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IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA – LOS ANGELES DIVISION

**In re:**

**VERITY HEALTH SYSTEM OF  
CALIFORNIA, INC., et al.,**

Debtor and Debtors In  
Possession.

Affects All Debtors.  
Affects Verity Health System of  
California, Inc.  
Affects O'Connor Hospital  
Affects Saint Louise Regional Hospital  
/x/ Affects St. Francis Medical Center  
/x/ Affects St. Vincent Medical Center  
/x/ Affects Seton Medical Center  
Affects O'Connor Hospital Foundation  
Affects Saint Louise Regional Hospital  
Foundation  
Affects St. Francis Medical Center of  
Lynwood Foundation  
Affects St. Vincent Foundation  
/x/ Affects St. Vincent Dialysis Center,  
Inc.  
Affects Seton Medical Center  
Foundation  
Affects Verity Business Services  
Affects Verity Medical Foundation  
Affects Verity Holdings, LLC  
Affects De Paul Ventures, LLC

CASE NO. 2:18-bk-20151-ER

**CREDITOR CALIFORNIA  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
CARE SERVICES'S OBJECTION  
TO NOTICE OF  
COUNTERPARTIES TO  
EXECUTORY CONTRACTS AND  
UNEXPIRED LEASES OF THE  
DEBTORS THAT MAY BE  
ASSUMED AND ASSIGNED (ECF  
NO. 1704)**

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Affects De Paul Ventures – San Jose  
Dialysis, LLC,

Debtors and Debtors  
in Possession.

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## INTRODUCTION

California Department of Health Care Services (Department) hereby objects to Notice to Counterparties to Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases of the Debtors that May Be Assumed and Assigned (Notice). ECF No. 1704. The Notice and its accompanying exhibits do not list Debtors' Medi-Cal Provider Agreements (Agreements) as executory contracts for St. Francis Medical Center (St. Francis), St. Vincent Medical Center (St. Vincent), Seton Medical Center (Seton), and St. Vincent Dialysis Center (St. Vincent Dialysis) (collectively, Debtors or Hospitals), and the cure amounts for those Medi-Provider Agreements as executory contracts. The Notice's failure to list the Medi-Cal Provider Agreements as executory contracts contradicts the specific terms of the Agreement and the law. If this sale goes through as intended by Debtors, the Department will be precluded from meeting its statutory obligations to collect Hospital Quality Assurance Fees (HQA Fees) and overpayments.

The proposed Asset Purchase Agreement (APA) between Debtors and the Stalking Horse Bidder (Buyer) misrepresents that the Agreements will be transferred as licenses. APA 66, ECF No. 1279. Debtors' Agreements are executory contracts that must be assumed and assigned to the buyer.

For the intended assumption and assignment to occur and given the agreed payment arrangements between the Buyer and Debtors, Debtors must pay all of HQA Fees liabilities for Phase V (to cure by paying all of the HQA Fees in default before the closing of the sale, which is consistent with Debtors' representation in the APA that it would pay all of HQA Fee liabilities for Phases IV and V before the sale closing) in the amount of \$79,969,946.80 before the closing of the sale. In addition to the HQA Fee debt, Debtors and/or the Buyer (through joint and several liability) must also reimburse the Department for any Medi-Cal overpayments and pay other debts owed to the Department.



1 Accordingly, the Notice and its accompanying exhibits must be corrected  
2 because they are erroneous. The Agreements should have been included in the  
3 Notice and the accompanying exhibits along with the cure amounts for the  
4 assumption and assignments of those Agreements.

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**PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND**

6 On August 31, 2018 (Petition Date), Debtors filed their voluntary petitions  
7 for relief under Chapter 11 of Title 11 of the United States Code. Debtors' cases  
8 are jointly administered with their affiliates and, pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §§ 1107(a)  
9 and 1108, Debtors continue to operate their businesses and manage their affairs as  
10 debtors-in-possession.

11 On January 17, 2019, Debtors filed the Motion for an order (a) approving  
12 form of the APA for the stalking horse bidder and for prospective orders, (b)  
13 approving procedures related to the assumption of certain executory contracts and  
14 unexpired leases, and (c) to sell their property free and clear of any claims, liens,  
15 and encumbrances. Motion, ECF No. 1279.

16 On March 5, 2019, Debtors filed the Notice and the accompanying exhibits.  
17 ECF No. 1704.

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**FACTUAL BACKGROUND**

19 Debtors filed a copy of the APA on January 17, 2019. ECF No. 1279.  
20 Pursuant to Sections 1.7 and 1.7(u) of the APA, the Buyer intends to acquire all of  
21 the Hospitals' rights, title, and interests in the Agreements. Along with the  
22 intended acquisition of those rights and interests is the Buyer's assumption of any  
23 and all obligations, claims, and liabilities under the Agreements. APA 66 and 69,  
24 ECF No. 1279.

25 Further, as set forth in Sections 1.1 and 1.1(d) of the APA, Debtors will pay  
26 any HQA Fees owing under Phases IV and V of the HQA Fee Program. APA 61-  
27 62, ECF No. 1279.

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## STATUTORY BACKGROUND

### I. ADMINISTRATION OF THE MEDI-CAL PROGRAM

The federal Medicaid Act, enacted in 1965 as title XIX of the Social Security Act, is a federal-state administered Spending Clause program designed to provide medical assistance to eligible low-income individuals. 42 U.S.C. § 1396a & b (2016). The financing and administration of the Medicaid program are a cooperative effort between the federal government and participating states, as authorized under a federally approved State Medicaid Plan. Title 42 U.S.C. § 1396a, et seq., authorizes federal financial support to states for medical assistance provided to certain low-income persons. In California, this program is the California Medical Assistance Program, which is commonly known as Medi-Cal. Cal. Welf. & Inst. Code § 14063 (West 2017). The Department is the single state agency authorized to administer the Medi-Cal program. Cal. Welf. & Inst. Code § 10740 (West 2017); Cal. Code Regs. tit. 22, § 50004(b)(1) (2017).

### II. MEDI-CAL FINANCING

The costs of the Medicaid program are generally shared between states and the federal government based on a set formula. 42 U.S.C. §§ 1396b(a) and 1396d(b) (2016). Except for certain covered populations or discrete service expenditures specified in 42 U.S.C. §§ 1396b or 1396d, the federal government reimburses medical assistance expenditures under California's State Medicaid Plan at a rate of 50%. When the Department makes expenditures for medical assistance covered under Medi-Cal, the Department claims the appropriate federal share of those costs at the appropriate federal medical assistance percentage. *Id.*

Federal Medicaid law permits states to finance the non-federal share of Medicaid costs through several sources, including but not limited to:

State General Funds. State general funds are revenues collected primarily through personal income, sales, and corporate income taxes.

42 C.F.R. § 433.51 (2010).

1 Charges on Health Care Providers. Federal Medicaid law permits states  
2 to (1) levy various types of charges – including taxes, fees, or  
3 assessments – on health care providers and (2) use the proceeds to draw  
4 down FFP (federal financial participation) to support the non-federal  
5 share of state Medicaid expenditures. These charges must meet certain  
6 requirements and be approved by CMS (Centers for Medicare &  
7 Medicaid Services of the United States Department of Health and Human  
8 Services) for revenues from these charges to be eligible to draw down  
9 FFP. A number of different types of providers can be subject to these  
10 charges, including hospitals.

11 42 U.S.C. § 1396b(w) (2017); 42 C.F.R. §§ 433.50 – 433.74 (2016).

12 The HQA Fee is a charge imposed by the Department on non-exempt  
13 hospitals to finance the non-federal share of specified Medi-Cal costs. Cal. Welf. &  
14 Inst. Code § 14169.51(*l*) (West 2018). The quarterly HQA Fee imposed upon non-  
15 exempt hospitals has been collected by the Department in similar form since 2009.  
16 The collected HQA Fees are used to support Medi-Cal expenditures and maximize  
17 available federal participation for Medi-Cal costs. *See*  
18 <http://www.lao.ca.gov/BallotAnalysis/Proposition?number=52&year=2016>.

## 19 **II. DELIVERY OF MEDI-CAL SERVICES**

20 The vast majority of Medi-Cal benefits are delivered through one of two  
21 systems: (i) the fee-for-service system and (ii) the managed care plan system. Cal.  
22 Welf. & Inst. Code § 14016.5(b) (West 2014). In the fee-for-service system, Medi-  
23 Cal contracts with and pays health care providers (such as physicians, hospitals, and  
24 clinics) directly for covered services provided to Medi-Cal beneficiaries. *Id.*,  
25 § 14132 et seq. (West 2014).

26 The Department also administers Medi-Cal through various managed care  
27 plans operated by public and private entities under contract pursuant to various  
28 statutory authorities. *See generally* Cal. Welf. & Inst. Code §§ 14087.3-14089.8;  
14200, et. seq. (West 2014). In the managed care system, the Department contracts  
with managed care plans to provide the vast majority of covered services for  
enrolled Medi-Cal beneficiaries within a fixed geographic location. *See generally*  
*id.* at § 14087.3 et seq. (setting forth standards governing contracts between the

1 Department and managed care providers) and § 14169.51(ab) (West 2014)  
2 (defining “managed health care plan” for purposes of the HQA Fee program).  
3 Medi-Cal managed care enrollees may obtain non-emergency services from  
4 contracted providers – including hospitals – that accept payments from their health  
5 plans. The Department develops and pays an actuarially sound (capitation) rate per  
6 Medi-Cal beneficiary enrollee per month to contracted managed care plans. Cal.  
7 Welf. & Inst. Code § 14301.1 (West 2017).

### 8 **III. PAYMENTS TO HOSPITALS FOR MEDI-CAL SERVICES**

9 The Department provides payments to approximately 400 licensed general  
10 acute care hospitals. <https://lao.ca.gov/ballot/2013/130602.aspx>. These hospitals  
11 are divided into three general categories (private hospitals, designated public  
12 hospitals (county and University of California), and non-designated public hospitals  
13 (district hospitals) based on whether the hospital is privately or publicly owned, and  
14 who operates the hospital. *Id.* Debtors are private hospitals.

15 Hospitals may receive several types of payments based on their participation  
16 in Medi-Cal, including direct payments from the Department, managed care  
17 payments from managed care plans, and supplemental payments from both the  
18 Department and managed care plans. <https://lao.ca.gov/ballot/2013/130602.aspx>.

19 Direct payments are payments to providers such as Debtor for providing  
20 covered services to Medi-Cal beneficiaries through the fee-for-service system.  
21 Managed care payments are payments from managed care plans to providers  
22 (including hospitals such as Debtor) for services delivered to Medi-Cal  
23 beneficiaries enrolled in these plans. The plans receive funds from the Department  
24 to pay the providers. <https://lao.ca.gov/ballot/2013/130602.aspx>.

25 Quality assurance payments are supplemental payments, supported by the  
26 HQA Fee revenue and federal matching funds, providing additional payments to  
27 Medi-Cal hospitals to supplement the Department’s direct fee-for service payments  
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1 and the managed care plans' payments to hospitals, including Debtor. Cal. Welf. &  
2 Inst. Code § 14169.53(b) (West 2014).

3 **IV. HOSPITAL QUALITY ASSURANCE FEE**

4 California Assembly Bill 1383 established a program that imposed a  
5 quarterly HQA Fee to be paid by non-exempt hospitals, which would be used to  
6 increase federal financial participation in order to make supplemental payments to  
7 hospitals including private hospitals (such as Debtors), and to help pay for health  
8 care coverage for low-income children, for the period of April 1, 2009 through  
9 December 31, 2010. The California Legislature extended the HQA Fee program  
10 through December 31, 2016. Then, on November 8, 2016, California voters passed  
11 Proposition 52 continuing the HQA Fee program indefinitely from January 1, 2017,  
12 onward. *See* Cal. Const., art 16, § 3.5; [HTTP://WWW.DHCS.CA.GOV/](http://WWW.DHCS.CA.GOV/PROVGOVPART/PAGES/HOSPITALQUALITYASSURANCEFEEPROGRAM.ASPX)  
13 [PROVGOVPART/PAGES/HOSPITALQUALITYASSURANCEFEEPROGRAM.ASPX](http://WWW.DHCS.CA.GOV/PROVGOVPART/PAGES/HOSPITALQUALITYASSURANCEFEEPROGRAM.ASPX).

14 More specifically, the Medi-Cal Hospital Reimbursement Improvement Act  
15 of 2013 (the Act) extended the imposition of the HQA Fee from January 1, 2014,  
16 through December 31, 2016. The Act was signed into law in October 2013 and is  
17 codified at California Welfare and Institutions Code sections 14169.50 through  
18 14169.76. It was later made permanent pursuant to Proposition 52. Cal. Const., art  
19 16, § 3.5. The Act requires non-exempt hospitals to pay a quarterly HQA Fee,  
20 which is assessed regardless of a hospital's participation in the Medi-Cal program.  
21 Cal. Welf. & Inst. Code § 14169.52(a) (West 2014).

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23 **V. STATUTORY BASIS FOR COLLECTION OF HQA FEES**

24 California Welfare and Institutions Code section 14169.50 sets forth the  
25 legislative purpose and intent for the HQA Fee program. "It is the intent of the  
26 Legislature that funding provided to hospitals through a hospital quality assurance  
27 fee be continued with the goal of increasing access to care and to improving  
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hospital reimbursement through supplemental Medi-Cal payments to hospitals.”  
Cal. Welf. & Inst. Code § 14169.50(b) (West 2018). “It is [also] the intent of the  
Legislature to impose a quality assurance fee to be paid by hospitals, which would  
be used to increase federal financial participation in order to make supplemental  
Medi-Cal payments to hospitals, and to help pay for health care coverage for low-  
income children.” Cal. Welf. & Inst. Code § 14169.50(d) (West 2014) (emphasis  
added). California Welfare and Institutions Code section 14169.52(h) provides the  
Department with the statutory remedy to recover the unpaid HQA Fee debt from  
Medi-Cal payments until the entire debt is recovered (recoupment).

## FACTUAL BACKGROUND

### I. ST. VINCENT MEDICAL CENTER’S HQA FEE DEBT TO MEDI-CAL

St. Vincent Medical Center, as of March 15, 2019, has HQA Fee liabilities  
for Phase V in the amount of \$21,427,707.82.

ST. VINCENT MEDICAL CENTER (NPI# 1124004304) (OSHPD# 106190762)					
PHASE V		AMOUNT DUE	DUE DATE	WITHHELD	OUTSTANDING BALANCE
FISCAL YEAR	CYCLE (PERIOD)				
2017/18	MANAGED CARE 2 (Directed) (07/01/2017- 06/30/2018)	\$2,575,439.74	TBD	\$0.00	\$2,575,439.74
2018/19	CYCLE 7 (07/01/2018 - 09/30/2018)	\$3,433,071.00	10/3/2018	\$537,551.92	\$2,895,519.08
	CYCLE 8 (10/01/2018- 12/31/2018)	\$3,433,071.00	1/2/2019	\$0.00	\$3,433,071.00
	CYCLE 9 (01/01/2019- 03/31/2019)	\$3,433,071.00	4/3/2019	\$0.00	\$3,433,071.00
	CYCLE 10 (04/01/2019- 06/30/2019)	\$3,433,071.00	7/3/2019	\$0.00	\$3,433,071.00
	MANAGED CARE 3 (Passthrough) (07/01/2018- 06/30/2019)	\$2,828,768.00	TBD	\$0.00	\$2,828,768.00
	MANAGED CARE 3 (Directed) (07/01/2018- 06/30/2019)	\$2,828,768.00	TBD	\$0.00	\$2,828,768.00

<b>Total Outstanding Balance</b>					<b>\$21,427,707.82</b>

## II. SETON MEDICAL CENTER'S HQA FEE DEBT TO MEDI-CAL

Seton Medical Center, as of March 15, 2019, has outstanding HQA Fee liabilities for Phase V in the amount of **\$28,160,469.45**, as shown below:

SETON MEDICAL CENTER (NPI# 1154428688) (OSHPD# 106410817)					
PHASE V		AMOUNT DUE	DUE DATE	WITHHELD	OUTSTANDING BALANCE
FISCAL YEAR	CYCLE (PERIOD)				
2016/17	CYCLE 1 (01/01/2017 – 03/31/2017)	\$2,040,467.00	2/5/2018	\$0.00	\$2,023,405.60
	CYCLE 2 (04/01/2017 – 06/30/2017)	\$2,040,467.00	2/28/2018	\$0.00	\$2,040,467.00
2016/17	MANAGED CARE 1 (Passthrough) (01/01/2017- 06/30/2017)	\$1,870,925.10	3/13/2019	\$1,870,925.10	\$1,758,838.00
2017/18	CYCLE 3 (07/01/2017 – 09/30/2017)	\$2,223,369.00	3/21/2019	\$0.00	\$2,223,369.00
	CYCLE 4 (10/01/2017 – 12/31/2017)	\$2,223,368.94	4/11/2018	\$0.00	\$2,223,368.94
	CYCLE 5 (01/01/2018 – 03/31/2018)	\$2,223,369.00	5/2/2018	\$0.00	\$2,223,369.00
	CYCLE 6 (04/01/2018 – 06/30/2018)	\$2,223,369.00	7/11/2018	\$0.00	\$2,223,369.00
	MANAGED CARE 2 (Passthrough) (07/01/2017 – 06/30/2018)	\$1,893,251.67	3/13/2019	\$1,893,251.67	\$0.00
	MANAGED CARE 2 (Directed) (07/01/2017 – 06/30/2018)	\$1,903,985.91	TBD	\$0.00	\$1,903,985.91
2018/19	CYCLE 7 (07/01/2018 – 09/30/2018)	\$2,293,835.00	10/3/2018	\$0.00	\$2,293,835.00

	<b>CYCLE 8</b> (10/01/2018 - 12/31/2018)	\$2,293,835.00	1/2/2019	\$0.00	\$2,293,835.00
	<b>CYCLE 9</b> (01/01/2019- 03/31/2019)	\$2,293,835.00	4/3/2019	\$0.00	\$2,293,835.00
	<b>CYCLE 10</b> (04/01/2019- 06/30/2019)	\$2,293,835.00	7/3/2019	\$0.00	\$2,293,835.00
	<b>MANAGED CARE 3</b> (Passthrough) (07/01/2018- 06/30/2019)	\$2,061,897.50	TBD	\$0.00	\$2,061,897.50
	<b>MANAGED CARE 3</b> (Directed) (07/01/2018- 06/30/2019)	\$2,061,897.50	TBD	\$0.00	\$2,061,897.50
<b>Total Outstanding Balance</b>					<b>\$28,160,469.45</b>

### III. ST. FRANCIS MEDICAL CENTER'S HQA FEE DEBT TO MEDI-CAL

St. Francis Medical Center, as of March 15, 2019, has HQA Fee liabilities for Phase V in the amount of **\$30,381,769.53**.

<b>ST. FRANCIS MEDICAL CENTER (NPI# 1487697215) (OSHPD# 106190754)</b>					
<b>PHASE V</b>		<b>AMOUNT DUE</b>	<b>DUE DATE</b>	<b>WITHHELD</b>	<b>OUTSTANDING BALANCE</b>
<b>FISCAL YEAR</b>	<b>CYCLE (PERIOD)</b>				
2017/18	<b>MANAGED CARE 2</b> (Directed) (07/01/2017- 06/30/2018)	\$5,354,709.53	TBD	\$0.00	\$5,354,709.53
2018/19	<b>CYCLE 9</b> (01/01/2019 - 03/31/2019)	\$6,703,466.00	4/3/2019	\$0.00	\$6,703,466.00
	<b>CYCLE 10</b> (04/01/2019- 06/30/2019)	\$6,703,466.00	7/3/2019	\$0.00	\$6,703,466.00
	<b>MANAGED CARE 3</b> (Passthrough) (07/01/2018- 06/30/2019)	\$5,810,064.00	TBD	\$0.00	\$5,810,064.00
	<b>MANAGED CARE 3</b> (Directed) (07/01/2018- 06/30/2019)	\$5,810,064.00	TBD	\$0.00	\$5,810,064.00
<b>Total Outstanding Balance</b>					<b>\$30,381,769.53</b>

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1 **IV. ST. VINCENT DIALYSIS CENTER**

2 St. Vincent Dialysis has an existing overpayment debt of \$372.52, which  
3 must be reimbursed to the Department.

4 **OVERPAYMENTS DEBT SUMMARY (UPDATED 01/23/2019)**

5 <b>Provider</b>	<b>NPI</b>	<b>Outstanding Balance</b>
6 St. Vincent Dialysis Center	1992700314	\$375.52

7 **V. DEBTORS CONTINUE AS MEDI-CAL PROVIDERS POST PETITION**

8 Since the Petition Date, Debtors have continued to provide Medi-Cal  
9 services, have continued to submit claims to Medi-Cal for payment, and have  
10 continued to receive Medi-Cal payments. In other words, despite their bankruptcy  
11 filings, Debtors have remained in the Medi-Cal system, enjoying Medi-Cal provider  
12 benefits, such as direct payments from the Department, managed care payments  
13 from managed care plans, and supplemental payments from both the Department  
14 and managed care plans.

15 **ARGUMENT**

16 **I. MEDI-CAL AGREEMENTS ARE EXECUTORY CONTRACTS**

17 Contrary to the representations in the proposed APA, the Agreements cannot  
18 be transferred as licenses. They must be assumed and assigned as executory  
19 contracts.

20 The Bankruptcy Code does not define the term “executory contract”;  
21 however, the legislative history of 11 U.S.C. § 365 leaves no doubt that an  
22 executory contract is one “in which neither side has fully performed at the  
23 commencement of bankruptcy.” *In re Monsour Medical Center*, 8 B.R. 606, 612  
24 (Bankr. W.D. Pa. 1981), aff’d 11 B.R. 1014 (W.D. Pa. 1981) (citing Fogel,  
25 *Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases in the Bankruptcy Code*, 64 Minnesota  
26 Law Review 341, 344 (1980)). The legislative history provides:

27 Though there is no precise definition of what contracts are executory,  
28 it generally includes contracts on which performance remains due to  
some extent on both sides. A note is not usually an executory contract  
if the only performance that remains is repayment. Performance on one

1 side of the contract would have been completed and the contract is no  
2 longer executory.

3 *Id.*

4 This interpretation of the term "executory contract" is in accord with the  
5 view adopted by commentary and case law discussing Section 70(b) of the former  
6 Bankruptcy Act, the provision from which 11 U.S.C. § 365 is derived, that an  
7 executory contract is one "under which the obligation of both the bankrupt and the  
8 other party to the contract are so far unperformed that the failure of either to  
9 complete performance would constitute a material breach excusing the performance  
10 of the other." *In re Monsour Medical Center*, 8 B.R. at 612-613 (citing  
11 Countryman, *Executory Contracts in Bankruptcy: Part 1*, 57 Minn. L. Rev. 439,  
12 460 (1973); *Chattanooga Mem. Park v. Still*, 574 F.2d 349, 352 (6th Cir.), cert.  
13 denied, 439 U.S. 929, 99 S. Ct. 316, 58 L. Ed. 2d 322 (1978).) In other words,  
14 executory contracts include contracts where, to some extent, performance remains  
15 due from both parties. *In re Holland Enterprises, Inc. (In re Holland)*, 25 B.R. 301  
16 (Bankr. E.D. N.C. 1982) (citing *In re Rovine Corp.*, 5 B.R. 402, 404 (W.D. Tenn.  
17 1980).

18 To become entitled to receive Medi-Cal payments as Medi-Cal providers,  
19 Debtors were required to enter into Agreements with the Department. *In re*  
20 *Gardens Regional Hospital and Medical Center, Inc. (In re Gardens)*, 569 B.R.  
21 788, 792 (Bankr. C.D. Cal. 2017). Debtors' eligibility to participate in the Medi-  
22 Cal program is conditioned upon its consent to the terms of these Agreements. *In*  
23 *re Gardens*, 569 B.R. at 796-97. In that regard, the Agreements specifically  
24 emphasize:

25 **AS A CONDITION FOR PARTICIPATION OR CONTINUED**  
26 **PARTICIPATION AS A PROVIDER IN THE MEDI-CAL**  
27 **PROGRAM, PROVIDER AGREES TO COMPLY WITH ALL**  
28 **OF THE FOLLOWING TERMS AND CONDITIONS, AND**  
**WITH ALL OF THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS INCLUDED**  
**ON ANY ATTACHMENT(S) HERETO, WHICH IS/ARE**  
**INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE.**

1 Declaration of Hanh Vo (Vo Decl.), Exs. 1 – 4, at 1 (original emphasis).

2 Debtors have alleged that Medicare and Medicaid provider agreements are  
3 not contracts because there was no consideration by the parties to the agreements.  
4 In that regard, Debtors erroneously allege that the provider agreements: (1) merely  
5 informs the provider to applicable rules and statutes, which it has a preexisting legal  
6 duty to do so, (2) provides no benefits to Medicare or Medi-Cal, and (3) imposes no  
7 duties on Medicare or Medi-Cal other than to follow existing statutes and  
8 regulations.

9 When Debtors contracted with the Department to participate in Medi-Cal,  
10 they agreed to not only comply with applicable law governing Medi-Cal providers,  
11 but also agreed to explicit payment and reimbursement terms that are expressly set  
12 forth in the Agreements. Debtors' voluntary consent to those contractual provisions  
13 is consideration for the Department to contract with Debtors, allowing Debtors to  
14 participate in the Medi-Cal system and receive payments in the millions to tens of  
15 millions of dollars. As a governmental entity, the Department and Medi-Cal are  
16 guided by public policy considerations when contracting with providers to provide  
17 medical treatment and services to Medi-Cal beneficiaries. *In re Gardens Regional*  
18 *Hospital and Medical Center, Inc.*, 2018 WL 1354334 \*6. As affirmed by the  
19 California Court of Appeal, the relationship between a Medi-Cal provider and the  
20 Department is contractual in nature. *Mednik v. State Department of Health Care*  
21 *Services* 175 Cal. App. 4th 631, 642 (Ct. App. 2009).

22 The parties' consideration for the Agreements is indisputably exemplified by  
23 the following terms and conditions specified in the Agreements:

- 24 (1) Debtors must comply with all applicable state law and be subject  
25 to all sanctions available to the Department, if they fail to do so.  
Vo Decl., Ex. 5, ¶ 2, at 1.
- 26 (2) Debtors cannot submit any treatment authorization requests or  
27 claims to the Department using a National Provider Identifier  
28 (NPI) unless that NPI is appropriately registered to Debtors and  
is in compliance with all NPI requirements. *Id.*, ¶ 3, at 2.

- (3) Debtors cannot engage in any conduct inimical to the public health, morals, welfare, and safety of any Medi-Cal beneficiary, or to the fiscal integrity of the Medi-Cal system.” *Id.*, ¶ 4, at 2.
- (4) Debtors cannot “exclude or deny aid, care, service, or other benefits available under Medi-Cal or in any other way discriminate against any Medi-Cal patients because of that person’s race, color, ancestry, marital status, national origin, gender, age, economic status, physical or mental disability . . . .” *Id.*, ¶ 5, at 2.
- (5) Health care services provided by Debtors must be by qualified personnel for conditions that cause “suffering, endanger life, result in illness or infirmity, interfere with capacity for normal activity, including employment, or for conditions which may develop into some significant handicap or disability.” *Id.*, ¶ 6, at 2.
- (6) Any overpayment must be repaid by Debtors in accordance with applicable federal and California statutes, regulations, and rules and policies of the Department, and the Department may recoup any overpayment from monies otherwise payable to Provider under the Agreement. *Id.*, ¶ 23, at 4.
- (7) Debtors are subject to certain automatic and permissive suspensions and mandatory and permissive exclusions. *Id.*, ¶ 25, at 4.

Given the continuing nature of the duties imposed upon Debtors and the Department by both the Agreement and applicable law, Debtors’ Agreements are executory contracts. Under the Agreements, Debtors must continue to comply with the express terms of the Agreement with regard to providing care to Medi-Cal beneficiaries and for conducting themselves as Medi-Cal providers, in order to avoid breaching the Agreement and remain in the Medi-Cal system as an authorized provider. Moreover, as the First Circuit found for Medicare provider agreements, Debtors’ respective Agreement constitutes a single, ongoing, and integrated transaction. *In re Holyoke Nursing Home, Inc.*, 372 F.3d 1, 5 (1st Cir. 2004).

## II. CASE LAW AFFIRMS THAT THE AGREEMENTS ARE EXECUTORY CONTRACTS

The Agreements are similar in many respects to the Medicare Provider Agreement. *In re Gardens*, 569 B.R. at 799 n.12. “A majority of bankruptcy courts considering the Medicare-provider relationship conclude that the Medicare

1 provider agreement, with its attendant benefits and burdens, is an executory  
2 contract.” *In re Vital Signs Homecare, Inc.*, 396 B.R. 232, 239 (Bankr. D. Mass.  
3 2008) (citing *In re University Medical Center*, 973 F.2d 1065, 1075 and n.13 (3rd  
4 Cir. 199). “The [Medicare] Provider Agreement is a unique type of contract.” *In re*  
5 *University Medical Center*, 973 F.2d at 1081 (quoting *University Medical Center*,  
6 122 B.R. 919, 930 (E.D. Pa. 1990)). “The Medicare Provider Agreement is a  
7 contract providing for advance payments based on estimates and expressly  
8 permitting the withholding of overpayments from future advances.” *In re*  
9 *Hefferman Memorial Hospital District*, 192 B.R. 228, 231 n.4 (S.D. Cal. 1996).  
10 “Medicare provider agreements are executory in nature, calling for future  
11 performance by both parties until either party requests termination, and thus are  
12 subject to § 365.” *University Medical Center*, 122 B.R. at 919.

13 Case law consistently holds that a Medicare provider agreement easily fits  
14 within this definition of executory contract. *In re Slater Health Center, Inc.*, 294  
15 B.R. 423, 432 (Bankr. D. RI. 2003) (citing *In re University Medical Center*, 973  
16 F.2d at 1075.) A Medicare provider agreement is an executory contract. *In re*  
17 *Hefferman Memorial Hospital District*, 192 B.R. at 231 n.4. Most courts have  
18 concluded that a provider agreement is an executory contract subject to assumption  
19 or rejection by a debtor-in-possession. [Internal citations omitted.]” *In re St. Johns*  
20 *Home Health Agency Co.*, 173 B.R. 238, 242 n.1 (S.D. Fl. 1994).

21 As we conclude that Congress contemplated that the Medicare provider  
22 agreements would constitute a single, ongoing, and integrated  
23 transaction, the equitable powers of the bankruptcy court do not entitle  
24 it to second-guess Congress’s implicit policy choices. *Both by statute*  
25 *and by contract* [emphasis added], the HCFA [Health Care Financing  
Administration] has the unqualified right to recoup those overpayments  
in full [original emphasis], and to return the funds to the public fisc,  
where they can be used to fund other facilities providing care to  
Medicare beneficiaries.

26 *In re Holyoke Nursing Home, Inc.*, 372 F.3d at 5.

27 *In re Monsour Medical Center* involved the determination of the Medicare  
28 contractual relationship between a medical center and the government. The

1 bankruptcy court found that the medical center and the government were parties to  
2 two executory contracts as of the date of the filing of the petition and approved the  
3 medical center's assumption of the executory contracts. *In re Memorial Hosp. of*  
4 *Iowa County, Inc.*, 82 B.R. 478, 482-483 (W. D. Wis. 1988) (explaining *In re*  
5 *Monsour Medical Center*).

6 In *In re Hefferman*, the bankruptcy court of the Southern District of  
7 California stressed:

8 The Medicare Provider Agreement is a contract, providing for advance  
9 payments based on estimates and expressly permitting the withholding  
10 of overpayments from future advances. Most recoupment cases involve  
the type of contract involved in this case . . . .

11 *In re Hefferman Memorial Hospital District*, 192 B.R. at 231 n.4 (emphasis added).

12 Accordingly, given that courts have consistently held that Medicare Provider  
13 Agreements are executory contracts, Medi-Cal Provider Agreements are also  
14 executory contracts as the two agreements are similar in many respects. *In re*  
15 *Gardens Regional Hospital and Medical Center, Inc.*, 569 B.R. at 800, n.12.

16 **III. THE AGREEMENTS CANNOT BE SOLD FREE AND CLEAR OF DEBT**  
17 **OWED TO MEDI-CAL UNDER 11 U.S.C. § 363**

18 The Agreements cannot be sold by Debtors as assets free and clear of any  
19 liabilities, obligations, and claims.

20 The Ninth Circuit and other circuits have firmly held that providers are not  
21 entitled to continued participation in the Medicare and Medicaid programs  
22 (including Medi-Cal). Accordingly, the providers have no statutory entitlement to  
23 continue to bill Medi-Cal. They lack a protectable property interest to do so.

24 If a benefit is a "matter of statutory entitlement for persons qualified to  
25 receive them," a property interest in that benefit is created. *Goldberg v. Kelly*, 397  
26 U.S. 254, 262, 90 S. Ct. 1011, 25 L. Ed. 2d 287 (1970). Property interest arises  
27 from a statutory entitlement. *Southeast Kansas Community Action Program v.*  
28 *Secretary of Agriculture of the United States*, 967 F.2d 1452, 1457 (10th Cir. 1992).

1 Food-stamp benefits are a matter of statutory entitlement for persons qualified to  
2 receive them, and thus are appropriately treated as a form of "property." *Atkin v.*  
3 *Parker*, 472 U.S. 115, 128, 105 S. Ct. 2520, 86 L. Ed. 2d 81 (1985). Statutory  
4 entitlement of eligible veterans to receipt of educational assistance constitute a  
5 property interest. *Devine v. Cleland*, 616 F. 2d 1080, 1086 (9th Cir. 1980). A state  
6 issued license for the continued pursuit of the licensee's livelihood creates a  
7 property interest. *Bell v. Burson*, 402 U.S. 535, 539, 91 S. Ct. 1586, 29 L. Ed. 2d  
8 90 (1971).

9 The Tenth Circuit held that a Medicare provider such as a physician had no  
10 property interest in his eligibility for Medicare reimbursement. A provider is not  
11 the intended beneficiary of the Medicare program; thus, the provider has no  
12 protectable property interest in the Medicare program. *Koerpel v. Heckler*, 797  
13 F.2d 858, 863-65 (10th Cir. 1986). Similarly, the First Circuit concluded that a  
14 provider has no protectable property interest in his participation in Medicare.  
15 *Cervoni v. Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare*, 581 F.2d 1010 (1st Cir.  
16 1978).

17 In *Erickson v. United States Department of Health and Human Services*, the  
18 district court granted an injunction to plaintiffs, Medicare providers, to prohibit the  
19 Secretary of Health and Human Services from excluding them from federally-  
20 funded health care programs. On appeal, the Ninth Circuit followed the reasoning  
21 of the First and Tenth Circuits in *Koerpel* and *Cervoni* and held that plaintiffs were  
22 not entitled to the continued participation in Medicare/Medicaid programs.  
23 Plaintiffs failed to show entitlement, including statutory entitlement, for continued  
24 participation in those programs; therefore, they have no property interest in  
25 continued participation in those programs. *Erickson v. United States Department of*  
26 *Health and Human Services*, 67 F. 3d 858, 862 (9th Cir. 1995). Similarly, the  
27 California Court of Appeal in *Lin v. State of California*, 78 Cal. App. 4th 931 (Ct.  
28 App. 2012) held that providers of Medicare and Medicaid services have no

1 protected interests in continued participation in those programs. *Id.*, at 935.  
2 Accordingly, Debtors' do not have any statutory entitlement to bill Medi-Cal.  
3 Instead, their ability to retain their Medi-Cal provider status and to provide Medi-  
4 Cal services and bill for those services, depends upon their ongoing fulfilment of  
5 duties and obligations required by the Agreements.

6 Consistent with the Ninth Circuit holding that providers have no property  
7 interests in their continued participation in Medicare or Medicaid, a bankruptcy  
8 court specifically declared that a Medicare Provider Agreement, and similarly, the  
9 Medi-Cal Provider Agreement, cannot be sold as an asset under 11 U.S.C. § 363,  
10 free and clear of any debt.

11 Notwithstanding . . . anything in the Motion or Purchase Agreement to  
12 the contrary, *the Medicare Provider Agreement shall not be considered*  
13 *an "asset" that may be sold pursuant to section 363 of the Bankruptcy*  
14 *Code and shall be treated as an executory contract subject to the*  
15 *Assumption and Assignment Procedures.* Assumption and assignment  
16 of the Medicare Provider Agreement shall require, as a cure, successor  
17 liability on the part of the Buyer for liabilities under the Medicare  
18 Provider Agreement.

19 *In re Berks Behavioral Health, LLC*, 2010 WL 4922173, 7 (Bankr. E.D. Pa. 2010)  
20 (emphasis added).

21 Consistent with the First, Ninth, and Tenth Circuits as well as the California  
22 Court of Appeal, Debtors' Agreements explicitly assert that no property interests  
23 exist in or to the providers' status (such that they can be sold as an asset under 11  
24 U.S.C. § 363). Instead, the Agreements expressly state that any rights or  
25 obligations associated with the Agreements, as executory contracts, may only be  
26 assigned and assumed with successor liability.

27 Provider agrees that it has no property right in or to its status as a  
28 Provider in the Medi-Cal program or in or to the provider number(s)  
assigned to it, and that Provider may not assign its provider number for  
use as a Medi-Cal provider, or any rights or obligations it has under  
[the] Agreement, *except to the extent purchasing owner is joining this*  
*provider agreement with successor joint and several liability."*

Vo Decl., Ex 5, ¶ 37, at 8, (emphasis added).



1 Aside from the fact that Debtors have no property interests to continue to  
2 participate in the Medi-Cal system, 11 U.S.C. § 363(f) does not allow Debtors to  
3 sell their Agreements free and clear of any debt or successor liability. Under 11  
4 U.S.C. § 363(f), property can be sold free and clear of any interest in that property  
5 of an entity other than the estate, only if:

- 6 (1) applicable nonbankruptcy law permits sale of such property free  
and clear of such interest;
- 7 (2) such entity consents;
- 8 (3) such interest is a lien and the price at which property is to be  
sold is greater than the aggregate value of all liens on such  
9 property;
- 10 (4) such interest is in bona fide dispute; or
- (5) such entity can be compelled, in a legal or equitable proceeding,  
to accept a money satisfaction of such interest.

11 11 U.S.C. § 363(f).

12 Here, none of the above requisite elements of 11 U.S.C. § 363(f) apply. For  
13 the first criteria, as shown above, non-bankruptcy law does not permit sale of  
14 Debtors' Agreements as assets, free and clear of any debt. The Ninth Circuit  
15 specifically held that providers have no property interest in their continued  
16 participation in Medi-Cal. Accordingly, the Agreements make clear that Debtors  
17 have no property rights in or to their status as Medi-Cal Providers. Rather than  
18 being assets that can be sold, the Agreements and any rights and obligations therein  
19 can only be assigned with successor liability. *Vo Decl.*, Exs. 4, ¶ 36, at 8.

20 With regard to second and third criteria, they are inapplicable because the  
21 Department has not consented to the sale of the Agreements as Debtor's assets or  
22 property and no lien interests are involved here.

23 For the fourth criteria, there is no bona dispute regarding the assumption and  
24 assignment of the Agreements with successor liability. "A bona fide dispute exists  
25 when there is an objective basis for either factual or legal dispute as to the validity  
26 of an interest in property." *In re Octagon Roofing*, 123 B.R. 583, 590 (Bankr. N.D.  
27 Ill. 1991). As shown above, both the Debtors and the Buyer know and  
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1 acknowledge in the APA that the Agreements can only be assumed and assigned  
2 with the Department's agreement. APA, Ex. A, § 8.8, ECF No. 365-1.

3 For the fifth criteria, the Department cannot be compelled to accept a money  
4 satisfaction in exchange for its rights to prevent a sale of Debtors' Medi-Cal  
5 provider status or Debtors' benefits, duties and obligations under the Agreements.

6 Accordingly, Debtors cannot sell their Medi-Cal Provider Agreements, free  
7 and clear of any debt under 11 U.S.C. § 363(f). The Agreements can only be  
8 assumed and assigned with successor liability. As such, Debtors must cure by  
9 paying the HQA Fees in default.

10 **IV. THE AGREEMENTS, AS EXECUTORY CONTRACTS, REQUIRE CURE OF**  
11 **DEFAULTS AND DEBTS**

12 It is well settled that curing all defaults is an essential pre-condition to  
13 assumption of a contract under 11 U.S.C. § 365(b). "Cure is a critical component  
14 of assumption." *In re: Thane International, Inc. v. 9472541 Canada Inc.*, 586 B.R.  
15 540, 549 (Bankr. D. Del. 2018). When an executory contract is assumed, valid  
16 claims for default must be cured by the debtor. *In re Memorial Hospital of Iowa*  
17 *County, Inc.*, 82 B.R. 478, 481 (Bankr. W.D. Wis. 1988).

18 Accordingly, all existing HQA Fees debt – HQA Fees in default – must be  
19 paid by Debtors before closing of the sale.

20 **V. DEBTORS' AGREEMENTS REQUIRE SUCCESSOR LIABILITY BY THE**  
21 **BUYER**

22 A party must accept the contract as a whole, meaning that a party cannot  
23 choose to accept the benefits of the contract and reject its burdens to the detriment  
24 of the other party to the agreement. *Richmond Leasing Co. v. Capital Bank, N.A.*,  
25 762 F.2d 1303, 1311 (5th Cir. 1985) (citing *In re Holland*, 25 B.R. 301). It is  
26 axiomatic that an assumed contract under 11 U.S.C. § 365 is accompanied by its  
27 provisions and conditions. *In re Holland*, 25 B.R. at 303 (citing *Atchison, Topeka*  
28 *& Santa Fe Ry Co. v. Hurley*, 153 F. 403 (8th Cir. 1907), *aff'd* 213 U.S. 126, 29 S.

1 Ct. 466, 53 L. Ed. 729 (1909)). "Assumption or rejection of an executory contract  
2 requires an all-or-nothing commitment going forward, and then a debtor cannot  
3 assume part of an executory contract in the future while rejecting another part." *In*  
4 *re St. Mary Hospital*, 89 B.R. 503, 509 (E.D. Pa. 1988).

5 An executory contract must be assumed or rejected *in toto*. *In re Holland*, 25  
6 B.R. at 303. "To hold otherwise, would construe the bankruptcy law as providing a  
7 debtor in bankruptcy with greater rights and powers under a contract than the debtor  
8 had outside the bankruptcy." *Id.* (citing *In re Nashville White Trucks, Inc.*, 5 B.R.  
9 112, 117 (Bankr. M.D. Tenn.)).

10 The Court remains cognizant of the legislative purpose behind section  
11 365. This provision vests the bankruptcy court with a unique power  
12 designed to facilitate the rehabilitation of debtors. Nevertheless, a  
13 debtor may not retreat to this provision, derived from the inherent  
equitable powers of the bankruptcy courts, to avoid an obligation while  
it enjoys a benefit which arises in conjunction with that obligation.

14 *In re Holland*, 25 B.R. at 303.

15 Accordingly, if the Buyer assumes the Agreements, then the Buyer will be  
16 held jointly and severally liable for any debt owed by Debtors to the Department,  
17 including HQA Fees and any Medi-Cal overpayments to Debtors, as Debtors'  
18 Agreements specifically mandate. In addition, under the Agreements, the Buyer  
19 will be subject to Department's recoupment for any unpaid HQA Fees and Medi-  
20 Cal overpayments owed by Debtors. 11 U.S.C. § 365. "It is hornbook law that a  
21 debtor cannot assume the benefits of an executory contract while rejecting the  
22 burdens." *In re Tidewater Memorial Hospital, Inc.*, 106 B.R. 876, 884 n.9 (Bankr.  
E.D. Va. 1989).

23 If Debtors are allowed to sell, transfer, and assign the Agreements, as  
24 licenses, then Debtors and the Buyer would be allowed to divorce the benefits from  
25 the burdens of the Agreements and undermine the HQA Fee system. They would  
26 receive the benefits of Debtors' Agreements including Medi-Cal service payments  
27 and quality assurance payments, while disregarding the obligations of the same  
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1 Agreements, including successor liability for any HQA Fee debt and other debts  
2 incurred by Debtors to the Department. The Court should not permit such a result.

3  
4 **CONCLUSION**

5 For the foregoing reasons, the Notice and its accompanying exhibits are  
6 erroneous. The Agreements are executory contracts that can only be assumed and  
7 assigned. To satisfy this pre-condition to assumption and assignment, Debtors must  
8 cure by paying the HQA Fees in default and the Buyer assume any and all  
9 obligations and liabilities under the Agreements with joint and several liability.  
10 The Agreements cannot be sold by Debtors to the Buyer free and clear of all  
11 liabilities, claims, and obligations.

12 Dated: March 22, 2019

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I am over the age of 18 and not a party to this bankruptcy case or adversary proceeding. My business address is: California Office of the Attorney General, 300 South Spring Street, Suite 1702, Los Angeles, CA 90013.

A true and correct copy of the foregoing document entitled:

**CREDITOR CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES'S  
OBJECTION TO NOTICE OF COUNTERPARTIES TO EXECUTORY  
CONTRACTS AND UNEXPIRED LEASES OF THE DEBTORS THAT MAY BE  
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**DECLARATION OF HANH VO IN SUPPORT OF CREDITOR CALIFORNIA  
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COUNTERPARTIES TO EXECUTORY CONTRACTS AND UNEXPIRED LEASES  
OF THE DEBTORS THAT MAY BE ASSUMED AND ASSIGNED (ECF NO. 1704)**

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Pursuant to controlling General Orders and LBR, the foregoing document will be served by the court via NEF and hyperlink to the document. On **March 22, 2019**, I checked the CM/ECF docket for this bankruptcy case or adversary proceeding and determined that the following persons are on the Electronic Mail Notice List to receive NEF transmission at the email addresses stated below:

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Pursuant to F.R.Civ.P. 5 and/or controlling LBR, on **March 22, 2019**, I served the following persons and/or entities at the last known addresses in this bankruptcy case or adversary proceeding by placing a true and correct copy thereof in a sealed envelope in the United States mail, first class, postage prepaid, and addressed as follows.

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Hon. Ernest M. Robles  
United States Bankruptcy Court  
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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States that the foregoing is true and correct.

March 22, 2019

Stacy McKellar



*Date*

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IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA – LOS ANGELES DIVISION

**In re:**

**VERITY HEALTH SYSTEM OF  
CALIFORNIA, INC., et al.,**

Debtor and Debtors In  
Possession.

CASE NO. 2:18-bk-20151-ER

**DECLARATION OF HANH VO IN  
SUPPORT OF CREDITOR  
CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF  
HEALTH CARE SERVICES'S  
OBJECTION TO NOTICE OF  
COUNTERPARTIES TO  
EXECUTORY CONTRACTS AND  
UNEXPIRED LEASES OF THE  
DEBTORS THAT MAY BE  
ASSUMED AND ASSIGNED (ECF  
NO. 1704)**

Hearing: April 17, 2019  
Time: 10:00 a.m.  
Courtroom: 1568  
Judge Ernest M. Robles

Affects All Debtors.  
Affects Verity Health System of  
California, Inc.  
Affects O'Connor Hospital  
Affects Saint Louise Regional Hospital  
/x/ Affects St. Francis Medical Center  
/x/ Affects St. Vincent Medical Center  
/x/ Affects Seton Medical Center  
Affects O'Connor Hospital Foundation  
Affects Saint Louise Regional Hospital  
Foundation

1 Affects St. Francis Medical Center of  
2 Lynwood Foundation  
3 /x/ Affects St. Vincent Foundation  
4 Affects St. Vincent Dialysis Center,  
5 Inc.  
6 Affects Seton Medical Center  
7 Foundation  
8 Affects Verity Business Services  
9 Affects Verity Medical Foundation  
Affects Verity Holdings, LLC  
Affects De Paul Ventures, LLC  
Affects De Paul Ventures – San Jose  
Dialysis, LLC,  
Debtors and Debtors in  
Possession.

10 I, Hanh Vo, declare:

11 1. I am currently a Staff Services Manager II, serving as Chief of the  
12 General Collections Section of the Third Party Liability and Recovery Division of  
13 the California Department of Health Care Services (Department). I have been  
14 employed by the Department since September 2007. In that capacity, I have  
15 personal knowledge of the matters stated herein.

16 2. My responsibilities as Staff Services Manager II, Chief of the General  
17 Collections Section, include management oversight of all activities performed by  
18 three collection units of the Department, the Quality Assurance Fee (QAF) Units A  
19 & B, and the Overpayments Unit.

20 3. Attached as Exhibit 1 to this declaration is a true and correct copy of  
21 the Medi-Cal Provider Agreement for St. Vincent Medical Center, Inc., which was  
22 executed on or about October 15, 2009.

23 4. Attached as Exhibit 2 to this declaration is a true and correct copy of  
24 the Medi-Cal Provider Agreement for St. Francis Medical Center, which was  
25 executed on or about August 16, 2010.

26 5. Attached as Exhibit 3 to this declaration is a true and correct copy of  
27 the Medi-Cal Provider Agreement for Seton Medical Center, which was executed  
28 on or about October 2010.

1           6. Attached as Exhibit 4 to this declaration is a true and correct copy of  
2 the Medi-Cal Provider Agreement for Saint Vincent Dialysis Center, Inc., which  
3 was executed on or about March 7, 2011.

4           7. Attached as Exhibit 5 is a true and correct copy of the sample Medi-  
5 Cal Provider Agreement that was in effect in or about 2009 through 2011.

6           8. Based upon my personal knowledge and having reviewed Exhibits 1  
7 through 5, I know that the substantive terms and provisions contained in these  
8 Medi-Cal Provider Agreements are similar.

9           9. I have reviewed the attached Hospital Quality Assurance Fee (HQA  
10 Fee) debt summaries for St. Vincent Medical Center, Inc., for St. Francis Medical  
11 Center, and for Seton Medical Center, which were prepared at my direction.

12          10. The calculation of the HQA Fee debt for these three hospitals is based  
13 upon the HQA Fee model.

14          11. The HQA Fee debt summaries are divided into six columns, which are  
15 described below:

16           (A) FISCAL YEAR – This term refers to the fiscal year period. The  
17 HQA Fee fiscal year is from July 1 through June 30.

18           (B) CYCLE (PERIOD) – This term refers to the period included under  
19 each HQA Fee payment cycle. HQA Fee cycles for Medi-Cal fee-for-  
20 service system are quarterly, and HQA Fee cycles for Medi-Cal  
21 Managed Care system cover all or the portion of the fiscal year  
22 included in the program phase.

23           (C) DUE DATE – This term refers to the date upon which a particular  
24 HQA Fee payment to the Department is due.

25           (D) AMOUNT DUE – This term refers to the amount owed by the Debtor  
26 as determined by the HQA Fee model.

27           (E) AMOUNT PAID – This term refers to the amount from the Debtor  
28 applied to the AMOUNT DUE of a particular HQA Fee PERIOD,



1 (F) WITHHELD – This term refers to the amount collected through Medi-  
2 Cal claims offset from the Debtor's Medi-Cal check writes and applied  
3 to the AMOUNT DUE of a PERIOD.

4 (G) OUTSTANDING BALANCE – This term refers to the amount of the  
5 HQA Fee debt that remains owed by the Debtor.

6 12. With regard to the noted amounts due for the Managed Care cycles,  
7 the amounts stated are estimates and are subject to change based upon Medi-Cal  
8 Managed Care utilization at the time of payment and fee liability from Medi-Cal  
9 fee-for-service reconciliation activities of the prior program period.

10 13. Based upon my review of the attached HQA Fee debt summaries, I  
11 certify that total amount of HQA Fee debt for St. Vincent Medical Center (NPI No.  
12 1124004304 and OSHPD No. 106190762) for Phase V (January 1, 2017 through  
13 June 30, 2019) is \$21,427,707.82, for Seton Medical Center (NPI No. 1154428688,  
14 OSHPD No. 106410817) for Phases V is \$28,160,469.45, and for St. Francis  
15 Medical Center (NPI No. 148769215, OSHPD No. 106190754) for Phase V is  
16 \$30,381,769.53.

17 14. A true and correct copy of the debt summaries for St. Vincent Medical,  
18 Seton Medical Center and St. Francis Medical Center is attached to this declaration  
19 as Exhibit 6.

20 I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

21 Executed on this 22nd day of March 2019, at Sacramento, California.

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EXHIBIT 1



**MEDI-CAL PROVIDER AGREEMENT**  
(Institutional Provider)  
(To Accompany Applications for Enrollment)\*

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Do not use staples on this form or on any attachments.  
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Date  
10-15-09

Legal name of applicant or provider (as listed with the IRS) <b>St. Vincent Medical Center, Inc.</b>		Business name (if different than legal name) <b>St. Vincent Medical Center</b>	
Provider number (NPI number) <b>1124004304 SV</b>		Business Telephone Number <b>(213) 484 - 7111</b>	
Business address (number, street) <b>2131 West Third Street</b>	City <b>Los Angeles</b>	State <b>CA</b>	Nine-digit ZIP code <b>90057-0992</b>
Mailing address (number, street, P.O. Box number) <b>P.O. Box 57992</b>	City <b>Los Angeles</b>	State <b>CA</b>	Nine-digit ZIP code <b>90057-0992</b>
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Taxpayer Identification Number** <b>91 - 2154438</b>			

EXECUTION OF THIS PROVIDER AGREEMENT BETWEEN AN APPLICANT OR PROVIDER (HEREINAFTER JOINTLY REFERRED TO AS "PROVIDER") AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES (HEREINAFTER "DHCS"), IS MANDATORY FOR PARTICIPATION OR CONTINUED PARTICIPATION AS A PROVIDER IN THE MEDI-CAL PROGRAM PURSUANT TO 42 UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 1396a(a)(27), TITLE 42, CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, SECTION 431.107, WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE, SECTION 14043.2, AND TITLE 22, CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, SECTION 51000.30(a)(2).

AS A CONDITION FOR PARTICIPATION OR CONTINUED PARTICIPATION AS A PROVIDER IN THE MEDI-CAL PROGRAM, PROVIDER AGREES TO COMPLY WITH ALL OF THE FOLLOWING TERMS AND CONDITIONS, AND WITH ALL OF THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS INCLUDED ON ANY ATTACHMENT(S) HERETO, WHICH IS/ARE INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE:

1. **Term and Termination.** This Agreement will be effective from the date applicant is enrolled as a provider by the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS), or, from the date provider is approved for continued enrollment. This agreement may be terminated for cause if the Provider is suspended/excluded from further participation in the Medi-Cal program unless and until such time as Provider is re-enrolled by DHCS in the Medi-Cal program. This agreement may be terminated for cause if Provider is suspended/excluded for any of the reasons set forth in Paragraph 27(a) below, which termination will result in Provider's immediate disenrollment and exclusion (without formal hearing under the Administrative Procedures Act) from further participation in the Medi-Cal program. During any period in which the provider is on provisional provider status or preferred provisional provider status, DHCS may terminate this agreement for any of the grounds stated in Welfare and Institutions Code Section 14043.27(c).
2. **Compliance With Laws and Regulations.** Provider agrees to comply with all applicable provisions of Chapters 7 and 8 of the Welfare and Institutions Code (commencing with Sections 14000 and 14200), and any applicable rules or regulations promulgated by DHCS pursuant to these Chapters. Provider further agrees that if it violates any of the provisions of Chapters 7 and 8 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, or any other regulations promulgated by DHCS pursuant to these Chapters, it may be subject to all sanctions or other remedies available to DHCS. Provider further agrees to comply with all federal laws and regulations governing and regulating Medicaid providers.

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\* Every applicant and provider must execute this Provider Agreement.

\*\* The taxpayer identification number may be a Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) or a social security number for sole proprietors.

11. **Confidentiality of Beneficiary Information.** Provider agrees that all medical records of beneficiaries made or acquired by Provider shall be confidential and shall not be released without the written consent of the beneficiary or his/her personal representative, or as otherwise authorized by law.
12. **Disclosure of Information to DHCS.** Provider agrees to disclose all information as required in Federal Medicaid laws and regulations and any other information required by DHCS, and to respond to all requests from DHCS for information. Provider further agrees that the failure of Provider to disclose the required information, or the disclosure of false information shall, prior to any hearing, result in the denial of the application for enrollment or shall be grounds for termination of enrollment status or suspension from the Medi-Cal program, which shall include deactivation of all provider numbers used by Provider to obtain reimbursement from the Medi-Cal program. Provider further agrees that all bills or claims for payment to DHCS by Provider shall not be due and owing to Provider for any period(s) for which information was not reported or was reported falsely to DHCS. Provider further agrees to reimburse those Medi-Cal funds received during any period for which information was not reported, or reported falsely, to DHCS.
13. **Background Check.** Provider agrees that DHCS may conduct a background check on Provider for the purpose of verifying the accuracy of the information provided in the application and in order to prevent fraud or abuse. The background check may include, but not be limited to, the following: (1) on-site inspection prior to enrollment; (2) review of medical and business records; and, (3) data searches.
14. **Unannounced Visits By DHCS, CDPH, AG and Secretary.** Provider agrees that DHCS, CDPH, AG and/or Secretary may make unannounced visits to Provider, at any of Provider's business locations, before, during or after enrollment, for the purpose of determining whether enrollment, continued enrollment, or certification is warranted, to investigate and prosecute fraud against the Medi-Cal program, to investigate complaints of abuse and neglect of patients in health care facilities receiving payment under the Medi-Cal program, and/or as necessary for the administration of the Medi-Cal program and/or the fulfillment of the AG's powers and duties under Government Code Section 12528. Premises subject to inspection include billing agents, as defined in Welfare and Institutions Code Section 14040.1. Failure to permit inspection by DHCS, CDPH, AG or Secretary or any agent, investigator or auditor thereof, shall be grounds for immediate suspension of provider from participation in the Medi-Cal program.
15. **Provider Fraud and Abuse.** Provider agrees that it shall not engage in or commit fraud or abuse. "Fraud" means an intentional deception or misrepresentation made by a person with the knowledge that the deception could result in some unauthorized benefit to himself or herself or some other person. It includes any act that constitutes fraud under applicable federal or state law. "Abuse" means either: (1) practices that are inconsistent with sound fiscal or business practices and result in unnecessary cost to the Medicare program, the Medi-Cal program, another state's Medicaid program, or other health care programs operated, or financed in whole or in part, by the Federal Government or any state or local agency in this state or any other state; (2) practices that are inconsistent with sound medical practices and result in reimbursement by the Medi-Cal program or other health care programs operated, or financed in whole or in part, by the Federal Government or any state or local agency in this state or any other state, for services that are unnecessary or for substandard items or services that fail to meet professionally recognized standards for health care.
16. **Investigations of Provider for Fraud or Abuse.** Provider certifies that, at the time this Agreement was signed, it was not under investigation for fraud or abuse pursuant to Subpart A (commencing with Section 455.12) of Part 455 of Title 42 of the Code of Federal Regulations or under investigation for fraud or abuse by any other government entity. Provider further agrees to notify DHCS within ten business days of learning that it is under investigation for fraud or abuse. Provider further agrees that it shall be subject to temporary suspension pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code, Section 14043.36(a), which shall include temporary deactivation of all provider numbers used by Provider to obtain reimbursement from the Medi-Cal program, if it is discovered that Provider is under investigation for fraud or abuse. Provider further agrees to cooperate with and assist DHCS and any state or federal agency charged with the duty of identifying, investigating, sanctioning, or prosecuting suspected fraud and abuse.
17. **Provider Fraud or Abuse Convictions and/or Civil Fraud or Abuse Liability.** Provider certifies that it and its owners, officers, directors, employees, and agents, has not: (1) been convicted of any felony or misdemeanor involving fraud or abuse in any government program, within the last ten years; or (2) been convicted of any felony or misdemeanor involving the abuse of any patient; or (3) been convicted of any felony or misdemeanor substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of a provider; or (4) entered into a settlement in lieu of conviction for fraud or abuse, within the last ten years; or, (5) been found liable for fraud or abuse in any civil proceeding, within the last ten years. Provider further agrees that DHCS shall not enroll Provider if within the last ten years, Provider has been convicted of any felony or any misdemeanor involving fraud or abuse in any government program, has entered into a settlement in lieu of conviction for fraud or abuse, or has been found liable for fraud or abuse in any civil proceeding.

- or managing employees of the provider have been convicted of any felony, or convicted of any misdemeanor involving fraud or abuse in any government program, related to neglect or abuse of a patient in connection with the delivery of a health care item or service, or in connection with the interference with, or obstruction of, any investigation into health care related fraud or abuse, or have been found liable for fraud or abuse in any civil proceeding, or have entered into a settlement in lieu of conviction for fraud or abuse in any government program within 10 years of the date of the application package.
- b. There is a material discrepancy in the information provided to the department, or with the requirements to be enrolled, that is discovered after provisional provider status or preferred provisional provider status has been granted and that cannot be corrected because the discrepancy occurred in the past.
  - c. The provider has provided material information that was false or misleading at the time it was provided.
  - d. The provider failed to have an established place of business at the business address for which the application package was submitted at the time of any onsite inspection, announced or unannounced visit, or any additional inspection or review conducted pursuant to this article or a statute or regulation governing the Medi-Cal program, unless the practice of the provider's profession or delivery of services, goods, supplies, or merchandise is such that services, goods, supplies, or merchandise are rendered or delivered at locations other than the business address and this practice of delivery of services, goods, supplies, or merchandise has been disclosed in the application package approved by the department when the provisional provider status or preferred provisional provider status was granted.
  - e. The provider meets the definition of a clinic under Section 1200 of the Health and Safety Code, but is not licensed as a clinic pursuant to Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 1200) of Division 2 of the Health and Safety Code and fails to meet the requirements to qualify for at least one exemption pursuant to Section 1206 or 1206.1 of the Health and Safety Code.
  - f. The provider performs clinical laboratory tests or examinations, but it or its personnel do not meet CLIA, and the regulations adopted thereunder, and the state clinical laboratory law, do not possess valid CLIA certificates and clinical laboratory registrations or licenses pursuant to Chapter 3 (commencing with Section 1200) of Division 2 of the Business and Professions Code, or are not exempt from licensure as a clinical laboratory under Section 1241 of the Business and Professions Code.
  - g. The provider fails to possess either of the following:
    - (1) The appropriate licenses, permits, certificates, or other approvals needed to practice the profession or occupation, or provide the services, goods, supplies, or merchandise the provider identified in the application package approved by the department when the provisional provider status or preferred provisional provider status was granted and for the location for which the application was submitted.
    - (2) The business or zoning permits or other approval necessary to operate a business at the location identified in its application package approved by the department when the provisional provider status or preferred provisional provider status was granted.
  - h. The provider, or if the provider is a clinic, group, partnership, corporation, or other association, any officer, director, or shareholder with a 10 percent or greater interest in that organization, commits two or more violations of the federal or state statutes or regulation governing the Medi-Cal program, and the violations demonstrate a pattern or practice of fraud, abuse, or provision of unnecessary or substandard medical services.
  - i. The provider commits any violation of a federal or state statute or regulation governing the Medi-Cal program or of a statute or regulation governing the provider's profession or occupation and the violation represents a threat of immediate jeopardy or significant harm to any Medi-Cal beneficiary or to the public welfare.
  - j. The provider submits claims for payment that subject a provider to suspension under Section 14043.61.
  - k. The provider submits claims for payment for services, goods, supplies, or merchandise rendered at a location other than the location for which the provider number was issued, unless the practice of the provider's profession or delivery of services, goods, supplies, or merchandise is such that services, goods, supplies, or merchandise are rendered or delivered at locations other than the business address and this practice or delivery of services, goods, supplies, or merchandise has been disclosed in the application package approved by the department when the provisional provider status was granted.

- (5). Provider submits claims for payment under any provider number from an individual or entity that is suspended, excluded or otherwise ineligible. This includes a provider on the Suspended and Ineligible Provider List or any list published by the Office of the Inspector General or the Department of Health and Human Services. Appeal pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code, Section 14043.65. (Welfare and Institutions Code, Section 14043.61).
28. **Provider Termination, Imposition of Federal Sanctions, and Appeal Rights for Long Term Care Facilities.** Provider agrees that it is subject to any federal sanctions authorized under the state plan including termination of this provider agreement in accordance with federal law. Provider further agrees that the termination of this provider agreement or imposition of other federal sanctions authorized under the state plan shall include deactivation of all of Provider's provider numbers and shall preclude Provider from submitting claims for payment either personally or through claims submitted by any individual, clinic, group, corporation, or other association to the Medi-Cal program for any services, supplies, goods, or merchandise that provider has provided directly or indirectly to a Medi-Cal beneficiary, except for services, supplies, goods, or merchandise provided prior to the termination or imposition of sanctions.
- a. **Skilled Nursing Facility and Intermediate Care Facility Appeal Procedures.** SNF and ICF Medi-Cal Providers shall have the appeal rights set forth in Article 1.6 of Chapter 3 of Division 3 of Title 22.
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29. **Liability of Group Providers.** Provider agrees that, if it is a provider group, the group, and each member of the group, are jointly and severally liable for any breach of this Agreement, and that action against any of the providers in the provider group may result in action against all of the members of the provider group.
30. **Legislative and Congressional Changes.** Provider agrees that this Agreement is subject to any future additional requirements, restrictions, limitations, or conditions enacted by the California Legislature or the United States Congress which may affect the provisions, terms, conditions, or funding of this Agreement in any manner.
31. **Provider Capacity.** Provider agrees that Provider, and the officers, directors, employees, and agents of Provider, in the performance of this Agreement, shall act in an independent capacity and not as officers or employees or agents of the State of California.

Provider agrees that compliance with the provisions of this agreement is a condition precedent to payment to provider.

The parties agree that this agreement is a legal and binding document and is fully enforceable in a court of competent jurisdiction. The provider signing this agreement warrants that he/she has read this agreement and understands it.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing information is true, accurate, and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

I declare I am the provider or I have the authority to legally bind the provider, which is an entity and not an individual person.

St. Vincent Medical Center, Inc.

1. Printed legal name of provider

Cathy Fickes

2. Printed name of person signing this declaration on behalf of provider (if an entity or business name is listed in item 1 above)

3. Original signature of provider or representative if this provider is an entity other than an individual person as sole proprietor

President/CEO

4. Title of person signing this declaration

5. Notary Public (Affix notary seal or stamp in the space below)

See Attached California Acknowledgement Acknowledgement

Executed at: \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_  
(City) (State) (Date)

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6. Contact Person's Information

☐ Check here if you are the same person identified in item 2. If you checked the box, provide only the email address and phone number below.

Contact Person's Name	(last)	(first)	(middle)	(gender)	
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Title/Position			Email address		Telephone Number

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**CALIFORNIA ALL-PURPOSE ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

State of California

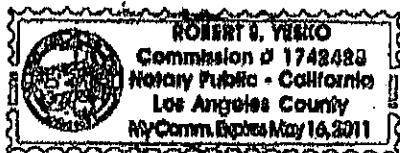
County of Los Angeles

On 15 Oct 2009 before me,

Robert S. Vesko, Notary Public

personally appeared

Cathy Fickes



who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies); and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

I certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing paragraph is true and correct.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Signature

Robert S. Vesko, Notary Public

Place Notary Seal Above

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Title or Type of Document:

Medi-Cal Provider Agreement

Document Date: 15 Oct 2009

Number of Pages: 2 + 9 information typed/signature  
9 pages

Signer(s) Other Than Named Above:

NONE

**Capacity(ies) Claimed by Signer(s)**

Signer's Name: Cathy Fickes

☐ Individual

☒ Corporate Officer — Title(s): President/CEO

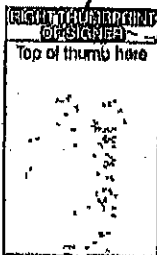
☐ Partner — ☐ Limited ☐ General

☐ Attorney in Fact

☐ Trustee

☐ Guardian or Conservator

☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_



Signer is Representing:

St. Vincent Medical Center, Los Angeles

Signer's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Individual

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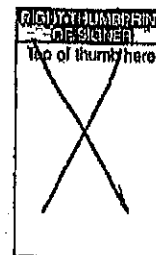




EXHIBIT 2

State of California—Health and Human Services Agency

Department of Health Care Services



**MEDI-CAL PROVIDER AGREEMENT**  
(Institutional Provider)  
(To Accompany Applications for Enrollment)\*

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Legal name of applicant or provider (as listed with the IRS) St. Francis Medical Center		Business name (if different than legal name) ST. FRANCIS MEDICAL CENTER DP SNF	
Provider number (NPI number) 1787697215 (Acute); 1245227180 (SNF)		Business Telephone Number (310) 900-8900	
Business address (number, street) 3630 E. Imperial Highway	City Lynwood	State CA	Nine-digit ZIP code 90262
Mailing address (number, street, P.O. Box number) 3630 E. Imperial Highway	City Lynwood	State CA	Nine-digit ZIP code 90262
Pay-to address (number, street, P.O. Box number) File #56850	City Los Angeles	State CA	Nine-digit ZIP code 90074
Provider's business address (number, street, P.O. Box number) N/A	City N/A	State N/A	Nine-digit ZIP code N/A
Taxpayer Identification Number** 91-2154439			

EXECUTION OF THIS PROVIDER AGREEMENT BETWEEN AN APPLICANT OR PROVIDER (HEREINAFTER JOINTLY REFERRED TO AS "PROVIDER") AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES (HEREINAFTER "DHCS"), IS MANDATORY FOR PARTICIPATION OR CONTINUED PARTICIPATION AS A PROVIDER IN THE MEDI-CAL PROGRAM PURSUANT TO 42 UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 1396a(a)(27), TITLE 42, CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, SECTION 431.107, WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE, SECTION 14043.2, AND TITLE 22, CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, SECTION 51000.30(a)(2).

AS A CONDITION FOR PARTICIPATION OR CONTINUED PARTICIPATION AS A PROVIDER IN THE MEDI-CAL PROGRAM, PROVIDER AGREES TO COMPLY WITH ALL OF THE FOLLOWING TERMS AND CONDITIONS, AND WITH ALL OF THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS INCLUDED ON ANY ATTACHMENT(S) HERETO, WHICH IS/ARE INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE:

- 1. Term and Termination.** This Agreement will be effective from the date applicant is enrolled as a provider by DHCS, or, from the date provider is approved for continued enrollment. Provider may terminate this Agreement by providing DHCS with written notice of intent to terminate, which termination shall result in Provider's immediate disenrollment and exclusion (without formal hearing under the Administrative Procedure Act) from further participation in the Medi-Cal program, including deactivation of any provider agreement, unless and until such time as Provider is re-enrolled by DHCS in the Medi-Cal Program. DHCS may immediately terminate this Agreement for cause if Provider is suspended/excluded for any of the reasons set forth in Paragraph 26(a) below, which termination will result in Provider's immediate disenrollment and exclusion (without formal hearing under the Administrative Procedures Act) from further participation in the Medi-Cal program.
- 2. Compliance With Laws and Regulations.** Provider agrees to comply with all applicable provisions of Chapters 7 and 8 of the Welfare and Institutions Code (commencing with Sections 14000 and 14200), and any applicable rules or regulations promulgated by DHCS pursuant to these Chapters. Provider further agrees that if it violates any of the provisions of Chapters 7 and 8 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, or any other regulations promulgated by DHCS pursuant to these Chapters, it may be subject to all sanctions or other remedies available to DHCS. Provider further agrees to comply with all federal laws and regulations governing and regulating Medicaid providers.

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\* Every applicant and provider must execute this Provider Agreement.

\*\* The taxpayer identification number may be a Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) or a social security number for sole proprietors  
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- 10. Confidentiality of Beneficiary Information.** Provider agrees that all documents, whether paper, electronic or in any media, that contain protected health information as defined under the Health Information Portability and Accountability Act or personal, confidential information of beneficiaries made or acquired by Provider, shall be confidential and shall not be released without the written consent of the beneficiary or his/her personal representative, or as otherwise authorized by law. Provider agrees to enter into a business associate agreement with any billing agents to assure that they comply with these requirements.
- 11. Disclosure of Information to DHCS.** Provider agrees to disclose all information as required in Federal Medicaid laws and regulations and any other information required by DHCS, and to respond to all requests from DHCS for information. Provider further agrees that the failure of Provider to disclose the required information, or the disclosure of false information shall, prior to any hearing, result in the denial of the application for enrollment or shall be grounds for termination of enrollment status or suspension from the Medi-Cal program, which shall include deactivation of all provider numbers used by Provider to obtain reimbursement from the Medi-Cal program. Provider further agrees that all bills or claims for payment to DHCS by Provider shall not be due and owing to Provider for any period(s) for which information was not reported or was reported falsely to DHCS. Provider further agrees to reimburse those Medi-Cal funds received during any period for which information was not reported, or reported falsely, to DHCS.
- 12. Background Check.** Provider agrees that DHCS may conduct a background check on Provider for the purpose of verifying the accuracy of the information provided in the application and in order to prevent fraud or abuse. The background check may include, but not be limited to, the following: (1) on-site inspection prior to enrollment; (2) review of medical and business records; and, (3) data searches.
- 13. Unannounced Visits By DHCS, AG and Secretary.** Provider agrees that DHCS, AG and/or Secretary may make unannounced visits to Provider, at any of Provider's business locations, before, during or after enrollment, for the purpose of determining whether enrollment, continued enrollment, or certification is warranted, to investigate and prosecute fraud against the Medi-Cal program, to investigate complaints of abuse and neglect of patients in health care facilities receiving payment under the Medi-Cal program, and/or as necessary for the administration of the Medi-Cal program and/or the fulfillment of the AG's powers and duties under Government Code Section 12528. Premises subject to inspection include billing agents, as defined in Welfare and Institutions Code Section 14040.1. Pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code Section 14043.7(b), such unannounced visits are authorized should the department have reason to believe that the provider will defraud or abuse the Medi-Cal program or lacks the organizational or administrative capacity to provide services under the program. Failure to permit inspection by DHCS, AG or Secretary or any agent, investigator or auditor thereof, shall be grounds for immediate suspension of provider from participation in the Medi-Cal program.
- 14. Provider Fraud and Abuse.** Provider agrees that it shall not engage in or commit fraud or abuse. "Fraud" means an intentional deception or misrepresentation made by a person with the knowledge that the deception could result in some unauthorized benefit to himself or herself or some other person. It includes any act that constitutes fraud under applicable federal or state law. "Abuse" means either: (1) practices that are inconsistent with sound fiscal or business practices and result in unnecessary cost to the Medicare program, the Medi-Cal program, another state's Medicaid program, or other health care programs operated, or financed in whole or in part, by the Federal Government or any state or local agency in this state or any other state; (2) practices that are inconsistent with sound medical practices and result in reimbursement by the Medi-Cal program or other health care programs operated, or financed in whole or in part, by the Federal Government or any state or local agency in this state or any other state, for services that are unnecessary or for substandard items or services that fail to meet professionally recognized standards for health care.
- 15. Investigations of Provider for Fraud or Abuse.** Provider certifies that, at the time this Agreement was signed, it was not under investigation for fraud or abuse pursuant to Subpart A (commencing with Section 455.12) of Part 455 of Title 42 of the Code of Federal Regulations or under investigation for fraud or abuse by any Federal, state or local law enforcement agency, including the Medicaid investigation units of DHCS and the Office of the Inspector General for the Federal Department of Health and Human Services. Provider further agrees to notify DHCS within ten business days of learning that it is under investigation for fraud or abuse by any such entity. Provider further agrees that it may be subject to temporary suspension pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code, Section 14043.36(a), which may include temporary deactivation of all provider numbers used by Provider to obtain reimbursement from the Medi-Cal program, if it is discovered that Provider is under investigation as described in that section. Provider further agrees to cooperate with and assist DHCS and any state or federal agency charged with the duty of identifying, investigating, sanctioning, or prosecuting suspected fraud and abuse, although Provider does not waive any timely and properly asserted rights it may have under the 5th Amendment privilege against self-incrimination.

**23. Compliance With Requirements.** Provider and any billing agent agree that it shall comply with all of the requirements set forth in the Welfare and Institutions Code and its implementing regulations, and the Medi-Cal Provider Manuals, including applicable changes to the Medi-Cal Provider Manuals published by DHCS subsequent to the effective date of this Agreement. Providers and their billing agents agree to comply with Welfare and Institutions Code Section 14115 and California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Section 51008 and 51008.5. Providers agree to submit all claims within 60 days of the dates of service but no later than six months to receive full payment. Provider and its billing agent also agree to exhaust all administrative remedies with the fiscal intermediary prior to filing a writ of mandate pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code Section 14104.5. In the event DHCS determines a reimbursement overpayment has been made to Provider or monies are otherwise owed pursuant to this Agreement, Provider agrees to promptly repay the amounts owed in accordance with applicable federal and California statutes and regulations, and rules and policies of DHCS. DHCS may recoup any overpayment from monies otherwise payable to Provider under this Agreement under any provider number of Provider.

**24. Deficit Reduction Act of 2005, Section 6032 Implementation.** To the extent applicable, as a condition of payment for services, goods, supplies and merchandise provided to beneficiaries in the Medical Assistance Program ("Medi-Cal"), providers must comply with the False Claims Act employee training and policy requirements in 1902(a) of the Social Security Act (42 USC 1395a(a)(6B)), set forth in that subsection and as the federal Secretary of Health and Human Services may specify.

**25. Provider Suspension; Appeal Rights; Reinstatement.** Provider agrees that it is to be subject to the following suspension actions. Provider further agrees that the suspension of Provider shall include deactivation of all of Provider's provider numbers and shall preclude Provider from submitting claims for payment, either personally or through claims submitted by any individual, clinic, group, corporation, or other association to the Medi-Cal program for any services, supplies, goods, or merchandise that provider has provided directly or indirectly to a Medi-Cal beneficiary, except for services, supplies, goods, or merchandise provided prior to the suspension.

a. **Automatic Suspensions/Mandatory Exclusions.** The provider shall be automatically suspended under the following circumstances:

- (1) Upon notice from the Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services that Provider has been excluded from participation in the Medicare or Medicaid programs. No administrative appeal of a suspension on this ground shall be available to Provider. (Welfare and Institutions Code, Section 14123(b),(c)).
- (2) If Provider has license(s), certificate(s), or other approval(s) to provide health care services, revoked or suspended by a federal, California, or another state's licensing, certification, or approval authority, has otherwise lost that/those license(s), certificate(s), or approval(s), or has surrendered that/those license(s), certificate(s), or approval(s) while a disciplinary hearing on that license, certificate, or approval was pending. (Welfare and Institutions Code, Section 14043.6).
- (3) If Provider is convicted of any felony or any misdemeanor involving fraud, abuse of the Medi-Cal program or any patient, or otherwise substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of a provider of service. Suspension following conviction is not subject to the proceedings under Welfare and Institutions Code Section 14123(c). However, the director may grant an informal hearing at the request of the provider to determine in the director's sole discretion if the circumstances surrounding the conviction justify rescinding or otherwise modifying the suspension.

b. **Permissive Suspensions/Permissive Exclusions.** The provider may be suspended under the following circumstances:

- (1) Provider violates any of the provisions of Chapter 7 of the Welfare and Institutions Code (commencing with Section 14000 except for Sections 14043-14044), or Chapter 8 (commencing with Section 14200) or any rule or regulations promulgated by DHCS pursuant to those provisions. Administrative appeal pursuant to Health and Safety Code, Section 100171. (Welfare and Institutions Code, Section 14123(a),(c)).
- (2) Provider fails to comply with DHCS's request to examine or receive copies of the books and records pertaining to services rendered to Medi-Cal beneficiaries. Administrative appeal pursuant to Health and Safety Code, Section 100171. (Welfare and Institutions Code, Section 14124.2).
- (3) Provider participating in the Medi-Cal dental program provides services, goods, supplies, or merchandise that are below or less than the standard of acceptable quality, as established by the California Dental Association Guidelines for the Assessment of Clinical Quality and Professional Performance, Copyright 1995, Third Edition, as periodically amended. (Welfare and Institutions Code, Section 14123(f)).

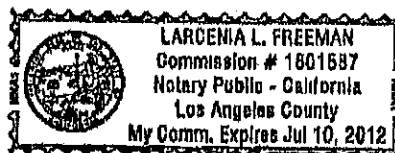
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St. Francis Medical Center
2. Printed name of person signing this declaration on behalf of provider (if an entity or business name is listed in item 1 above)  
Gerald T. Kozai, Pharm D.
3. Original signature of provider or representative if this provider is an entity other than an individual person as sole proprietor  
*Gerald T. Kozai*
4. Title of person signing this declaration  
President and C.E.O.
5. Notary Public (Affix notary seal or stamp in the space below)

State of California, County of Los Angeles  
Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me on this  
1st day of Aug, 2010, by Gerald T. Kozai  
proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence  
to be the person who appeared before me.  
*Larcenia L. Freeman*  
(Signature of Notary)



Executed at: Lynwood (City), California (State) on August 16, 2010 (Date)

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- |                           |        |         |          |  |
|---------------------------|--------|---------|----------|--|
| Contact Person's Name     | (last) | (first) | (middle) | (gender)   |
| <u>Thomas, Ta-Tanisha</u> |        |         |          | <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Female |

Title/Position	Email address	Telephone Number
<u>Director of ManagedCare and Provider Relations</u>	<u>tanishathomas@dochs.org</u>	<u>(310) 900-7323</u>

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EXHIBIT 3

State of California—Health and Human Services Agency

Department of Health Care Services



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Legal name of applicant or provider (as listed with the IRS)

Business name (if different than legal name)

SEVEN MEDICAL CENTER

same

Provider number (NPI number)

1154428688

Business Telephone Number

(650) 991-6400

Business address (number, street)

1900 SULLIVAN AVE.

City

Daly City

State

CA

Nine-digit ZIP code

94015-4132

Mailing address (number, street, P.O. Box number)

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City

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10. **Confidentiality of Beneficiary Information.** Provider agrees that all documents, whether paper, electronic or in any media, that contain protected health information as defined under the Health Information Portability and Accountability Act or personal, confidential information of beneficiaries made or acquired by Provider, shall be confidential and shall not be released without the written consent of the beneficiary or his/her personal representative, or as otherwise authorized by law. Provider agrees to enter into a business associate agreement with any billing agents to assure that they comply with these requirements.
11. **Disclosure of Information to DHCS.** Provider agrees to disclose all information as required in Federal Medicaid laws and regulations and any other information required by DHCS, and to respond to all requests from DHCS for information. Provider further agrees that the failure of Provider to disclose the required information, or the disclosure of false information shall, prior to any hearing, result in the denial of the application for enrollment or shall be grounds for termination of enrollment status or suspension from the Medi-Cal program, which shall include deactivation of all provider numbers used by Provider to obtain reimbursement from the Medi-Cal program. Provider further agrees that all bills or claims for payment to DHCS by Provider shall not be due and owing to Provider for any period(s) for which information was not reported or was reported falsely to DHCS. Provider further agrees to reimburse those Medi-Cal funds received during any period for which information was not reported, or reported falsely, to DHCS.
12. **Background Check.** Provider agrees that DHCS may conduct a background check on Provider for the purpose of verifying the accuracy of the information provided in the application and in order to prevent fraud or abuse. The background check may include, but not be limited to, the following: (1) on-site inspection prior to enrollment; (2) review of medical and business records; and, (3) data searches.
13. **Unannounced Visits By DHCS, AG and Secretary.** Provider agrees that DHCS, AG and/or Secretary may make unannounced visits to Provider, at any of Provider's business locations, before, during or after enrollment, for the purpose of determining whether enrollment, continued enrollment, or certification is warranted, to investigate and prosecute fraud against the Medi-Cal program, to investigate complaints of abuse and neglect of patients in health care facilities receiving payment under the Medi-Cal program, and/or as necessary for the administration of the Medi-Cal program and/or the fulfillment of the AG's powers and duties under Government Code Section 12528. Premises subject to inspection include billing agents, as defined in Welfare and Institutions Code Section 14040.1. Pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code Section 14043.7(b), such unannounced visits are authorized should the department have reason to believe that the provider will defraud or abuse the Medi-Cal program or lacks the organizational or administrative capacity to provide services under the program. Failure to permit inspection by DHCS, AG or Secretary or any agent, investigator or auditor thereof, shall be grounds for immediate suspension of provider from participation in the Medi-Cal program.
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15. **Investigations of Provider for Fraud or Abuse.** Provider certifies that, at the time this Agreement was signed, it was not under investigation for fraud or abuse pursuant to Subpart A (commencing with Section 455.12) of Part 455 of Title 42 of the Code of Federal Regulations or under investigation for fraud or abuse by any Federal, state or local law enforcement agency, including the Medicaid investigation units of DHCS and the Office of the Inspector General for the Federal Department of Health and Human Services. Provider further agrees to notify DHCS within ten business days of learning that it is under investigation for fraud or abuse by any such entity. Provider further agrees that it may be subject to temporary suspension of all provider numbers used by Provider to obtain reimbursement from the Medi-Cal program, if it is discovered that Provider is under investigation as described in that section. Provider further agrees to cooperate with and assist DHCS and any state or federal agency charged with the duty of identifying, investigating, sanctioning, or prosecuting suspected fraud and abuse, although Provider does not waive any timely and properly asserted rights it may have under the 5th Amendment privilege against self-incrimination.



**23. Compliance With Requirements.** Provider and any billing agent agree that it shall comply with all of the requirements set forth in the Welfare and Institutions Code and its implementing regulations, and the Medi-Cal Provider Manuals, including applicable changes to the Medi-Cal Provider Manuals published by DHCS subsequent to the effective date of this Agreement. Providers and their billing agents agree to comply with Welfare and Institutions Code Section 14115 and California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Section 51008 and 51008.5. Providers agree to submit all claims within 90 days of the dates of service but no later than six months to receive full payment. Provider and its billing agent also agree to exhaust all administrative remedies with the fiscal intermediary prior to filing a writ of mandate pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code Section 14104.5. In the event DHCS determines a reimbursement overpayment has been made to Provider or monies are otherwise owed pursuant to this Agreement, Provider agrees to promptly repay the amounts owed in accordance with applicable federal and California statutes and regulations, and rules and policies of DHCS. DHCS may recoup any overpayment from monies otherwise payable to Provider under this Agreement under any provider number of Provider.

**24. Deficit Reduction Act of 2005, Section 6032 Implementation.** To the extent applicable, as a condition of payment for services, goods, supplies and merchandise provided to beneficiaries in the Medical Assistance Program ("Medi-Cal"), providers must comply with the False Claims Act employee training and policy requirements in 1902(a) of the Social Security Act (42 USC 1396a(a)(68)), set forth in that subsection and as the federal Secretary of Health and Human Services may specify.

**25. Provider Suspension; Appeal Rights; Reinstatement.** Provider agrees that it is to be subject to the following suspension actions. Provider further agrees that the suspension of Provider shall include deactivation of all of Provider's provider numbers and shall preclude Provider from submitting claims for payment, either personally or through claims submitted by any individual, clinic, group, corporation, or other association to the Medi-Cal program for any services, supplies, goods, or merchandise that provider has provided directly or indirectly to a Medi-Cal beneficiary, except for services, supplies, goods, or merchandise provided prior to the suspension.

**a. Automatic Suspensions/Mandatory Exclusions.** The provider shall be automatically suspended under the following circumstances:

- (1) Upon notice from the Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services that Provider has been excluded from participation in the Medicare or Medicaid programs. No administrative appeal of a suspension on this ground shall be available to Provider. (Welfare and Institutions Code, Section 14123(b),(c)).
- (2) If Provider has license(s), certificate(s), or other approval(s) to provide health care services, revoked or suspended by a federal, California, or another state's licensing, certification, or approval authority, has otherwise lost that/those license(s), certificate(s), or approval(s), or has surrendered that/those license(s), certificate(s), or approval(s) while a disciplinary hearing on that license, certificate, or approval was pending. (Welfare and Institutions Code, Section 14043.5).
- (3) If Provider is convicted of any felony or any misdemeanor involving fraud, abuse of the Medi-Cal program or any patient, or otherwise substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of a provider of services. Suspension following conviction is not subject to the proceedings under Welfare and Institutions Code Section 14123(c). However, the director may grant an informal hearing at the request of the provider to determine in the director's sole discretion if the circumstances surrounding the conviction justify rescinding or otherwise modifying the suspension.

**b. Permissive Suspensions/Permissive Exclusions.** The provider may be suspended under the following circumstances:

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- (2) Provider fails to comply with DHCS's request to examine or receive copies of the books and records pertaining to services rendered to Medi-Cal beneficiaries. Administrative appeal pursuant to Health and Safety Code, Section 100171. (Welfare and Institutions Code, Section 14124.2).
- (3) Provider participating in the Medi-Cal dental program provides services, goods, supplies, or merchandise that are below or less than the standard of acceptable quality, as established by the California Dental Association Guidelines for the Assessment of Clinical Quality and Professional Performance, Copyright 1995, Third Edition, as periodically amended. (Welfare and Institutions Code, Section 14123(f)).

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EXHIBIT 4

State of California—Health and Human Services Agency



Department of Health Care Services

**MEDI-CAL PROVIDER AGREEMENT**  
**(Institutional Provider)**  
**(To Accompany Applications for Enrollment)\***

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Date  
3 / 7 / 2011

Legal name of applicant or provider (as listed with the IRS) SAINT VINCENT DIALYSIS CENTER, INC		Business name (if different than legal name)	
Provider number (NPI number) 1992700314		Business Telephone Number ( 213 ) 484-7426	
Business address (number, street) 201 SOUTH ALVARADO STREET, SUITE 220		City LOS ANGELES	State CA
Mailing address (number, street, P.O. Box number) S.A.A.		City	Nine-digit ZIP code 90067-3413
Pay-to address (number, street, P.O. Box number) S.A.A.		City	Nine-digit ZIP code
Previous business address (number, street, P.O. Box number) N/A		City	Nine-digit ZIP code
Taxpayer Identification Number** 95-3749293			

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The parties agree that this agreement is a legal and binding document and is fully enforceable in a court of competent jurisdiction. The provider signing this agreement warrants that he/she has read this agreement and understands it.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing information is true, accurate, and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

I declare I am the provider or I have the authority to legally bind the provider, which is an entity and not an individual person.

1. Printed legal name of provider  
SAINT VINCENT DIALYSIS CENTER, INC.
2. Printed name of person signing this declaration on behalf of provider (If an entity or business name is listed in Item 1 above)  
JAMES T. ROE, M.D.
3. Original signature of provider or representative if this provider is an entity other than an individual person as sole proprietor  
*X James T. Roe MD*
4. Title of person signing this declaration  
MEDICAL DIRECTOR
5. Notary Public (Affix notary seal or stamp in the space below)

*See attached acknowledgement 3/15/11 JR*  
Executed at: LOS ANGELES CA on 1/1  
(City) (State) (Date)

Applicants and providers licensed pursuant to Division 2 (commencing with Section 500) of the Business and Professions Code, the Osteopathic Initiative Act, or the Chiropractic Initiative Act ARE NOT REQUIRED to have this form notarized. If notarization is required, the Certificate of Acknowledgement signed by the Notary Public must be in the form specified in Section 1189 of the Civil Code.

6. Contact Person's Information  
☒ Check here if you are the same person identified in Item 2. If you checked the box, provide only the email address and phone number below.  
Contact Person's Name (last) (first) (middle) (gender)  
Title/Position Email address Telephone Number  
gracieperez@dohhs.org 213 484-7295  
☐ Male ☐ Female

Privacy Statement  
(Civil Code Section 1798.99 seq.)

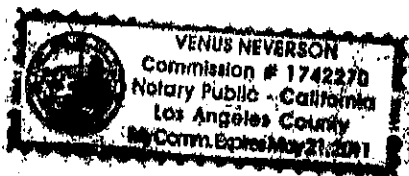
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## CALIFORNIA ALL-PURPOSE ACKNOWLEDGMENT

State of California

County of LOS ANGELES }

On MAR 15, 2011 before me, VENUS NEVERSON NOTARY PUBLIC  
Date Here Insert Name and Title of the Officer  
personally appeared JAMES T. ROE, M.D  
Name(s) of Signer(s)



who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

I certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing paragraph is true and correct.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Place Notary Seal Above

Signature

Venus Neverson  
Signature of Notary Public

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#### Description of Attached Document

Title or Type of Document: Medi-Cal Provider Agreement

Document Date: 3/7/11

Number of Pages: 2

Signer(s) Other Than Named Above: N/A

#### Capacity(ies) Claimed by Signer(s)

Signer's Name: JAMES T. ROE, M.D

- ☒ Individual  
☐ Corporate Officer — Title(s):  
☐ Partner — ☐ Limited ☐ General  
☐ Attorney-in-Fact  
☐ Trustee  
☐ Guardian or Conservator  
☐ Other:

Signer is Representing:

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OF SIGNER

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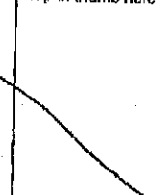
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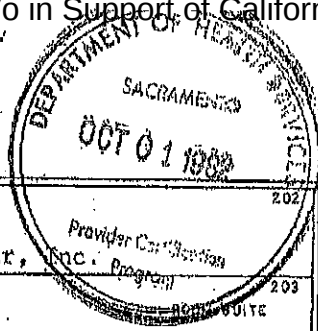
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MEDI-CAL PROVIDER DATA FORM



1. FACILITY NAME St. Vincent Dialysis Center, Inc.		202	4. FEDERAL EMPLOYER'S ID NUMBER 95-3749293	212	5. FISCAL YEAR END MONTH June 30, 1983	216	
2. FACILITY ADDRESS NUMBER STREET 201 South Alvarado Street Suite 220 CITY COUNTY STATE ZIP CODE Los Angeles, California 90057		203	6A. TYPE OF ORGANIZATION (CHECK ONE) <input type="checkbox"/> State Government <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nongovernmental Nonprofit <input type="checkbox"/> County Government <input type="checkbox"/> Nongovernmental for Profit <input type="checkbox"/> City Government <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)				210
3. PAY TO ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT) NUMBER STREET ROOM/SUITE Same CITY COUNTY STATE ZIP CODE		204	6B. TYPE OF OWNERSHIP (CHECK ONE) <input type="checkbox"/> Individual <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)				210

7. List facility owner(s). List owner(s) professional license numbers, if applicable. (For corporations, list corporate name only.)  
(Attach a separate sheet of paper if more space is needed).

NAME	PROFESSIONAL STATE LICENSE NUMBER	NAME	PROFESSIONAL STATE LICENSE NUMBER
St. Vincent Dialysis Center, Inc.			

8. In addition to this facility, please indicate other facilities or practices that the owner(s) may have.  
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ADDRESS (Actual Facility or Practice Location)	NAME USED FOR BILLING FROM THIS LOCATION	PROVIDER NUMBER ASSIGNED TO THIS LOCATION
NONE		

9. List previous Medi-Cal provider numbers that the owner(s) have been issued.  
NONE

10. Is this a teaching facility for residents and/or interns who are salaried by a hospital? ☐ Yes ☒ No

I certify that the above information is true, accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge.

11. APPLICANT'S TYPED OR PRINTED NAME Sina M. Pierret	12. APPLICANT'S TYPED OR PRINTED TITLE Executive Director
13. APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE Sina M. Pierret	14. DATE September 29, 1982

EXHIBIT 5





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Date

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Business name (if different than legal name)

Provider number (NPI number)

Business Telephone Number

( )

Business address (number, street)

City

State

Nine-digit ZIP code

Mailing address (number, street, P.O. Box number)

City

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Pay-to address (number, street, P.O. Box number)

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4. **Forbidden Conduct.** Provider agrees that it shall not engage in conduct inimical to the public health, morals, welfare and safety of any Medi-Cal beneficiary, or the fiscal integrity of the Medi-Cal program.
5. **Nondiscrimination.** Provider agrees that it shall not exclude or deny aid, care, service or other benefits available under Medi-Cal or in any other way discriminate against a person because of that person's race, color, ancestry, marital status, national origin, gender, age, economic status, physical or mental disability, political or religious affiliation or beliefs in accordance with California and federal laws. Provider further agrees that it shall provide aid, care, service, or other benefits available under Medi-Cal to Medi-Cal beneficiaries in the same manner, by the same methods, and at the same scope, level, and quality as provided to the general public.
6. **Scope of Health and Medical Care.** Provider agrees that the health care services it provides may include diagnostic, preventive, corrective, and curative services, goods, supplies, and merchandise essential thereto, provided by qualified personnel for conditions that cause suffering, endanger life, result in illness or infirmity, interfere with capacity for normal activity, including employment, or for conditions which may develop into some significant handicap or disability. Provider further agrees such health care services may be subject to prior authorization to determine medical necessity.
7. **Licensing.** Provider agrees to possess at the time this Agreement becomes effective, and to maintain in good standing throughout the term of this Agreement, valid and unexpired license(s), certificate(s), or other approval(s) to provide health care services, which is appropriate to the services, goods, supplies, and merchandise being provided, if required by the state or locality in which Provider is located, or by the Federal Government. Provider further agrees it shall be automatically suspended as a provider in the Medi-Cal program pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code, Section 14043.6, if Provider has license(s), certificate(s), or other approval(s) to provide health care services, which are revoked or suspended by a federal, California, or another state's licensing, certification, or approval authority, has otherwise lost that/those license(s), certificate(s), or approval(s), or has surrendered that/those license(s), certificate(s), or approval(s) while a disciplinary hearing on that/those license(s), certificate(s), or approval(s) was pending. Such suspension shall be effective on the date that Provider's license, certificate, or approval was revoked, suspended, lost, or surrendered. Provider further agrees to notify DHCS within ten business days of learning that any restriction has been placed on, or of a suspension of Provider's license, certificate, or other approval to provide health care. Provider further agrees to provide DHCS complete information related to any restriction to, or revocation or loss of, Provider's license, certificate, or other approval to provide health care services.
8. **Insurance.** Provider agrees to possess at the time this Agreement becomes effective, and to maintain in good standing throughout the term of this Agreement, liability insurance for the business address and, if a licensed practitioner, professional liability (malpractice) insurance coverage from an authorized insurer pursuant to Section 700 of the Insurance Code.
9. **Record Keeping and Retention.** Provider agrees to make, keep and maintain in a systematic and orderly manner, and have readily retrievable, such records as are necessary to fully disclose the type and extent of all services, goods, supplies, and merchandise provided to Medi-Cal beneficiaries, including, but not limited to, the records described in Section 51476 of Title 22, California Code of Regulations, and the records described in Section 431.107 of Title 42 of the Code of Federal Regulations. Provider further agrees that such records shall be made at or near the time at which the services, goods, supplies, and merchandise are delivered or rendered, and that such records shall be retained by Provider in the form in which they are regularly kept for a period of three years from the date the goods, supplies, or merchandise were delivered or the services rendered.
10. **DHCS, CDPH, AG and Secretary Access to Records; Copies of Records.** Provider agrees to make available, during regular business hours, all pertinent financial records, all records of the requisite insurance coverage, and all records concerning the provision of health care services to Medi-Cal beneficiaries to any duly authorized representative of DHCS, CDPH, the California Attorney General's Medi-Cal Fraud Unit ("AG"), and the Secretary of the United States Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (Secretary). Provider further agrees to provide, if requested by any of the above, copies of the records and documentation, and that failure to comply with any request to examine or receive copies of such records shall be grounds for immediate suspension of Provider from participation in the Medi-Cal program. Provider will be reimbursed for reasonable copy costs as determined by DHCS, CDPH, AG or Secretary.

11. **Confidentiality of Beneficiary Information.** Provider agrees that all medical records of beneficiaries made or acquired by Provider shall be confidential and shall not be released without the written consent of the beneficiary or his/her personal representative, or as otherwise authorized by law.
12. **Disclosure of Information to DHCS.** Provider agrees to disclose all information as required in Federal Medicaid laws and regulations and any other information required by DHCS, and to respond to all requests from DHCS for information. Provider further agrees that the failure of Provider to disclose the required information, or the disclosure of false information shall, prior to any hearing, result in the denial of the application for enrollment or shall be grounds for termination of enrollment status or suspension from the Medi-Cal program, which shall include deactivation of all provider numbers used by Provider to obtain reimbursement from the Medi-Cal program. Provider further agrees that all bills or claims for payment to DHCS by Provider shall not be due and owing to Provider for any period(s) for which information was not reported or was reported falsely to DHCS. Provider further agrees to reimburse those Medi-Cal funds received during any period for which information was not reported, or reported falsely, to DHCS.
13. **Background Check.** Provider agrees that DHCS may conduct a background check on Provider for the purpose of verifying the accuracy of the information provided in the application and in order to prevent fraud or abuse. The background check may include, but not be limited to, the following: (1) on-site inspection prior to enrollment; (2) review of medical and business records; and, (3) data searches.
14. **Unannounced Visits By DHCS, CDPH, AG and Secretary.** Provider agrees that DHCS, CDPH, AG and/or Secretary may make unannounced visits to Provider, at any of Provider's business locations, before, during or after enrollment, for the purpose of determining whether enrollment, continued enrollment, or certification is warranted, to investigate and prosecute fraud against the Medi-Cal program, to investigate complaints of abuse and neglect of patients in health care facilities receiving payment under the Medi-Cal program, and/or as necessary for the administration of the Medi-Cal program and/or the fulfillment of the AG's powers and duties under Government Code Section 12528. Premises subject to inspection include billing agents, as defined in Welfare and Institutions Code Section 14040.1. Failure to permit inspection by DHCS, CDPH, AG or Secretary or any agent, investigator or auditor thereof, shall be grounds for immediate suspension of provider from participation in the Medi-Cal program.
15. **Provider Fraud and Abuse.** Provider agrees that it shall not engage in or commit fraud or abuse. "Fraud" means an intentional deception or misrepresentation made by a person with the knowledge that the deception could result in some unauthorized benefit to himself or herself or some other person. It includes any act that constitutes fraud under applicable federal or state law. "Abuse" means either: (1) practices that are inconsistent with sound fiscal or business practices and result in unnecessary cost to the Medicare program, the Medi-Cal program, another state's Medicaid program, or other health care programs operated, or financed in whole or in part, by the Federal Government or any state or local agency in this state or any other state; (2) practices that are inconsistent with sound medical practices and result in reimbursement by the Medi-Cal program or other health care programs operated, or financed in whole or in part, by the Federal Government or any state or local agency in this state or any other state, for services that are unnecessary or for substandard items or services that fail to meet professionally recognized standards for health care.
16. **Investigations of Provider for Fraud or Abuse.** Provider certifies that, at the time this Agreement was signed, it was not under investigation for fraud or abuse pursuant to Subpart A (commencing with Section 455.12) of Part 455 of Title 42 of the Code of Federal Regulations or under investigation for fraud or abuse by any other government entity. Provider further agrees to notify DHCS within ten business days of learning that it is under investigation for fraud or abuse. Provider further agrees that it shall be subject to temporary suspension pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code, Section 14043.36(a), which shall include temporary deactivation of all provider numbers used by Provider to obtain reimbursement from the Medi-Cal program, if it is discovered that Provider is under investigation for fraud or abuse. Provider further agrees to cooperate with and assist DHCS and any state or federal agency charged with the duty of identifying, investigating, sanctioning, or prosecuting suspected fraud and abuse.
17. **Provider Fraud or Abuse Convictions and/or Civil Fraud or Abuse Liability.** Provider certifies that it and its owners, officers, directors, employees, and agents, has not: (1) been convicted of any felony or misdemeanor involving fraud or abuse in any government program, within the last ten years; or (2) been convicted of any felony or misdemeanor involving the abuse of any patient; or (3) been convicted of any felony or misdemeanor substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of a provider; or (4) entered into a settlement in lieu of conviction for fraud or abuse, within the last ten years; or, (5) been found liable for fraud or abuse in any civil proceeding, within the last ten years. Provider further agrees that DHCS shall not enroll Provider if within the last ten years, Provider has been convicted of any felony or any misdemeanor involving fraud or abuse in any government program, has entered into a settlement in lieu of conviction for fraud or abuse, or has been found liable for fraud or abuse in any civil proceeding.

18. **Changes to Provider Information.** Provider agrees to keep its application for enrollment in the Medi-Cal program current by informing the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), District Office, in writing on a form or forms to be specified by DHCS, within 35 days of any changes to the information contained in its application for enrollment, its disclosure statement, this Agreement, and/or any attachments to these documents.
19. **Prohibition of Rebate, Refund, or Discount.** Provider agrees that it shall not offer, give, furnish, or deliver any rebate, refund, commission preference, patronage dividend, discount, or any other gratuitous consideration, in connection with the rendering of health care services to any Medi-Cal beneficiary. Provider further agrees that it shall not solicit, request, accept, or receive, any rebate, refund, commission preference, patronage dividend, discount, or any other gratuitous consideration, in connection with the rendering of health care services to any Medi-Cal beneficiary. Provider further agrees that it will not take any other action or receive any other benefit prohibited by state or federal law.
20. **Payment From Other Health Coverage Prerequisite to Claim Submission.** Provider agrees that it shall first seek to obtain payment for services provided to Medi-Cal beneficiaries from any private or public health insurance coverage to which the beneficiary is entitled, where Provider is aware of this coverage and to the extent the coverage extends to these services, prior to submitting a claim to DHCS for the payment of any unpaid balance for these services. In the event that a claim submitted to a private or public health insurer has not been paid within 90 days of billing by Provider, Provider may submit a claim to DHCS.
21. **Beneficiary Billing.** Provider agrees that it shall not submit claims to or demand or otherwise collect reimbursement from a Medi-Cal beneficiary, or from other persons on behalf of the beneficiary, for any service included in the Medi-Cal program's scope of benefits in addition to a claim submitted to the Medi-Cal program for that service, except to: (1) collect payments due under a contractual or legal entitlement pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code, Section 14000(b); (2) bill a long-term care patient for the amount of his/her liability; and, (3) collect a co-payment pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code, Sections 14134 and 14134.1. Provider further agrees that, in the event that a beneficiary willfully refuses to provide current other health care coverage billing information as described in Section 50763(a)(5) of Title 22, California Code of Regulations, Provider may, upon giving the beneficiary written notice of intent, bill the beneficiary as a private pay patient.
22. **Payment From Medi-Cal Program Shall Constitute Full Payment.** Provider agrees that payment received from DHCS in accordance with Medi-Cal fee structures shall constitute payment in full, except that Provider, after making a full refund to DHCS of any Medi-Cal payments received for services, goods, supplies, or merchandise, may recover all of Provider's fees to the extent that any other contractual entitlement, including, but not limited to, a private group or indemnification insurance program, is obligated to pay the charges for the services, goods, supplies, or merchandise provided to the beneficiary.
23. **Return of Payment for Services Otherwise Covered by the Medi-Cal Program.** Provider agrees that any beneficiary who has paid Provider for health care services, goods, supplies, or merchandise otherwise covered by the Medi-Cal program received by the beneficiary shall be entitled to a prompt return from Provider of any part of the payment which meets any of the following: (1) was rendered during any period prior to the receipt of the beneficiary's Medi-Cal card, for which the card authorizes payment under Welfare and Institutions Code, Sections 14018 or 14019; (2) was reimbursed to Provider by the Medi-Cal program, following audits and appeals to which Provider is entitled; (3) is not payable by a third party under contractual or other legal entitlement; (4) was not used by the beneficiary to satisfy his/her paid or obligated liability for health care services, goods, supplies, or merchandise, or to establish eligibility.
24. **Compliance With Billing and Claims Requirements.** Provider agrees that it shall comply with all of the billing and claims requirements set forth in the Welfare and Institutions Code and its implementing regulations, and the provider manual.
25. **Deficit Reduction Act of 2005, Section 6032 Implementation.** As a condition of payment for services, goods, supplies and merchandise provided to beneficiaries in the Medical Assistance Program ("Medi-Cal"), providers must comply with the False Claims Act employee training and policy requirements in 1902(a) of the Social Security Act (42 USC 1396a(a)(68)), set forth in that subsection and as the federal Secretary of Health and Human Services may specify.
26. **Termination of Provisional Provider or Preferred Provisional Provider Status.** Provider agrees that, while it is on provisional provider status or preferred provisional provider status, the provider will be subject to immediate termination of its provisional provider status or preferred provisional provider status and disenrollment from the Medi-Cal program in the following circumstances:

or managing employees of the provider have been convicted of any felony, or convicted of any misdemeanor involving fraud or abuse in any government program, related to neglect or abuse of a patient in connection with the delivery of a health care item or service, or in connection with the interference with, or obstruction of, any investigation into health care related fraud or abuse, or have been found liable for fraud or abuse in any civil proceeding, or have entered into a settlement in lieu of conviction for fraud or abuse in any government program within 10 years of the date of the application package.

- b. There is a material discrepancy in the information provided to the department, or with the requirements to be enrolled, that is discovered after provisional provider status or preferred provisional provider status has been granted and that cannot be corrected because the discrepancy occurred in the past.
- c. The provider has provided material information that was false or misleading at the time it was provided.
- d. The provider failed to have an established place of business at the business address for which the application package was submitted at the time of any onsite inspection, announced or unannounced visit, or any additional inspection or review conducted pursuant to this article or a statute or regulation governing the Medi-Cal program, unless the practice of the provider's profession or delivery of services, goods, supplies, or merchandise is such that services, goods supplies, or merchandise are rendered or delivered at locations other than the business address and this practice of delivery of services, goods, supplies, or merchandise has been disclosed in the application package approved by the department when the provisional provider status or preferred provisional provider status was granted.
- e. The provider meets the definition of a clinic under Section 1200 of the Health and Safety Code, but is not licensed as a clinic pursuant to Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 1200) of Division 2 of the Health and Safety Code and fails to meet the requirements to qualify for at least one exemption pursuant to Section 1206 or 1206.1 of the Health and Safety Code.
- f. The provider performs clinical laboratory tests or examinations, but it or its personnel do not meet CLIA, and the regulations adopted thereunder, and the state clinical laboratory law, do not possess valid CLIA certificates and clinical laboratory registrations or licenses pursuant to Chapter 3 (commencing with Section 1200) of Division 2 of the Business and Professions Code, or are not exempt from licensure as a clinical laboratory under Section 1241 of the Business and Professions Code.
- g. The provider fails to possess either of the following:
  - (1) The appropriate licenses, permits, certificates, or other approvals needed to practice the profession or occupation, or provide the services, goods, supplies, or merchandise the provider identified in the application package approved by the department when the provisional provider status or preferred provisional provider status was granted and for the location for which the application was submitted.
  - (2) The business or zoning permits or other approval necessary to operate a business at the location identified in its application package approved by the department when the provisional provider status or preferred provisional provider status was granted.
- h. The provider, or if the provider is a clinic, group, partnership, corporation, or other association, any officer, director, or shareholder with a 10 percent or greater interest in that organization, commits two or more violations of the federal or state statutes or regulation governing the Medi-Cal program, and the violations demonstrate a pattern or practice of fraud, abuse, or provision of unnecessary or substandard medical services.
- i. The provider commits any violation of a federal or state statute or regulation governing the Medi-Cal program or of a statute or regulation governing the provider's profession or occupation and the violation represents a threat of immediate jeopardy or significant harm to any Medi-Cal beneficiary or to the public welfare.
- j. The provider submits claims for payment that subject a provider to suspension under Section 14043.61.
- k. The provider submits claims for payment for services, goods, supplies, or merchandise rendered at a location other than the location for which the provider number was issued, unless the practice of the provider's profession or delivery of services, goods, supplies, or merchandise is such that services, goods, supplies, or merchandise are rendered or delivered at locations other than the business address and this practice or delivery of services, goods, supplies, or merchandise has been disclosed in the application package approved by the department when the provisional provider status was granted.

- I. The provider has not paid its fine, or has a debt due and owing, including overpayments and penalty assessments, to any federal, state, or local government entity that relates to Medicare, Medicaid, Medi-Cal, or any other federal or state health care program, and has not made satisfactory arrangements to fulfill the obligation or otherwise been excused by legal process from fulfilling the obligation.

**27. Provider Suspension; Appeal Rights; Reinstatement.** Provider agrees that it is to be subject to the following suspension actions. Provider further agrees that the suspension of Provider shall include deactivation of all of Provider's provider numbers and shall preclude Provider from submitting claims for payment, either personally or through claims submitted by any individual, clinic, group, corporation, or other association to the Medi-Cal program for any services, supplies, goods, or merchandise that provider has provided directly or indirectly to a Medi-Cal beneficiary, except for services, supplies, goods, or merchandise provided prior to the suspension.

- a. **Automatic Suspensions/Mandatory Exclusions.** The provider shall be automatically suspended under the following circumstances:

- (1) Upon notice from the Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services that Provider has been excluded from participation in the Medicare or Medicaid programs. No administrative appeal of a suspension on this ground shall be available to Provider. (Welfare and Institutions Code, Section 14123(b),(c)).
- (2) If Provider has license(s), certificate(s), or other approval(s) to provide health care services, revoked or suspended by a federal, California, or another state's licensing, certification, or approval authority, has otherwise lost that/those license(s), certificate(s), or approval(s), or has surrendered that/those license(s), certificate(s), or approval(s) while a disciplinary hearing on that license, certificate, or approval was pending. (Welfare and Institutions Code, Section 14043.6).
- (3) If Provider is convicted of any felony or any misdemeanor involving fraud, abuse of the Medi-Cal program or any patient, or otherwise substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of a provider of service. Suspension following conviction is not subject to the proceedings under Welfare and Institutions Code, Section 14123(c). However, the director may grant an informal hearing at the request of the provider to determine in the director's sole discretion if the circumstances surrounding the conviction justify rescinding or otherwise modifying the suspension.

- b. **Permissive Suspensions/Permissive Exclusions.** The provider may be suspended under the following circumstances:

- (1) Provider violates any of the provisions of Chapter 7 of the Welfare and Institutions Code (commencing with Section 14000 except for Sections 14043-14044), or Chapter 8 (commencing with Section 14200) or any rule or regulations promulgated by DHCS pursuant to those provisions. Administrative appeal pursuant to Health and Safety Code, Section 100171. (Welfare and Institutions Code, Section 14123(a),(c)).
- (2) Provider fails to comply with DHCS' request to examine or receive copies of the books and records pertaining to services rendered to Medi-Cal beneficiaries. Administrative appeal pursuant to Health and Safety Code, Section 100171. (Welfare and Institutions Code, Section 14124.2).
- (3) Provider participating in the Medi-Cal dental program provides services, goods, supplies, or merchandise that are below or less than the standard of acceptable quality, as established by the California Dental Association Guidelines for the Assessment of Clinical Quality and Professional Performance, Copyright 1995, Third Edition, as periodically amended. (Welfare and Institutions Code, Section 14123(f)).

- c. **Temporary Suspension.** The provider may be temporarily suspended under the following circumstances:

- (1) Provider fails to disclose all information as required in federal Medicaid regulations or any other information required by DHCS, or discloses false information. Administrative appeal pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code, Section 14043.65. (Welfare and Institutions Code, Section 14043.2(a)).
- (2) If it is discovered that Provider is under investigation for fraud or abuse. Administrative appeal pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code, Section 14043.65. (Welfare and Institutions Code, Section 14043.36(a)).
- (3) Provider fails to remediate discrepancies discovered as a result of an unannounced visit to Provider. Administrative appeal pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code, Section 14043.65. (Welfare and Institutions Code, Section 14043.7(c)).

- (5) Provider submits claims for payment under any provider number from an individual or entity that is suspended, excluded or otherwise ineligible. This includes a provider on the Suspended and Ineligible Provider List or any list published by the Office of the Inspector General or the Department of Health and Human Services. Appeal pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code, Section 14043.65. (Welfare and Institutions Code, Section 14043.61).

**28. Provider Termination, Imposition of Federal Sanctions, and Appeal Rights for Long Term Care Facilities.**

Provider agrees that it is subject to any federal sanctions authorized under the state plan including termination of this provider agreement in accordance with federal law. Provider further agrees that the termination of this provider agreement or imposition of other federal sanctions authorized under the state plan shall include deactivation of all of Provider's provider numbers and shall preclude Provider from submitting claims for payment either personally or through services, supplies, goods, or merchandise that provider has provided directly or indirectly to a Medi-Cal beneficiary, except for services, supplies, goods, or merchandise provided prior to the termination or imposition of sanctions.

- a. **Skilled Nursing Facility and Intermediate Care Facility Appeal Procedures.** SNF and ICF Medi-Cal Providers shall have the appeal rights set forth in Article 1.6 of Chapter 3 of Division 3 of Title 22.

- b. **Intermediate Care Facilities-Mental Retardation Appeal Procedures.** Intermediate Care Facilities-Developmentally Disabled; Intermediate Care Facilities-Developmentally Disabled-Habilitative; Intermediate Care Facilities-Developmentally Disabled-Nursing shall have the appeal rights set forth in 42 CFR 431.153 and 431.154.

- 29. Liability of Group Providers.** Provider agrees that, if it is a provider group, the group, and each member of the group, are jointly and severally liable for any breach of this Agreement, and that action against any of the providers in the provider group may result in action against all of the members of the provider group.

- 30. Legislative and Congressional Changes.** Provider agrees that this Agreement is subject to any future additional requirements, restrictions, limitations, or conditions enacted by the California Legislature or the United States Congress which may affect the provisions, terms, conditions, or funding of this Agreement in any manner.

- 31. Provider Capacity.** Provider agrees that Provider, and the officers, directors, employees, and agents of Provider, in the performance of this Agreement, shall act in an independent capacity and not as officers or employees or agents of the State of California.

32. **Indemnification.** Provider agrees to indemnify, defend, and save harmless the State of California, its officers, agents, and employees, from any and all claims and losses accruing or resulting to any and all persons, firms, or corporations furnishing or supplying services, materials, or supplies in connection with Provider's performance of this Agreement, and from any and all claims and losses accruing or resulting to any Medi-Cal beneficiary, or to any other person, firm, or corporation who may be injured or damaged by Provider in the performance of this Agreement.
33. **Governing Law.** This Agreement shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of California.
34. **Venue.** Venue for all actions, including federal actions, concerning this Agreement, lies in Sacramento County, California, or in any other county in which the California Department of Justice maintains an office.
35. **Titles.** The titles of the provisions of this Agreement are for convenience and reference only and are not to be considered in interpreting this Agreement.
36. **Severability.** If one or more of the provisions of this Agreement shall be invalid, illegal, void, or unenforceable, the validity, legality, and enforceability of the remaining provisions shall not in any way be affected or impaired. Either party having knowledge of such a provision shall promptly inform the other of the presumed nonapplicability of such provision. Should the nonapplicable provision go to the heart of this Agreement, the Agreement shall be terminated in a manner commensurate with the interests of both parties.
37. **Assignability.** Provider agrees that it has no property right in or to its status as a Provider in the Medi-Cal program or in or to the provider number(s) assigned to it, and that Provider may not assign its provider number for use as a Medi-Cal provider, or any rights and obligations it has under this Agreement except to the extent purchasing owner is joining this provider agreement with successor liability with joint and several liability.
38. **Waiver.** Any action or inaction by DHCS or any failure of DHCS on any occasion, to enforce any right or provision of this Agreement, shall not be interpreted to be a waiver by DHCS of its rights hereunder and shall not prevent DHCS from enforcing such provision or right on any future occasion. The rights and remedies of DHCS herein are cumulative and are in addition to any other rights or remedies that DHCS may have at law or in equity.
39. **Complete Integration.** This Agreement, including any attachments or documents incorporated herein by express reference, is intended to be a complete integration and there are no prior or contemporaneous different or additional agreements pertaining to the subject matter of this Agreement.
40. **Amendment.** No alteration or variation of the terms or provisions of this Agreement shall be valid unless made in writing and signed by the parties to this Agreement, and no oral understanding or agreement not set forth in this Agreement, shall be binding on the parties to this Agreement.
41. **Provider Attestation.** Provider agrees that all information it submits on the application form for enrollment, this Agreement, and all attachments or changes to either, is true, accurate, and complete to the best of Provider's knowledge and belief. Provider further agrees to sign the application form for enrollment, this Agreement, and all attachments or changes to either, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California.



Provider agrees that compliance with the provisions of this agreement is a condition precedent to payment to provider.

The parties agree that this agreement is a legal and binding document and is fully enforceable in a court of competent jurisdiction. The provider signing this agreement warrants that he/she has read this agreement and understands it.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing information is true, accurate, and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

I declare I am the provider or I have the authority to legally bind the provider, which is an entity and not an individual person.

1. Printed legal name of provider \_\_\_\_\_
2. Printed name of person signing this declaration on behalf of provider (If an entity or business name is listed in Item 1 above) \_\_\_\_\_
3. Original signature of provider or representative if this provider is an entity other than an individual person as sole proprietor \_\_\_\_\_
4. Title of person signing this declaration \_\_\_\_\_
5. Notary Public (Affix notary seal or stamp in the space below) \_\_\_\_\_

Executed at: \_\_\_\_\_ (City) \_\_\_\_\_ (State) on \_\_\_\_\_ (Date)

Applicants and providers licensed pursuant to Division 2 (commencing with Section 500) of the Business and Professions Code, the Osteopathic Initiative Act, or the Chiropractic Initiative Act ARE NOT REQUIRED to have this form notarized. If notarization is required, the Certificate of Acknowledgement signed by the Notary Public must be in the form specified in Section 1189 of the Civil Code.

**6. Contact Person's Information**

☐ Check here if you are the same person identified in item 2. If you checked the box, provide only the email address and phone number below.

Contact Person's Name	(last)	(first)	(middle)	(gender)
				<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
Title/Position	Email address		Telephone Number	

**Privacy Statement**  
(Civil Code Section 1798 et seq.)

All information requested on the application, the disclosure statement, and the provider agreement is mandatory with the exception of the social security number for any person other than the person or entity for whom an IRS Form 1099 must be provided by the Department pursuant to 26 USC 6041. This information is required by the Department of Health Care Services, Provider Enrollment Division, by the authority of Welfare and Institutions Code Section 14043.2(a). The consequences of not supplying the mandatory information requested are denial of enrollment as a Medi-Cal provider or denial of continued enrollment as a provider and deactivation of all provider numbers used by the provider to obtain reimbursement from the Medi-Cal program. The consequence of not supplying the voluntary social security number information requested is delay in the application process while other documentation is used to verify the information supplied. Any information provided will be used to verify eligibility to participate as a provider in the Medi-Cal program. Any information may also be provided to the State Controller's Office, the California Department of Justice, the Department of Consumer Affairs, the Department of Corporations, or other state or local agencies as appropriate, fiscal intermediaries, managed care plans, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Internal Revenue Service, Medicare Fiscal Intermediaries, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Office of the Inspector General, Medicaid, and licensing programs in other states.

EXHIBIT 6

# **Hospital Quality Assurance Fee (HQA) Debt Summary** (updated 03/15/2019)

ST. VINCENT MEDICAL CENTER (NPI# 1124004304) (OSHPD# 106190762)

FISCAL YEAR	PHASE V CYCLE (PERIOD)	DUE DATE	AMOUNT DUE	AMOUNT PAID	WITHHELD	OUTSTANDING BALANCE
2016/17	CYCLE 1 (01/01/2017-03/31/2017)	2/5/2018	\$2,967,293.00	\$0.00	\$2,967,293.00	\$0.00
	CYCLE 2 (04/01/2017-06/30/2017)	2/28/2018	\$2,967,293.00	\$0.00	\$2,967,293.00	\$0.00
	Managed Care 1 (Pastthrough) (01/01/2017-06/30/2017)	3/13/2019	\$2,482,372.56	\$2,482,372.56	\$0.00	\$0.00
	CYCLE 3 (07/01/2017-09/30/2017)	3/21/2018	\$3,295,382.00	\$0.00	\$3,295,382.00	\$0.00
2017/18	CYCLE 4 (10/01/2017-12/31/2017)	4/11/2018	\$3,295,382.47	\$0.00	\$3,295,382.47	\$0.00
	CYCLE 5 (01/01/2018-03/31/2018)	5/2/2018	\$3,295,382.00	\$0.00	\$3,295,382.00	\$0.00
	CYCLE 6 (04/01/2018-06/30/2018)	7/11/2018	\$3,295,382.00	\$0.00	\$3,295,382.00	\$0.00
	Managed Care 2 (Pastthrough) (07/01/2017-06/30/2018)	3/13/2019	\$2,560,919.99	\$2,560,919.99	\$0.00	\$0.00
2018/19	Managed Care 2* (Directed) (07/01/2017-06/30/2018)	TBD	\$2,575,439.74	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,575,439.74
	CYCLE 7 (07/01/2018-09/30/2018)	10/3/2018	\$3,433,071.00	\$0.00	\$537,551.92	\$2,895,519.08
	CYCLE 8 (10/01/2018-12/31/2018)	1/2/2019	\$3,433,071.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,433,071.00
	CYCLE 9 (01/01/2019-03/31/2019)	4/3/2019	\$3,433,071.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,433,071.00
	CYCLE 10 (04/01/2019-06/30/2019)	7/3/2019	\$3,433,071.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,433,071.00
	Managed Care 3* (Pastthrough) (07/01/2018-06/30/2019)	TBD	\$2,828,768.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,828,768.00
	Managed Care 3* (Directed) (07/01/2018-06/30/2019)	TBD	\$2,828,768.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,828,768.00
<b>Total Outstanding Balance</b>						<b>\$21,427,707.82</b>

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<b>Hospital Quality Assurance Fee (HQA) Debt Summary</b> (updated 03/15/2019)						
ST. FRANCIS MEDICAL CENTER (NPI# 1487697215) (OSHPD# 106190754)						
FISCAL YEAR	PHASE V CYCLE (PERIOD)	DUE DATE	AMOUNT DUE	AMOUNT PAID	WITHHELD	OUTSTANDING BALANCE
2016/17	Managed Care 1 (Passthrough) (01/01/2017-06/30/2017)	3/13/2019	\$5,256,386.70	\$5,256,386.70	\$0.00	\$0.00
2017/18	Managed Care 2 (Passthrough) (07/01/2017-06/30/2018)	3/13/2019	\$5,324,520.88	\$5,324,520.88	\$0.00	\$0.00
2018/19	Managed Care 2* (Directed) (07/01/2017-06/30/2018)	TBD	\$5,354,709.53	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,354,709.53
	CYCLE 8 (10/01/2018-12/31/2018)	1/2/2019	\$6,703,466.00	\$0.00	\$6,703,466.00	\$0.00
	CYCLE 9 (01/01/2019-03/31/2019)	4/3/2019	\$6,703,466.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,703,466.00
	CYCLE 10 (04/01/2019-06/30/2019)	7/3/2019	\$6,703,466.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,703,466.00
	Managed Care 3* (Passthrough) (07/01/2018-06/30/2019)	TBD	\$5,810,064.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,810,064.00
	Managed Care 3* (Directed) (07/01/2018-06/30/2019)	TBD	\$5,810,064.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,810,064.00
<b>Total Outstanding Balance</b>						<b>\$30,381,769.53</b>

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SETON MEDICAL CENTER (NPI# 1154428688) (OSHPD# 106410817)						
PHASE V		DUE DATE	AMOUNT DUE	AMOUNT PAID	WITHHELD	OUTSTANDING BALANCE
FISCAL YEAR	CYCLE (PERIOD)					
2016/17	CYCLE 1 (01/01/2017-03/31/2017)	2/5/2018	\$2,040,467.00	\$0.00	\$17,061.40	\$2,023,405.60
	CYCLE 2 (04/01/2017-06/30/2017)	2/28/2018	\$2,040,467.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,040,467.00
	Managed Care 1 (Passthrough) (01/01/2017-06/30/2017)	3/13/2019	\$1,870,925.10	\$1,870,925.10	\$0.00	\$0.00
	CYCLE 3 (07/01/2017-09/30/2017)	3/21/2018	\$2,223,369.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,223,369.00
2017/18	CYCLE 4 (10/01/2017-12/31/2017)	4/11/2018	\$2,223,368.94	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,223,368.94
	CYCLE 5 (01/01/2018-03/31/2018)	5/2/2018	\$2,223,369.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,223,369.00
	CYCLE 6 (04/01/2018-06/30/2018)	7/11/2018	\$2,223,369.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,223,369.00
	Managed Care 2 (Passthrough) (07/01/2017-06/30/2018)	3/13/2019	\$1,893,251.67	\$1,893,251.67	\$0.00	\$0.00
2018/19	Managed Care 2* (Directed) (07/01/2017-06/30/2018)	TBD	\$1,903,985.91	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,903,985.91
	CYCLE 7 (07/01/2018-09/30/2018)	10/3/2018	\$2,293,835.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,293,835.00
	CYCLE 8 (10/01/2018-12/31/2018)	1/2/2019	\$2,293,835.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,293,835.00
	CYCLE 9 (01/01/2019-03/31/2019)	4/3/2019	\$2,293,835.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,293,835.00
	CYCLE 10 (04/01/2019-06/30/2019)	7/3/2019	\$2,293,835.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,293,835.00
	Managed Care 3* (Passthrough) (07/01/2018-06/30/2019)	TBD	\$2,061,897.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,061,897.50
	Managed Care 3* (Directed) (07/01/2018-06/30/2019)	TBD	\$2,061,897.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,061,897.50
Total Outstanding Balance						\$28,160,469.45

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