance from DHS, MNSure shall provide reasonable notice of such an audit. MNSure will work with DHS to avoid disruption of DHS business operations during audit.
6. Be responsible for working with MN.IT staff to develop payment reports, clean data, run report, and develop and send payment statements.
7. Respond to all questions about and facilitate resolving issues regarding compensation.

**2. DHS' Responsibilities.** DHS will support the operations of consumer assistance programs, including the Navigator program and Certified Application Counselor program. Support responsibilities include:

**A. Contracting.** DHS will:

1. Participate as third-party beneficiary to all consumer assistance partner contracts with MNsure, including Certified Application Counselor Services Agreements, and Joint Powers and Grant Navigator/In-Person Assister Agreements.
2. Provide input from DHS Contracts division on all consumer assistance partner contract templates.
3. Provide review on all requested changes to templates.
4. DHS Contact: Sebastian Stewart, Director, Contracts, Procurement, and Legal Compliance, 444 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, MN, or his successor.

**B. Training, Resource Pages and Manual.** DHS will:

1. Provide reviewers for training content developed by MNsure. This review will occur on a mutually agreed-upon schedule.
2. Review public program related processes within the navigator manual and navigator resource webpages on a mutually-agreed upon schedule.
3. DHS Contact: Christina Cox; Supervisor, Training and Partner Relations, HCEO, 540 Cedar Avenue, St. Paul, MN, or her successor.

**C. Customer Service and Support.** DHS will:

1. Respond to public program policy questions from the ARC within ten working days through the DHS' HCEO County Relations Resource Center.
2. Provide timely input and approval from DHS HCEO on all consumer assistance partner communications related to public programs,
3. Provide Assister Resource Center (ARC) staff and the ARC supervisor with access to SIR, MMIS; MAXIS and DHS FileNet upon request to provide consumer assistance partner support for public programs per appropriate law and policy.

4. Designate a point person and backup for ARC questions that are more time sensitive for the County Relations Resource Center. These staff will be available during regular DHS business hours (8am-4:30pm),
5. DHS Contact: Isaac Akpojotor, Supervisor, Resource Center Systems Support, HCEO, 540 Cedar Avenue, St. Paul, MN or her successor.

**D. Consumer Assistance Partner Payments.** DHS will:

1. At MNSure's request, provide timely input on all consumer assistance partner compensation model decisions.
2. Provide approval for any modifications to Consumer Assistance Partner compensation rates proposed by MNSure.
3. Using payment reports provided by MNSure, review and approve within two weeks, as appropriate, all consumer assistance partner payments as recommended by MNSure.
4. Submit all approved consumer assistance partner payments to DHS Financial Operations Division.
5. DHS Financial Operations Division to make payments with 72 hours of submission of the approved payment report.
6. Work with MNSure to ensure Consumer Assistance Partner compensation payments are appropriate.
7. Consistent with Section 1.5 (Internal Audits) of this Agreement, cooperate with MNSure in audits of Consumer Assistance Partner payments. In the event of an audit initiated by DHS that requires cooperation and assistance from MNSure, DHS shall provide reasonable notice of any such audit, and work with MNSure to avoid the disruption of business operations during the audit.
8. DHS Contact: Marty Cammack, Director, Financial Operations, 540 Cedar Avenue, St, Paul, MN, or his successor.

**3. Mutual Responsibilities.** DHS and MNsure will coordinate operations of the consumer assistance programs according to above sections. Coordination responsibilities include:

**A. Resources.**

1. DHS Health Care Administration will designate a liaison to the consumer assistance programs.
2. MNsure will designate a supervisor to ARC staff.

**B. Communication.** DHS and MNsure will have regular check-in meetings on the status of the navigator program, including discussion of program metrics.



## EXHIBIT A Interagency Agreement Budget

Section (i.e. services to be provided)	Basis for Amount Charged	Authorized Representative		Totals	
		MNsure / Kari Koob	DHS / Alex Kotze	FY2020	FY2021
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1.2 Financial Operations	Fixed	Gerald Wood	Terri Engel	150,000	150,000
1.3 Procurement	Fixed	Katie DeGrioChanning	Mike LaValle	85,000	85,000
1.4 Contracts	Fixed	Katie DeGrioChanning	Sebastian Stewart	15,000	15,000
1.5 Background Studies	Variable	Christina Wessel	Dawn Davis	25,000	25,000
1.6 Fair Hearing and Appeals	Variable	Lindsey Millard	John Freeman	1,000,000	1,000,000
1.7 Issuance Operations Center	Variable	Gerald Wood	Terri Engel	270,000	270,000
<b>Total Business Operation Services</b>				<b>1,745,000</b>	<b>1,745,000</b>
2.1 METS System Operations	Variable	Kari Koob	Alex Kotze	5,706,000	6,693,000
2.2 METS System Development-QHP	Variable	Kari Koob	Alex Kotzke	2,647,000	0
<b>Total METS Services</b>				<b>8,353,000</b>	<b>6,693,000</b>
<b>3. Occupancy and IT Support Indirect Costs</b>	Fixed	Kari Koob	Marty Cammack	<b>200,000</b>	<b>200,000</b>
<b>Total Interagency Agreement</b>				<b>10,298,000</b>	<b>8,438,000</b>
					18,736,000

# Amendment No.1 to Interagency Agreement 167373

Contract Start Date:	October 1, 2019	Original Contract:	\$18,736,000
Original Contract Expiration Date:	<u>9/30/2021</u>	Previous Amendment(s) Total:	<u>\$0</u>
Current Contract Expiration Date:	<u>9/30/2021</u>	This Amendment:	<u>-\$75,000</u>
Requested Contract Expiration Date:	<u>No Change</u>	Total Contract Amount:	<u>\$18,661,000</u>

**This amendment** (“Amendment”) is by and between Minnesota Department of Human Services, Commissioner’s Office Division, (hereinafter DHS) and the Chief Executive Officer of the Minnesota Health Insurance Marketplace (hereinafter “MNsure”).

## Recitals

1. DHS and MNsure have an agreement identified as IAK-167373 (“Original Agreement”) to allow DHS to provide standard, centralized administrative services to MNsure;
2. DHS and MNsure agree that the Original Agreement should be modified in order to reflect forthcoming changes, clarify certain roles and identify new names that will perform certain roles; and
3. DHS and MNsure are willing to amend the Original Agreement as stated below.

## Contract Amendment

In this Amendment, changes to Original Agreement language will use ~~strike through~~ for deletions and underlining for insertions.

The parties agree to the following revisions:

**REVISION 1: Clause 1.6(B)(2), “Authorized Representatives”** is amended as follows:

### B. Authorized Representatives.

1. DHS' authorized representative in regards to fair hearing appeal adjudication services is John Freeman, Appeals Division Director, or his successor.
2. MNsure’s authorized representative in regards to fair hearing appeal adjudication services is ~~Lindsey Millard~~Katie DeGrio Channing, Legal Director, or her successor.
3. Each representative shall have final authority for acceptance of fair hearing appeal adjudication services of the other party and shall have responsibility to insure that all payments due to the other party With respect to fair hearing appeal adjudication services are made pursuant to the terms of this Agreement.

**REVISION 2: Exhibit D – Fair Hearing and Appeal Services, Clause 1(B)** is amended as follows:

### 1. DHS Duties. DHS shall:

- A. Maintain adequate staffing levels for services specified in this Exhibit by employing: human services judges, paralegals, administrative support staff, and supervisor human services judges.

- B. Adjudicate, including issuing final orders of eligibility determinations, ~~all~~ certain specified MNsure eligibility appeals, as agreed upon by DHS and MNsure, including ~~employer shared responsibility appeals and~~ carrier eligibility determination review appeals.<sup>1</sup>
- C. Manage the intake of ~~all~~ certain specified MNsure eligibility appeals, as agreed upon by DHS and MNsure.
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**REVISION 3: Exhibit D – Fair Hearing and Appeal Services, Clause 3(B)** is amended as follows:

**3. DHS Tasks.**

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67. In response to a notice sent by MNSure under 45 C.F.R. § 155.310 (h), a determination that an employer does not provide minimum essential coverage through an employer- sponsored plan or that the employer does provide coverage but is not affordable coverage with respect to an employee. DHS adjudication of these appeals is non-exclusive, and the parties agree that MNSure will transition adjudication of these appeals to the US Department of Health and Human Services in fiscal year 2020.
78. Carrier eligibility determination review appeals, in accordance with section 2.3 of the MNSure Carrier Business Agreement, whereby a carrier offering plans through MNSure may request a formal review of an eligibility determination or redetermination made by MNSure with respect to an enrollee of the Carrier.

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**REVISION 4. Exhibit A Interagency Agreement Budget is amended as follows:****EXHIBIT A Interagency Agreement Budget**

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1.7 Issuance Operations Center	Variable	Gerald Wood	Terri Engel	270,000	270,000
<b>Total Business Operation Services</b>				<del>1,745,000</del> <u>1,670,000</u>	<b>1,745,000</b>
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<b>Total METS Services</b>				<b>8,353,000</b>	<b>6,693,000</b>
<b>3. Occupancy and IT Support Indirect Costs</b>	Fixed	Kari Koob	Marty Cammack	<b>200,000</b>	<b>200,000</b>
<b>Total Interagency Agreement</b>				<del>10,298,000</del> <u>10,223,000</u>	<b>8,438,000</b>
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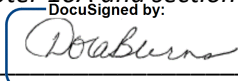
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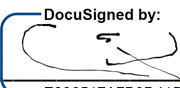
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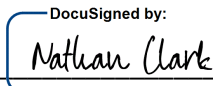
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SWIFT Contract No: 167373

**2. MN Department of Human Services**

By (with delegated authority):  DocuSigned by:  
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Title: Deputy Commissioner  
Date: 3/9/2020

**3. MNSure**

By with delegated authority):  DocuSigned by:  
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Title: CEO  
Date: 3/10/2020

## Amendment No.2 to Interagency Agreement 167373

Contract Start Date:	October 1, 2019	Original Contract:	\$18,936,000
Original Contract Expiration Date:	<u>9/30/2021</u>	Previous Amendment(s) Total:	<u>-\$75,000</u>
Current Contract Expiration Date:	<u>9/30/2021</u>	This Amendment:	<u>\$1,400,210</u>
Requested Contract Expiration Date:	<u>No Change</u>	Total Contract Amount:	<u>\$20,261,210</u>

**This amendment** (“Amendment”) is by and between Minnesota Department of Human Services, Commissioner’s Office Division, (hereinafter DHS) and the Chief Executive Officer of the Minnesota Health Insurance Marketplace (hereinafter “MNSure”. (Note: due to an addition error on Attachment A: Interagency Agreement Budget, the total contract amount has been corrected.)

### Recitals

1. DHS and MNSure have an agreement identified as IAK-167373 (“Original Agreement”) to allow DHS to provide standard, centralized administrative services to MNSure;
2. DHS and MNSure agree that the Original Agreement should be modified in order to add additional funds; and
3. DHS and MNSure are willing to amend the Original Agreement as stated below.

### Contract Amendment

In this Amendment, changes to Original Agreement language will use ~~strike through~~ for deletions and underlining for insertions.

The parties agree to the following revisions:

### REVISION 1. Exhibit A Interagency Agreement Budget is amended as follows:



## EXHIBIT A Interagency Agreement Budget

Section (i.e. services to be provided)	Basis for Amount Charged	Authorized Representative		Totals	
		MNsure / Kari Koob	DHS / Ahna Minge or successor	FY2020	FY2021
1.1 Human Resources	Fixed	Dave Rowley	Connie Jones	200,000	200,000
1.2 Financial Operations	Fixed	Gerald Wood	<del>Joe Jarosz</del> Terri Engel	150,000	150,000
1.3 Procurement	Fixed	Katie DeGrioChanning	Mike LaValle	85,000	85,000
1.4 Contracts	Fixed	Katie DeGrioChanning	Sebastian Stewart	15,000	15,000
1.5 Background Studies	Variable	Christina Wessel	Dawn Davis	25,000	25,000
1.6 Fair Hearing and Appeals	Variable	Katie DeGrioChanning	John Freeman	925,000	1,000,000
1.7 Issuance Operations Center	Variable	Gerald Wood	<del>Joe Jarosz</del> Terri Engel	270,000	270,000
<b>Total Business Operation Services</b>				<b>1,670,000</b>	<b>1,745,000</b>
2.1 METS System Operations	Variable	Kari Koob	Ahna Minge or successor	5,706,000	6,693,000
2.2 METS System Development-QHP	Variable	Kari Koob	Ahna Minge or successor	<del>2,647,000</del> 4,047,210	0
<b>Total METS Services</b>				<del>8,353,000</del> <b>9,753,210</b>	<b>6,693,000</b>
<b>3. Occupancy and IT Support Indirect Costs</b>	Fixed	Kari Koob	Marty Cammack	<b>200,000</b>	<b>200,000</b>
<b>Total Interagency Agreement</b>				<del>10,223,000</del> <b>11,623,210</b>	<b>8,638,000</b>
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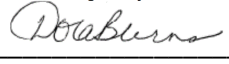
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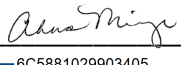
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Date: 7/30/2020

SWIFT Contract No: IAK 167373

**3. MN Department of Human Services**

By (with delegated  authority): \_\_\_\_\_  
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Title: Chief Financial Officer  
Date: 8/18/2020

**2. MNSure**

By with delegated  authority): \_\_\_\_\_  
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Title: CFO  
Date: 7/30/2020

# DHS OF MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT WORKSHEET (Not Part of the Agreement)

**Originator of agreement, complete this section:**

Total amount of interagency agreement: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed Start Date: 12 / \_10\_ / \_19\_

Proposed End Date: \_09\_ /30\_ / \_21\_

SFY\_\_ - SWIFT FinDeptID: H55EB \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ amount

If multiple FinDeptID's will be used to fund this, fill that in below and then define the split between funds.

SFY\_\_ - SWIFT FinDeptID: H55EB \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ amount

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Reference the contract number and purchase order number assigned below when processing invoices for this agreement. Send invoices to FOD – 0940

**Contract Coordinator, complete this section:**

SWIFT Vendor # for Other State Agency: H60000000

SWIFT Contract #: IAK % 169283

SWIFT Purchase Order #: N/A

Buyer Initials: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Encumbered: \_\_\_\_\_

Individual signing certifies that funds have been encumbered as required by MS § 16A15.

# INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT between DHS and MNSure for MNSure Participation in the Administration of the Minnesota State Plan for Services Under Title XIX

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## **Recitals:**

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Human Services, hereinafter DHS, is empowered to enter into interagency agreements pursuant to Minnesota Statutes § 471.59, Subdivision 10; and

**WHEREAS**, MNSure is empowered to enter into interagency agreements pursuant to Minnesota Statutes § 471.59, Subdivision 10; and

WHEREAS, DHS is designated as the Medicaid Agency for the State of Minnesota and, as such, is responsible for management and oversight of Medical Assistance (MA), which is Minnesota's Medicaid program; and

WHEREAS, The day-to-day operations of MNSure play an important role in the Department of Human Services' outreach and enrollment strategies for Minnesotans seeking the services of public health coverage programs and services, including MinnesotaCare and Medicaid; and

WHEREAS, DHS and MNSure are formally recognizing that work performed by MNSure benefits public health programs and MNSure expenditures will be included, as necessary, in DHS' public assistance, cost allocation plan, and operational advance planning documents.

**NOW, THEREFORE, it is agreed:**

## **1. Duties:**

### **1.1 MNSure's Duties:**

MNSure shall: help DHS to outreach, identify, intake, accept, determine eligibility for, and formally enroll eligible individuals and their families into the entire range of public and private health insurance programs in Minnesota, including individual qualified health insurance plans, the basic health insurance plan (MinnesotaCare), and medical assistance services available for those qualifying for Medicaid.

MNSure shall provide a variety of services related to Medicaid eligibility determination and enrollment activities including, but not limited to application, on-going case maintenance and renewal activities, policy, outreach and post-eligibility activities, and other activities necessary for administration of the state plan for services under Title XIX.

### **1.2. DHS's DUTIES:**

DHS shall: obtain annual appropriations for the ongoing operation of MNSure, and shall claim the federal share of any eligible expenditures via operation of its amended public assistance cost allocation plan and operational advance planning document.

## **2. CONSIDERATION AND TERMS OF PAYMENT**

**2.1 Consideration.** Consideration for all services performed by MNSure pursuant to this agreement shall be paid by DHS as follows: There is no encumbrance under this agreement. The basis for billing will be the operational advance planning document and the quarterly operation of the public assistance cost allocation plan. It is further understood that any billing will be based on the actual cost incurred.

**2.2 Terms of Payment.** Payment shall be made to MNSure from DHS within 30 days after DHS has completed its quarterly COCAS procedure.

**3. Conditions of Payment.** All services provided by MNSure pursuant to this agreement shall be performed to the satisfaction of DHS, as determined at the sole discretion of its authorized representative.

**4. Terms of Agreement.** This agreement shall be effective on December 10, 2019, **or upon the date that the final required signature is obtained, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 16C.05, subdivision 2, whichever occurs later**, and shall remain in effect through September 30, 2021, or until all obligations set forth in this agreement have been satisfactorily fulfilled, whichever occurs first.

**5. Cancellation.** This agreement may be canceled by the DHS or MNSure at any time, with or without cause, upon thirty (30) days written notice to the other party. In the event of such a cancellation, the MNSure shall be entitled to payment, determined on a pro rata basis, for work or services satisfactorily performed.

**6. Authorized Representatives.** DHS's authorized representative for the purposes of administration of this agreement is Alexandra Kotze or his/her successor. MNSure's authorized representative for the purposes of administration of this agreement is Kari Koob, CFO, or his/her successor. Each representative shall have final authority for acceptance of services of the other party and shall have responsibility to insure that all payments due to the other party are made pursuant to the terms of this agreement.

**7. Assignment.** Neither MNSure nor DHS shall assign or transfer any rights or obligations under this agreement without the prior written consent of the other party.

**8. Amendments.** Any amendments to this agreement shall be in writing, and shall be executed by the same parties who executed the original agreement, or their successors in office.

**9. Liability.** MNSure and DHS agree that each party will be responsible for its own acts and the results thereof to the extent authorized by law and shall not be responsible for the acts of the other and the results thereof. MNSure and DHS liability shall be governed by the provisions of the Minnesota Tort Claims Act, Minnesota Statutes, section 3.736, and other applicable law.

## **10. INFORMATION PRIVACY AND SECURITY.**

Information Privacy and Security shall be governed by the existing Data Sharing and Business Associate Agreement between MNsure and DHS, identified as DSK%107571, and any succeeding Data Sharing Agreement, which is incorporated into this agreement by reference.

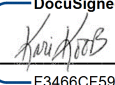
## **11. Other Provisions.**

None.

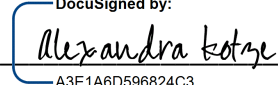
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this contract to be duly executed intending to be bound thereby

APPROVED:

**1. MNSure**

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By:  \_\_\_\_\_  
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Title: CFO \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: 12/10/2019 \_\_\_\_\_

**2. DHS**

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*With delegated authority*  
Title: Chief Financial Officer \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: 12/10/2019 \_\_\_\_\_

Distribution:

DHS – Original (fully executed) contract

MNSure

Contracting & Legal Compliance, Contracts Unit- #0238



**STATE OF MINNESOTA  
INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT**

**WHEREAS**, the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH), the Minnesota Department of Commerce (Commerce) and (MMB), as agency for the Minnesota Insurance Marketplace established under Minnesota Laws 2013, Chapter 9 (MNSure) (collectively, "the Agencies") are authorized to enter into this Agreement pursuant to law, including by Minnesota Statutes, § 471.59, subdivision 10; and

**WHEREAS**, Public Law 111-148, known as the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA) and rules promulgated thereunder have a number of provisions pertaining to the regulation subject to the jurisdiction of the Agencies; and

**WHEREAS**, Executive Order 11-30 directed the design and development of a Minnesota Health Insurance Exchange to achieve greater access to affordable, high-quality health coverage that maximizes consumer choice and minimizes adverse selection; and

**WHEREAS**, MMB was recently designated to be the lead agency in the design and development of MNSure/Minnesota Insurance Marketplace; and

**WHEREAS**, MMB (or its predecessor, Department of Commerce) has been awarded multiple Health Insurance Exchange Level 1 Establishment Grants by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services through a Health Insurance Exchange Level 1 Establishment Grant Agreement to design and develop a Minnesota Health Insurance Exchange (Exchange) that includes enrollment, eligibility, small business health options program, plan comparison and provider information, fund aggregation and account management functions that have financial impacts across multiple agencies; and

**WHEREAS**, Minn. Stat. § 62V authorizes the establishment of MNSure/Minnesota Insurance Marketplace; and

**WHEREAS**, the ACA requires every plan sold through MNSure/Minnesota Insurance Marketplace to be certified as a Qualified Health Plan (QHP) or as a "qualified dental plan" (QDP) before being offered for sale by the MNSure/Minnesota Insurance Marketplace; and

**WHEREAS**, the ACA provides that the Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) shall, by regulation, establish the criteria for certification of health plans as QHPs and QDPs and specifies certain criteria to be included in such certification; and

**WHEREAS**, MNSure/Minnesota Insurance Marketplace is authorized to certify health plans as QHPs or dental plans as QDPs under Minn. Stat. § 62V.05, subd. 5(c) according to applicable certification requirements.

**WHEREAS**, the Agencies have expertise in and jurisdiction over certain requirements included

in the mandated QHP certification process; and

**WHEREAS**, Minnesota law authorizes MDH to issue certificates of authority to Health Maintenance Organizations (HMOs) following review of network adequacy, quality assurance and improvement standards, enrollee rights and other requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, MDH is required to create and annually update a set of measures by which to assess the quality of health care services offered by health care providers and issue annual public reports on provider quality, and to develop and publish reports on provider cost and quality through the Provider Peer Grouping system; and

**WHEREAS**, Minnesota law directs MDH to conduct data and research initiatives focused on monitoring and improving the efficiency and effectiveness of Minnesota health care (Minn. Stat., § 62J.301) and to evaluate the impact of health reform activities (Minn. Stat. § 62J.311); and

**WHEREAS**, Commerce enforces laws relating to insurance in the State of Minnesota, including but not limited to those relating to insurer certificates of authority, licensure, solvency, rates, benefit forms, marketing and consumer protection; and

**WHEREAS**, the Agencies hold a shared interest in collaborating in the development and implementation of the MNsure/Minnesota Insurance Marketplace, including ensuring that QHPs and QDPs offered through MNsure/Minnesota Insurance Marketplace meet federal and state laws and regulations including but not limited to licensing, network adequacy, and service area standards, evaluating the impact of MNsure/Minnesota Insurance Marketplace on the health insurance market, and in developing options for publicly reporting quality and provider peer grouping information in a consumer-friendly manner on a single, one-stop shopping website while maintaining all relevant administrative and data management rights and regulatory oversight obligations; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the intent of this Agreement to memorialize the Agencies' joint effort and establish the process by which QHP and QDP certification will take place for plans sold within MNsure/Minnesota Insurance Marketplace; and

**WHEREAS**, the Health Insurance Exchange Level 1 Establishment Grant Agreement requires, among other items, funding for the Agencies' staff, contracts and support costs for activities associated with the establishment and implementation of MNsure/Minnesota Insurance Marketplace; and

**WHEREAS**, the Minnesota state accounting system (SWIFT) budgetary and financial management role-based security can be utilized for multiagency access to financial department IDs (FINDEPT IDs) for the purpose of allocating and managing approved federal grants across multiple agencies; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of agencies impacted by the federal Establishment grants to allow each agency to direct charge approved costs and not implement an invoice and payment process

across agencies, as described in this agreed-upon approach:

- Interagency work group plans and approves the state-wide MNsure/Minnesota Insurance Marketplace Project budget, by funding source, and by agency SWIFT expense budget FINDEPT ID.
- FINDEPT ID expense budgets are established in SWIFT only after all applicable federal CCIIO grant award, federal CMS cost allocation, and Minn. Stat. § 3.3005 approvals are obtained.
- Agency responsibility for establishing and maintaining the FINDEPT ID expense budgets in SWIFT corresponds to the underlying funding source. For example, MMB is responsible for entry in SWIFT of the FINDEPT ID expense budgets that are funded by the federal CCIIO grants.
- As an alternative to an interagency billing process, the interagency work group authorizes SWIFT security access to be granted to a limited number of employees at each agency so SWIFT accounting transactions, inquiries and reports may be processed directly against these FINDEPT IDs.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, it is agreed:

## **1. Term of Agreement**

1.1 **Effective date:** March 15, 2013 or the date the State obtains all required signatures under Minn. Stat. § 16C.05, subd. 2, whichever is later.

1.2 **Expiration date:** This Agreement shall remain in effect until any party hereto chooses to terminate upon thirty days written notice to all parties to the Agreement.

1.3 The following definitions apply to this Agreement:

- i. **Exchange Interagency Subcabinet** is the group that is charged with: effectively executing design, development, and implementation activities for the MNsure/Minnesota Insurance Marketplace that involve multiple agencies; creating an efficient process for decision-making and issue resolution; and establishing clear communication, coordination, project management, and documentation mechanisms. It is chaired by MMB Commissioner Schowalter, or his successor; staffed by Nathan Morocco, or his successor; and includes Commissioners from the Department of Human Services (DHS), Department of Commerce (Commerce), Department of Health (MDH), Office of Enterprise Technology d/b/a MNIT Services (MN.IT), and Administration (Admin); and select MNsure/Minnesota Insurance Marketplace steering members and senior staff, as needed.
- ii. **FINDEPT ID (SWIFT Financial Department IDs)** is the 8-character code that identifies the specific budget from which payments are made.
- iii. **Indirect Costs** are all general support costs that cannot be directly charged to any agency program.
- iv. **Procurements** include: Requests for Proposals (RFPs), Contracts (both

Professional/Technical and grant contracts), Master Professional/Technical Service Contracts, Statements of Work (SOWs), Work Orders (WOs), and the purchase of Goods and Services.

- v. **SWIFT** is the Statewide Integrated Financial Tools system.
- vi. **Travel Costs** refers to reimbursement for travel and subsistence expenses actually and necessarily incurred, which must be in no greater amount than provided in the current Bargaining Units Agreements or the “Commissioners Plan” published by MMB, whichever is appropriate.

## **2. Duties of the Parties**

### **2.1 MMB/MNsure/Minnesota Insurance Marketplace Shall:**

- 2.1.1 Delegate authority for review and approval of certain components identified in this Interagency Agreement of QHP/QDP certification, recertification, and decertification processes to Commerce and MDH and compensate Commerce and MDH for these services in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.
- 2.1.2 Seek funding as appropriate to continue the design, development, and implementation of the MNsure/Minnesota Insurance Marketplace, including a module incorporating the display of MDH quality and provider peer grouping information in a user-friendly way. In seeking that federal funding, MMB shall collaborate with partner agencies and be cognizant of the impact that its creation and development have on both existing and future work of its partner agencies. MNsure/Minnesota Insurance Marketplace shall work with MDH to plan and implement user/usability testing activities related to the Provider Display Module and to establish a process for review and approval of provider peer grouping data prior to publishing to the display.
- 2.1.3 Fulfill the following financial management duties:
  - i. Create separate SWIFT FINDEPT IDs and budgets under each federal Establishment grant as outlined in Exhibits A and B. FINDEPT IDs shall be created to meet the needs of both MNsure/Minnesota Insurance Marketplace and the Agencies.
  - ii. Ensure cash draws and quarterly federal financial reports are processed in a timely manner to meet the needs of MNsure/Minnesota Insurance Marketplace and the Agencies.
  - iii. Obtain any and all necessary approvals/Gate Reviews required by the Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight (CCIIO).
  - iv. Initiate the creation of an interagency workgroup to review SWIFT security roles for the project, review grant allocations including mid-year and end of year reallocations and other financial management processes needed to administer the multiagency financing of MNsure/Minnesota Insurance Marketplace.
  - v. The MMB staff who is authorized and has the ability through role-based

security in SWIFT to establish and adjust budgets in the SWIFT FINDEPT ID is Jackie Miller or her successor. This activity will be reported monthly and monitored by Barb Juelich or her successor, and by the interagency work group pursuant to IV. Changes in authorized staff including additional staff or replacement staff shall be communicated to all appropriate agency authorized representatives.

- 2.1.4 Manage any appeals related to QHP/QDP certification or decertification, including initiating, as appropriate, a contested case proceeding as required under Minn. Stat. § 62V.05, subd. 6.
- 2.1.5 In collaboration with Commerce, carry out and/or enforce provisions of 45 C.F.R. §§ 156.285 and 156.290 (exchange notification only).

**2.2 MDH shall:**

- 2.2.1 Collaborate with MNSure/Minnesota Insurance Marketplace staff in the development of the Provider Display module, including:
  - i. Determine that quality and peer grouping data and other content related to this data are accurate and ready to be publicly reported;
  - ii. Develop and maintain a database data dictionary, and other supporting materials for quality and peer grouping data and provide content expertise on the organization of this data;
  - iii. Transfer test files of summary data on health care provider quality and peer grouping, and other data files, to MNSure/Minnesota Insurance Marketplace staff or contractors as necessary for development of the functionality of the Provider Display Module. Information transferred shall be summary level data files representing a sample of facilities, and shall not include any individual private data. MDH shall clearly indicate that data are to be used for testing purposes only;
  - iv. Transfer production files of summary data on health care provider quality and peer grouping to MNSure/Minnesota Insurance Marketplace staff or contractors consistent with a schedule agreed upon by MDH and MNSure/Minnesota Insurance Marketplace. MDH shall attest to the quality and readiness of the data prior to sending to MNSure/Minnesota Insurance Marketplace.
  - v. Participate in meetings with MNSure/Minnesota Insurance Marketplace staff and contractors regarding use/interpretation of quality and provider peer grouping information, display options, content, timelines, and other relevant issues;
  - vi. Participate in the planning and implementation of user/usability testing activities related to the Provider Display module;
  - vii. Provide input to MNSure/Minnesota Insurance Marketplace staff on potential improvements to Provider Display module functionality,

- viii. appearance, and content; and Review and troubleshoot issues related to module functionality, administrative functions, security, and other technical issues.
  - ix. Work with MNSure/Minnesota Insurance Marketplace staff on providing assistance and technical expertise to create a crosswalk to link quality and peer grouping data to the MNSure/Minnesota Insurance Marketplace provider directory.
- 2.2.2 Provide cross-agency technical assistance to ensure proper use and understanding of data provided by MDH to MNSure/Minnesota Insurance Marketplace contractors.
- 2.2.3 With input from MNSure/Minnesota Insurance Marketplace and Commerce staff, develop and implement a framework for evaluation of the impact of the MNSure/Minnesota Insurance Marketplace on the Minnesota insurance and health care markets.
- 2.2.4 Provide representatives for the MNSure/Minnesota Insurance Marketplace project management structure including the steering committee and technical workgroups.
- 2.2.5 Consistent with the requirements of 45 C.F.R. § 155.1010, in addition to all other regulatory responsibilities, collaborate with Commerce and the MNSure/Minnesota Insurance Marketplace on the QHP/QDP certification, recertification and decertification processes. MDH will ensure sufficient staffing/and or qualified contractor resources are in place to carry out the following duties by August 1 of each year, including but not limited to such duties as:
  - i. **Licensure.** Confirm with the MNSure/Minnesota Insurance Marketplace that carriers seeking to participate in the MNSure/Minnesota Insurance Marketplace subject to MDH's regulatory jurisdiction are licensed consistent with relevant provisions of Minnesota Statutes.
  - ii. **QHP Issuer Benefit Information.** At least annually for plans filed subject to MDH's regulatory jurisdiction, review plan-covered benefits and cost-sharing requirements submitted by issuers via System for Electronic Rate and Form Filing (SERFF). Such review will be made to ensure all ACA requirements are met, including but not limited to:
    1. Essential Health Benefits are included.
    2. Limitations on cost sharing are met.
    3. Ensure benefit design is not discriminatory

- iii. **Network Adequacy.** Review provider network filings submitted by issuers as part of the certification process for the MNsure/Minnesota Insurance Marketplace.
- a) Conduct detailed analysis to determine if the proposed provider network(s) is adequate in terms of numbers, locations and types of providers, including mental health and substance abuse providers, to ensure that all services are accessible without unreasonable delay throughout the QHP/QDP's service area.
  - b) Review will apply the standards of Minn. Stat. § 62D.124 and Minn. Rules chapter 4685.3300, subpart 9.
  - c) Analysis must include review of any adequacy standards contained in the ACA and federal Exchange regulations as well as in Minnesota law and rules.
  - d) Review and approve or deny all requests for a waiver submitted by an issuer.
  - e) Update the status of the proposed provider network(s) via the SERFF database.
  - f) Reviews will be completed within 90 days of receipt of the network filing or by August 1 of each year.
  - g) Review provider termination notices to determine if any termination will cause the QHP's provider network to no longer meet network adequacy standards. If so, notify MNsure/Minnesota Insurance Marketplace of this determination.
  - h) Require the issuer to file its plan for addressing the network insufficiency with MDH, including notification letters, waiver requests and continuity of care information; monitor the plan and inform MNsure/Minnesota Insurance Marketplace when the network has been corrected. Should the network insufficiency not be corrected, notify MNsure/Minnesota Insurance Marketplace that the network no longer meets adequacy standards of state law.
  - i) Review all service area expansions submitted by issuers to determine if the QHP provider network will be adequate in terms of numbers, locations and type of providers.
  - j) Review all waiver requests to determine if a waiver from network adequacy standards should be granted.
  - k) Review networks for participation by Essential Community Providers consistent with Minn. Stat. § 62Q.19, and 45 CFR § 156.235
- iv. **Services Areas.** Conduct the review of proposed service areas for each QHP/QDP to be offered on MNsure/Minnesota Insurance Marketplace.
- a) Inform issuers of any supplemental material including maps that must be filed for proposed service areas in addition to data included on the standard template available through SERFF.

- b) Consistent with section 2.2.8 of this Interagency Agreement, work with MNsure/Minnesota Insurance Marketplace staff to determine how MDH will evaluate service area filings to ensure proposed service areas meet certification criteria in 2c, 2d, and 2e below.
  - c) Notify issuers that the proposed service area filing must contain an affirmative showing that the service area is being established without regard to racial, ethnic, language, health-status, or other factors that exclude specific high utilizing, high cost or medically-underserved populations.
  - d) For each proposed service area, using the identified standards, determine if each QHP has been established without regard to racial, ethnic, language, health status-related factors specified under section 2705(a) of the PHS Act, or other factors that exclude specific high utilizing, high cost or medically underserved populations.
  - e) For each proposed service area that is smaller than one county, notify issuers that the filing must contain an affirmative showing that the smaller service area is necessary, nondiscriminatory, and in the best interest of the qualified individuals and employers.
  - f) Update the status of each proposed service area in SERFF to indicate whether the service area meets or does not meet all of the minimum criteria under the ACA.
- v. **Other functions.** Carry out and/or enforce the provisions of 45 C.F.R. §§ 156.210, 156.225 (benefit design), 156.250, and 156.280 for plans subject to MDH jurisdiction. Carry out and/or enforce the provisions of 45 C.F.R. §§ 156.230, 156.235, 156.245, 156.275, and 156.295.

2.2.6 On an annual basis and in coordination with Commerce, review written attestations and other submissions made by carriers submitted through an established recertification process and provide determinations to the MNsure/Minnesota Insurance Marketplace on whether certification criteria reviewed by MDH continue to be met. These determinations must be made by August 1 of each year.

2.2.7 Provide technical assistance to MNsure/Minnesota Insurance Marketplace in appeals related to decertification/non-certification of a QHP/QDP under Minn. Stat. § 62V.05, subd. 6., to the extent decertification of a QHP or QDP is based on a determination of one or more certification criteria evaluated by MDH, assist the MNsure/Minnesota Insurance Marketplace in the appeal process.



- 2.2.8 To the extent the federally required certification process involves functions or aspects of functions that extend beyond current Commerce and MDH statutory authority, consult with the MNSure/Minnesota Insurance Marketplace prior to carrying out its review process to ensure mutual understanding and agreement on the application of a particular policy.
- 2.2.9 Provide project management services for MDH duties outlined in this section.
- 2.2.10 Fulfill the following financial management duties:
  - i. Participate in the interagency workgroup identified in Section 2.1.3.
  - ii. Administer SWIFT multi-agency FINDEPT IDs with approved security access.
  - iii. Allow MMB access to FINDEPT IDs according to security roles established by the interagency workgroup.
  - iv. Obtain approval for procurements from the MNSure/Minnesota Insurance Marketplace with the exception of general supplies, computers and similar equipment for approved staff, and other general administrative support costs such as rent, communications, and network access.
  - v. Assign approved staff to appropriate FinDept for funding.
  - vi. Obtain approval from MNSure/Minnesota Insurance Marketplace for assigning staff costs to FinDept when the position was not included in the grant.

**2.3 Commerce shall:**

- 2.3.1 Consistent with the requirements of 45 C.F.R. § 155.1010, in addition to all other regulatory responsibilities, and prior to the beginning of the relevant open enrollment period, collaborate with MDH and MNSure/Minnesota Insurance Marketplace on the QHP/QDP certification, recertification and decertification process. Commerce will ensure sufficient staffing/and or qualified contractor resources are in place to carry out the following duties by August 1 of each year:
  - i. **Licensure.** Confirm with MNSure/Minnesota Insurance Marketplace that carriers seeking to participate in MNSure/Minnesota Insurance Marketplace subject to Commerce’s regulatory jurisdiction are licensed consistent with relevant provisions of Minnesota Statutes.
  - ii. **QHP Issuer Rate and Benefit Information.** Review plan rates, covered benefits, and cost-sharing requirements submitted by issuers via the System for Electronic Rate and Form Filing (SERFF) at least annually. Such review will be made to ensure ACA requirements are met, including, but not limited to the following:
    - 1. Essential Health Benefits are included.
    - 2. Limitations on cost sharing are met.

3. Actuarial value/metal level requirements are met.
  4. Ensure benefit design is not discriminatory.
- iii. **Marketing practices.** Ensure applicable state laws are met regarding marketing by health plan issuers and that marketing practices do not discourage enrollment of persons with significant health needs.
  - iv. **Other functions.** Carry out and/or enforce the provisions of 45 C.F.R. §§ 156.210, 156.225 (benefit design), 156.250, 156.280, and 156.290 for plans subject to Commerce jurisdiction. Carry out and/or enforce the provisions of 45 C.F.R. §§ 156.220, 156.225 (marketing), 156.250, 156.255, 156.260, 156.265, and 156.270. In collaboration with MNsure/Minnesota Insurance Marketplace, carry out and/or enforce the provisions of 45 C.F.R. §§ 156.285 and 156.290.
- 2.3.2 Determine access rights to SERFF under existing contract relations and provide access to MDH within agreed upon parameters.
  - 2.3.3 Where required under federal rules, collect information on transparency measures described in 45 C.F.R. § 156.220 from QHP/QDP issuers in accordance with the ACA and any further regulations or guidance issued by the United States Department of Health and Human Services on these reporting requirements.
  - 2.3.4 On an annual basis and in coordination with MDH, review written attestations and other submissions made by carriers submitted through an established recertification process and provide determinations to MNsure/Minnesota Insurance Marketplace on whether certification criteria reviewed by Commerce continue to be met. These determinations must be made by August 1 of each year.
  - 2.3.5 To the extent the federally required certification process involves functions or aspects of functions that extend beyond current Commerce statutory authority, consult with MNsure/Minnesota Insurance Marketplace prior to carrying out its review process to ensure mutual understanding and agreement on the application of a particular policy.
  - 2.3.6 Fulfill the following financial management duties:
    - i. Participate in the interagency workgroup identified in Section 2.1.3.
    - ii. Administer SWIFT multi-agency FINDEPT IDs with approved security access.
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#### **2.4 All Parties shall:**

- 2.4.1 Participate with other agencies in an interagency workgroup identified in Section 2.1.3. The workgroup shall:
- i. Review the monthly reports regarding transfer of funds within and among all accounts to ensure accuracy.
  - ii. Be the first level hearing to resolve any disputes regarding these accounts.
  - iii. Escalate any disputes that cannot be resolved at this level to the Exchange Interagency Subcabinet.
  - iv. Recommend roles and responsibilities between the MN sure/Minnesota Insurance Marketplace and other agencies related to the financial management and budget operations of federal Establishment grants.
  - v. Recommend SWIFT security roles to be utilized as part of the multi-agency financial management and budget operations of the federal Establishment grants.
  - vi. Recommend mid-year and end of year reallocation of federal Establishment grants.
  - vii. Review business process issues with the SWIFT security roles implemented and recommend adjustments.
  - viii. The workgroup shall report its findings and recommendations to designated leadership in the MNSure/Minnesota Insurance Marketplace Multi-Agency Governance Structure.
- 2.4.2 Participate in audit or compliance activities necessary to meet any federal or state oversight requirements relating to functions carried out under this Agreement. These compliance reviews may include participating in monitoring activities to ensure the timely detection of errors, fraud, waste, and abuse; allowing for certification of performance of agreed-upon procedures; and participating in timely remediation of any findings and recommendations that arise from federal or state audit reviews.

### **3. Consideration and Payment**

- 3.1 All services provided by each agency under this Agreement must be performed to the mutual satisfaction of all parties, as determined at the discretion of each agency's Authorized Representative.
- 3.2 All costs incurred by the Agencies under this Agreement shall be directly charged to appropriate FINDEPT ID according to Exhibits A and B. Direct charges shall only proceed after approval for grant funding has been received by MMB from CCIIO and state approvals under Minn. Stat. § 3.3005 have been obtained.
- 3.3 Modifications to Exhibits A and B may be made by mutual agreement of the workgroup identified in Section 2.1.3 without revision of this Agreement, but such mutual agreement must be made in writing. Modifications related to travel costs may be made by Barb Juelich, MNsure/Minnesota Insurance Marketplace Chief Financial Officer, in consultation with the affected Agencies without the full workgroup.
- 3.4 With prior approval by Barb Juelich, MNsure/Minnesota Insurance Marketplace Chief Financial Officer, reasonable and necessary travel costs incurred by the Agencies in carrying out the duties outlined in this Agreement may be directly charged by the Agencies to appropriate FINDEPT IDs. Upon approving travel, Barb Juelich will increase budget amounts in appropriate FINDEPT IDs and notify the workgroup identified in Section 2.4.1 of the changes to Exhibits A and B.
- 3.5 Cost incurred under Exhibit A and B prior to execution of this Agreement may be included as part of this Agreement.

### **4. Authorized Representatives**

- 4.1 The MDH Authorized Representative is MDH Assistant Commissioner, Ellen Benavides, 625 Robert Street North, St. Paul, MN 55164-0975, 651-201-3565 or her successor.
- 4.2 The Commerce Authorized Representative is Commerce Deputy Commissioner, Tim Vande Hey, 85 7<sup>th</sup> Place East, Suite 500, St. Paul, MN 55101-2198, 651-297-7030, or his successor.
- 4.3 MMB Authorized Representative is April Todd-Malmlov, MN sure/Minnesota Insurance Marketplace Director, 85 7<sup>th</sup> Place East, Suite 500, St. Paul, MN 55101-2198, 651-296-6588, or her successor.

### **5. Amendments**

- 5.1 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,

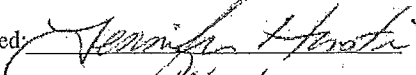
or their successors in office.

## 6. Liability

6.1 Each party will be responsible for its own acts and behavior and the results thereof.

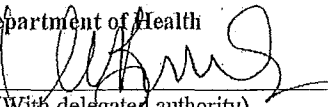
### 1. STATE ENCUMBRANCE VERIFICATION

Individual certifies that funds have been encumbered as required by Minn. Stat. §§ 16A.15 and 16C.05.

Signed:   
Date: 4/22/13

Contract - 61408

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By:   
(With delegated authority)

Title: 4-24-13

Date: ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER

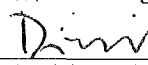
### 2. Department of Commerce

By:   
(With delegated authority)

Title: Deputy Commissioner

Date: 4/23/13

### 3. Minnesota Management and Budget

By:   
(With delegated authority)

Title: CFO

Date: 4/25/13



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Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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





**Attachment A - Budget for MDH Work Supported by Health Insurance Exchange Grant**

January 25, 2013

<b>Employee Compensation</b>			<b>September 2012 Grant</b>		<b>January 2013 Grant</b>	
Position	FTE	Ann Salary	Months	Total	Months	Total
QHP - Network Adequacy and Quality Review	12.0	75,010	4	300,040	11	825,110
QHP – IT Maintenance	1.0	98,527	4	32,842	5	41,053
Evaluation - Health Economics Director	0.1	93,380	4	3,113	11	8,560
Evaluation Frame - Health Economics Asst. Dir	0.1	74,642	4	2,488	11	6,842
Evaluation Implem - Health Economics Asst. Dir	0.2	74,642	0	-	12	14,928
Evaluation Frame - Health Economics Analyst	0.4	72,036	4	9,605	11	26,413
Evaluation Implem- Health Economics Analyst	0.6	72,036	0	-	12	43,222
MDH HIX Project Manager	1.0	62,000	0	-	11	56,833
<i>Salary Subtotal</i>				348,088	1,022,961	
Fringe at 31.8%				110,692	325,302	
<b><i>Employee Compensation Line-Item Total</i></b>				<b>458,780</b>	<b>1,348,263</b>	
<b>Contracts</b>						
Evaluation Methodology Analysis				75,000	0	
<b><i>Contracts Line-Item Total</i></b>				<b>75,000</b>	<b>-</b>	
<b>Supplies and Equipment</b>						
Computers				16,900	-	
Supplies				6,800	20,525	
Communications/printing/misc				5,440	16,420	
<b><i>Supplies and Equipment Line-Item Total</i></b>				<b>29,140</b>	<b>36,945</b>	
<b>Indirect</b>						
14% capped indirect, standard MDH methodology				71,809	193,929	
<b><i>Indirect Line-Item Total</i></b>				<b>71,809</b>	<b>193,929</b>	
<b>Grand Total</b>				<b>634,729</b>	<b>1,579,137</b>	



**Attachment B - Budget for Commerce Work Supported by Health Insurance Exchange Grant**

February 1, 2013

Employee Compensation Position	September 2012 Grant				January 2013 grant	
	FTE	Ann Salary	Months	Est Cost	Months	Total
Commerce Rate Analysis	3.0	\$72,036	4	72,036	11	198,097.8
Commerce - Policy Forms Analysis	3.0	\$72,036	4	72,036	11	198,097.8
Commerce - Policy Review Cooredinator	1.0	\$72,036	4	24,012	11	66,032.6
Commerce SPA Director(prorate)	0.5	\$91,350	4	15,225	11	41,868.8
Commerce Enforcement/Complaint Review	2.0	\$72,390	0	-	3	36,195.2
<b>Salary Subtotal</b>				<b>183,308</b>		<b>540,292</b>
Fringe at 31.8%				58,292		171,813
<b>Employee Compensation Line-Item Total</b>				<b>241,600</b>		<b>712,105</b>
<b>Contracts</b>				<b>Est Cost</b>		
Policy Forms Analysis				812,500		
<b>Contracts Line-Item Total</b>				<b>812,500</b>		<b>-</b>
<b>Supplies and Equipment</b>				<b>Est Cost</b>		
Computers				9,750		
Supplies				3,750		11063
Rent				6,500		19175
Communications/printing/misc				3,000		8850
<b>Supplies and Equipment Line-Item Total</b>				<b>23,000</b>		<b>39,088</b>
<b>Indirect</b>				<b>Est Cost</b>		
14% direct charged salaries and fringe				40,544		105,167
<b>Indirect Line-Item Total</b>				<b>40,544</b>		<b>105,167</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>				<b>1,117,644</b>		<b>856,360</b>

