

RESOLUTION APPROVING NURSING FACILITY AGREEMENT WITH ADORATION HOSPICE COMPANY OF OHIO, ACNRC.

WHEREAS, Constance L. Eyman, County Home Administrator, has presented an agreement for the approval of the Board, to-wit:

Provider: Adoration Hospice Company of Ohio, 6133 Rockside Road, Independence, Ohio

Scope: Providing Hospice Services to County Home Residents

Cost: No Cost to the County

Term: one year, beginning retroactive to 4/1//2021 and ending 4/1/2022 with automatic renewal for successive one-year, unless sooner terminated with a thirty-day notice

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Ashtabula County, Ohio, that the agreement outlined above is hereby approved in accordance with the copy on file in this office.

**ASHTABULA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CERTIFICATION PAGE**

Resolution No. 2021-5ACNH

May 18, 2021

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Upon the motion of J.P. Ducro IV, seconded by Casey R. Kozlowski.

VOTE:

Kathryn L. Whittington

Aye

J.P. Ducro IV

Aye

Casey R. Kozlowski

Aye

CERTIFICATE OF CLERK

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of a resolution acted upon and duly passed by the Board of County Commissioners of Ashtabula County, Ohio, on the date noted above.



Lisa Hawkins, Clerk of the Board
Board of County Commissioners
Ashtabula County, Ohio

NURSING FACILITY SERVICES AGREEMENT

THIS NURSING FACILITY SERVICES AGREEMENT ("Agreement") is made and entered into this (the "Effective Date") by and between **Adoration Hospice Company of Ohio** ("Hospice"), and

RECITALS

- A. WHEREAS, Hospice operates a licensed hospice program.
- B. WHEREAS, Facility is a duly licensed nursing facility that is certified to participate in the Medicare and/or Medicaid programs.
- C. WHEREAS, the parties contemplate that from time to time individuals residing in Facility will need hospice care and individuals previously accepted into Hospice will need care in a nursing facility.

AGREEMENTS

In consideration of the Recitals and mutual agreements that follow, the parties agree to the following terms and conditions:

1. Definitions.

(a) "Facility Services" means those personal care and room and board services provided by Facility as specified in the Plan of Care for a Hospice Patient including, but not limited to: (i) providing food, including individualized requests and dietary supplements; (ii) assisting with activities of daily living such as mobility and ambulation, dressing, grooming, bathing, transferring, eating and toileting; (iii) arranging and assisting in socializing activities; (iv) assisting in the administration of medicine; (v) providing and maintaining the cleanliness of Hospice Patient's room; (vi) supervising and assisting in the use of any durable medical equipment and therapies included in the Plan of Care; (vii) providing laundry and personal care supplies; (viii) providing health monitoring of general conditions; (ix) contacting family/legal representative for purposes unrelated to the terminal condition; (x) arranging for the provision of medications not related to the management of the terminal illness; and (xi) providing the usual and customary room furnishings provided to Facility residents including, but not limited to, beds, linens, lamps and dressers. In the case of Medicaid Eligible Hospice Patients, Facility Services shall include all services outlined in the Medicaid covered services rule, as may be amended from time to time.

(b) "Hospice Patient" means an individual who has elected, directly or through such individual's legal representative, to receive Hospice Services and is accepted by Hospice to receive Hospice Services.

(c) "Hospice Physician" means a duly licensed doctor of medicine or osteopathy employed or contracted by Hospice who, along with the Hospice Patient's attending physician (if any), is responsible for the palliation and management of a Hospice Patient's terminal illness and related conditions.

(d) "Hospice Services" means those services provided to a Hospice Patient that are reasonable and necessary for the palliation and management of such Hospice Patient's terminal illness and are specified in a Hospice Patient's Plan of Care. Hospice Services include: (i) nursing care and services by or under the supervision of a registered nurse; (ii) medical social services provided by a qualified social worker under the direction of a physician; (iii) physician services to the extent that these services are not provided by the attending physician; (iv) counseling services, including bereavement, dietary and spiritual counseling; (v) physical, respiratory, occupational and speech therapy services; (vi) home health aide/homemaker services; (vii) medical supplies; (viii) drugs and biologicals; (ix) use of medical appliances; and (x) medical direction and management of the Hospice Patient.

(e) "Interdisciplinary Group" ("IDG") means a group of qualified individuals including, but not limited to: a doctor of medicine or osteopathy; a registered nurse; a social worker; and a pastoral or other counselor.

(f) "Medicaid Eligible Hospice Patient" means a Hospice Patient who either: is eligible for Medicaid benefits and who has elected to receive the Medicaid hospice benefit; or is eligible for both Medicaid and Medicare Part A benefits and who has elected the Medicare hospice benefit.

(g) "Medicare Eligible Hospice Patient" means a Hospice Patient who is eligible for Medicare Part A benefits, but who is not eligible for Medicaid benefits and who has elected to receive the Medicare Part A hospice benefit.

(h) "Other Facility Services" means all items and services provided by Facility which are not related to treatment of a Hospice Patient's terminal illness but specified in the Plan of Care.

(i) "Plan of Care" means a written care plan established, maintained, reviewed and modified, if necessary, at intervals identified by the IDG. The Plan of Care must reflect Hospice Patient and family goals and interventions based on the problems identified in the Hospice Patient assessments. The Plan of Care will reflect the participation of the Hospice, Facility and the Hospice Patient and family to the

extent possible. Specifically, the Plan of Care includes: (i) an identification of the Hospice Services, including interventions for pain management and symptom relief, needed to meet such Hospice Patient's needs and the related needs of Hospice Patient's family; (ii) a detailed statement of the scope and frequency of such Hospice Services; (iii) measurable outcomes anticipated from implementing and coordinating the Plan of Care; (iv) drugs and treatment necessary to meet the needs of the Hospice Patient; (v) medical supplies and appliances necessary to meet the needs of the Hospice Patient; and (vi) the IDG's documentation of the Hospice Patient's or representative's level of understanding, involvement and agreement with the Plan of Care. Hospice and Facility will jointly develop and agree upon a coordinated Plan of Care which is consistent with the hospice philosophy and is responsive to the unique needs of Hospice Patient and his or her expressed desire for hospice care. The Plan of Care will identify which provider is responsible for performing the respective functions that have been agreed upon and included in the Plan of Care.

(j) "Private Pay Hospice Patient" means a Hospice Patient who is not eligible for the Medicare Part A hospice benefit or the Medicaid hospice benefit, or if eligible, has revoked or elected not to receive the Medicare Part A hospice benefit and/or the Medicaid hospice benefit.

(k) "Purchased Hospice Services" means those Hospice Services specified in Exhibit A that are not core services under the Medicare Conditions of Participation for Hospice Care and that Hospice has elected to contract with Facility to provide.

(l) "Residential Hospice Care Day" means a day on which a Hospice Patient receives Facility Services, including the day of admission but excluding the day of discharge and any days on which a Hospice Patient receives inpatient care.

(m) "Uncovered Items and Services" means those services provided by Facility which are not Hospice Services, Facility Services or Other Facility Services including, but not limited to, telephone, guest trays and television hookup.

2. Responsibilities of Facility.

(a) Provision of Services.

(i) Facility Services. At the request of an authorized Hospice staff member, Facility shall admit Hospice Patients to Facility, subject to Facility's admission policies and procedures and the availability of beds. Facility shall immediately notify Hospice if Facility is unable to admit a Hospice Patient. Facility shall comply with Hospice Patient's Plan of Care and shall ensure Hospice Patients are kept comfortable, clean, well-groomed and protected from negligent and intentional

harm including, but not limited to, accident, injury and infection. Facility's primary responsibility is to provide Facility Services. It is Facility's responsibility to provide Facility Services that meet the personal care and nursing needs that would have been provided by a Hospice Patient's primary caregiver at home, and Facility shall perform Facility Services at the same level of care provided to each Hospice Patient before hospice care was elected. While Facility's nursing personnel may, as specified by Facility, assist in administering prescribed therapies to Hospice Patients under the Plan of Care, such assistance may only be provided to the extent the activity is permitted by law and only to the extent that Hospice would routinely utilize the services of a Hospice Patient's family in implementing the Plan of Care. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in times of Hospice Patient crisis Hospice may authorize and direct Facility staff to perform more sophisticated functions in order to ensure Hospice Patient comfort, and Hospice and Facility shall address potential crisis situations for individual Hospice Patients in the Plan of Care.

(ii) Availability. Facility shall be available to provide Facility Services 24 hours per day, 7 days per week and shall maintain sufficient personnel who have the requisite training, skills and experience to meet this obligation.

(iii) Purchased Hospice Services. At the request of an authorized Hospice staff member, Facility shall provide Hospice Patients with the Purchased Hospice Services identified in Exhibit A, when appropriate.

(iv) Notification of Services. Facility shall fully inform Hospice Patients of Facility Services, Other Facility Services and Uncovered Items and Services to be provided by Facility. Hospice covers items listed on Exhibit A.

(b) Professional Standards and Credentials.

(i) Professional Standards. Facility shall ensure that all Facility Services are provided competently and efficiently. Facility Services shall meet or exceed the standards of care for providers of such services and shall be in compliance with all applicable laws, rules, regulations, professional standards and licensure requirements.

(ii) Credentials.

[a] Licensure. Facility represents and warrants that it has and will maintain in good standing during the term of this Agreement all federal, state and local licenses and certificates required by law to provide Facility Services. Upon Hospice's request, Facility shall provide Hospice with evidence of such licenses and certifications.

[b] Qualifications of Personnel. Personnel who provide Facility Services shall be reasonably acceptable to Hospice. Facility represents and warrants that personnel providing Facility Services: [i] are duly licensed, credentialed, certified, and/or registered as required under applicable state laws; and [ii] possess the education, skills, training and other qualifications necessary to provide Facility Services. Based on criminal background checks conducted by Facility, Facility personnel who have direct contact with Hospice Patients or have access to Hospice Patient records have not been found to have engaged in improper or illegal conduct relating to the elderly, children or vulnerable individuals. Upon Hospice's request, Facility shall provide Hospice with proof of an individual's qualifications to provide Facility Services.

[c] Disciplinary Action. Facility represents and warrants that neither it nor any of its personnel is under suspension or subject to any disciplinary proceedings by any agency having jurisdiction over professional activities of Facility or its personnel and is not under any formal or informal investigation or preliminary inquiry by such department or agency for possible disciplinary action.

[d] Notification of Abuse. Facility must report all alleged violations involving mistreatment, neglect, or verbal, mental, sexual and physical abuse, injuries of unknown source, and misappropriation of patient property by hospice personnel, to the Hospice Administrator immediately when the facility becomes aware of alleged violation.

[e] Exclusion from Medicare or Medicaid. Facility represents and warrants that neither Facility nor its personnel has been, at any time, excluded from participation in any federally funded health care program including, without limitation, Medicare or Medicaid, nor has been convicted or found to have violated any federal or state fraud and abuse law or illegal remuneration law.

(c) Quality Assessment and Performance Improvement Activities. Facility shall cooperate with Hospice in its hospice-wide quality assessment and performance improvement activities. Components of the quality assessment and performance improvement program include (i) data collection; (ii) reporting adverse patient events, analyzing their causes, and implementing preventive actions and mechanisms; and (iii) taking actions to improve performance. Hospice shall provide Facility with a description of its quality assessment and performance improvement program and information on performance improvement projects. Third party payors may also impose their own utilization management or quality assurance requirements which Facility must meet. Cooperating in such activities shall not constitute a waiver of any legal privileges or rights that may apply to the information that is shared. Hospice shall maintain the confidentiality of such information in whatever form it is provided.

(d) Coordination of Care.

(i) General. Facility shall designate a clinical member of the facility's interdisciplinary team who is responsible for working with Hospice representatives to coordinate care to the resident. Facility representative/designee shall be the MSD Coordinator (title). Facility representative shall participate in any meetings, when requested, for the coordination, supervision and evaluation by Hospice of the provision of Facility Services. Hospice and Facility representative shall communicate with one another regularly and as needed for each particular Hospice Patient. Each party is responsible for documenting such communications in its respective clinical records to ensure that the needs of Hospice Patients are met 24 hours per day.

(ii) Design of Plan of Care. In accordance with applicable federal and state laws and regulations, Facility designee shall coordinate with Hospice in developing a Plan of Care for each Hospice Patient. Hospice retains primary responsibility for development of the Plan of Care.

(iii) Modifications to Plan of Care. Facility will assist with periodic review and modification of the Plan of Care. Facility will not make any modifications to the Plan of Care without first consulting with Hospice. Hospice retains the sole authority for determining the appropriate level of hospice care provided to each Hospice Patient.

(iv) Notification of Change in Condition. Facility shall immediately inform Hospice of any change in the condition of a Hospice Patient. This includes, without limitation, a significant change in a Hospice Patient's physical, mental, social or emotional status, clinical complications that suggest a need to alter the Plan of Care, a need to transfer the Hospice Patient to another facility, or the death of a Hospice Patient.

(e) Policies and Procedures. In providing services to Hospice Patients, Facility shall abide by Hospice's policies and procedures, palliative care protocols and Plans of Care.

(f) Assist with Surveys and Complaints. Facility shall be available during federal, state, local and other surveys to assist Hospice in responding to surveyor questions and survey citations, attending exit conferences, drafting plans of correction for identified survey deficiencies and providing clinical expertise when necessary to appeal survey deficiencies. In the event of any complaint filed by or with respect to a Hospice Patient or any investigation initiated by any governmental agency or any litigation commenced against Hospice, Facility shall fully cooperate with

Hospice in an effort to respond to and resolve the same in a timely and effective manner. Facility shall also cooperate fully with any insurance company providing protection to Hospice in connection with investigations. Facility shall notify Hospice promptly of any inquiries, claims, and investigations and cooperate fully with the directions of Hospice with respect thereto.

(g) Visiting and Access by Hospice.

(i) Visiting Privileges. Facility shall permit free access and unrestricted visiting privileges, including visits by children of any age, 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.

(ii) Visitor Accommodations. Facility shall provide adequate space, located conveniently to Hospice Patient, for private visiting among Hospice Patient, Hospice Patient's family members and any other visitors. Facility shall provide adequate accommodations for Hospice Patient's family members to remain with Hospice Patient up to 24 hours per day, and permit family members privacy following the death of a Hospice Patient.

(iii) Hospice Access to Facility. Facility shall permit employees, contractors, agents and volunteers of Hospice free and complete access to Facility 24 hours per day, as necessary, to permit Hospice to counsel, treat, attend and provide services to each Hospice Patient.

(iv) Hospice Physician. Facility shall grant full staff privileges to Hospice Physicians upon application and qualification for such privileges in accordance with Facility's requirements.

(h) Patient Transfer. Facility shall not transfer any Hospice Patient to another care setting without the prior approval of Hospice. If Facility fails to obtain the necessary prior approval, Hospice bears no financial responsibility for the costs of transfer or the costs of care provided in another setting.

(i) Physician Orders. If there are physician orders that are inconsistent with the Plan of Care or Hospice protocols, a registered nurse with Facility shall notify Hospice. An authorized representative of Hospice shall resolve differences directly with the physician and secure the necessary orders.

(j) Bereavement Services to Facility Staff. Facility shall be primarily responsible for providing any requested bereavement services to Facility staff after the death of a Hospice Patient who resided in Facility; provided, however, that Hospice may assist Facility in providing such bereavement services to grieving Facility staff members upon request from Facility.

3. Responsibilities of Hospice.

(a) Admission to and Discharge from Hospice Program.

(i) Assessment. If a resident of Facility requests the provision of Hospice Services, Hospice shall perform an assessment of such resident and shall notify Facility, either orally or in writing, whether such resident is authorized for admission as a Hospice Patient. Hospice shall maintain adequate records of all such authorizations of admission.

(ii) Assessing Continued Eligibility. Hospice shall have sole authority for assessing a Hospice Patient's continued eligibility for Hospice Services and for discharging a Hospice Patient from Hospice.

(b) Professional Management Responsibility.

(i) Compliance with Law. Hospice shall assume professional management responsibility for Hospice Services provided to Hospice Patients residing at Facility and their family units, pursuant to the Medicare Conditions of Participation for Hospice Care and state and local laws and regulations. This includes admission and/or discharge of patients, patient and family assessments, reassessments, establishment of the Plan of Care, authorization of all services and management of the care through IDG meetings. Hospice shall make arrangements for, and remain responsible for, any necessary continuous care or inpatient care related to a Hospice Patient's terminal illness and related conditions. Hospice acknowledges that it is responsible for providing Hospice Services to Hospice Patients residing at Facility at the same level and to the same extent as if Hospice Patients were receiving care in their own homes.

(ii) Management of Hospice Services. Hospice shall retain professional management responsibility to ensure that Hospice Services are furnished in a safe and effective manner by qualified personnel in accordance with Hospice Patient's Plan of Care.

(iii) Coordination and Evaluation. Hospice shall retain responsibility for coordinating, evaluating and administering the hospice program, as well as ensuring the continuity of care of Hospice Patients, which shall include coordination of Facility Services. Hospice's IDG shall communicate with Facility's medical director, Hospice Patient's attending physician and other physicians participating in the care of a Hospice Patient as needed to coordinate Hospice Services with the medical care provided by other physicians. Methods used to evaluate the care may include: [a] periodic supervisory visits; [b] review of the qualifications of

personnel providing Facility Services; [c] review of documentation; [d] evaluation of the response of a Hospice Patient to the Plan of Care; [e] discussion with patient and patient's caregivers; [f] patient evaluation surveys; and [g] quality improvement data.

(iv) Assessment of Facility Services. Hospice shall develop, maintain and conduct an ongoing, comprehensive assessment of the quality and appropriateness of Facility and the provision of Facility Services.

(c) Hospice Care Training. Hospice shall provide orientation and ongoing hospice care training to Facility's personnel as necessary to facilitate the provision of safe and effective care to Hospice Patients. Such orientation is based on identified needs and must include Hospice policies and procedures regarding methods of comfort, pain control and symptom management as well as principles about death and dying, individual responses to death, patient rights, appropriate forms and recordkeeping requirements.

(d) Designation of Hospice Representative. For each Hospice Patient, Hospice shall designate a registered nurse who will be responsible for coordinating and supervising services provided to a Hospice Patient and be available 24 hours per day, 7 days per week for consultation with Facility concerning a Hospice Patient's Plan of Care. In addition, for each Hospice Patient residing at Facility, Hospice shall designate a member of the Hospice Patient's IDG to provide overall coordination of care for such Hospice Patient. Such hospice representative shall monitor Facility and be available to provide information to Facility regarding the provision of Facility Services and to coordinate the periodic evaluation of patient progress and outcomes of care upon request. Further, the hospice representative shall be responsible for communicating with Facility representatives and other health care providers who participate in the care of a Hospice Patient's terminal illness and related conditions to ensure quality of care for Hospice Patients and their families.

(e) Provision of Information. Hospice shall promote open and frequent communication with Facility and shall provide Facility with sufficient information to ensure that the provision of Facility Services under this Agreement is in accordance with the Hospice Patient's Plan of Care, assessments, treatment planning and care coordination. At a minimum, Hospice shall provide the following information to Facility for each Hospice Patient residing at Facility:

(i) Plan of Care, Medications and Orders. The most recent Plan of Care, medication information and physician orders specific to each Hospice Patient residing at Facility;

(ii) Election Form. The hospice election form and any advanced directives;

(iii) Certifications. Physician certifications and recertifications of terminal illness;

(iv) Contact Information. Names and contact information for Hospice personnel involved in providing Hospice Services; and

(v) On-Call System. Instructions on how to access Hospice's 24-hour on-call system.

(f) Policies and Procedures. Hospice shall provide Facility with copies of applicable Hospice policies and procedures and shall meet with Facility to review such policies and procedures, as necessary.

(g) Physician Orders. All physician orders communicated by Hospice under this Agreement shall be in writing and signed by the applicable attending physician or Hospice Physician; provided, however, that in the case of urgent or emergency circumstances, such orders may be communicated orally by any such persons. Hospice shall maintain adequate records of all physician orders communicated in connection with the Plan of Care

(h) Purchased Hospice Services. Hospice may purchase from Facility Purchased Hospice Services. The terms of such sale are delineated in **Exhibit A**, when applicable.

(i) Notification of Hospice Services. Hospice shall fully inform Hospice Patient of the Hospice Services to be provided by Hospice and Purchased Hospice Services, if any, to be provided by Facility.

(j) Assist with Surveys and Complaints. Hospice shall be available during federal, state, local and other surveys to assist Facility in responding to surveyor questions and survey citations, attending exit conferences, drafting plans of correction for identified survey deficiencies and providing medical expertise when necessary to appeal survey deficiencies. In the event of any complaint filed by or with respect to a Hospice Patient or any investigation initiated by any governmental agency or any litigation commenced against Facility, Hospice shall fully cooperate with Facility in an effort to respond to and resolve the same in a timely and effective manner. Hospice shall also cooperate fully with any insurance company providing protection to Facility in connection with investigations. Hospice shall notify Facility promptly of any inquiries, claims, and investigations and cooperate fully with the directions of Hospice with respect thereto.

4. Billing and Payment.

(a) Billing and Payment for Facility Services Provided to Medicaid Eligible Hospice Patients.

(i) Rates. Hospice shall pay Facility a fixed payment rate for each Residential Hospice Care Day provided to a Medicaid Eligible Hospice Patient, except the day on which such patient is discharged from Facility, unless such patient dies while residing at Facility. The fixed payment rate shall be percent (100%) of Facility's then current Medicaid per diem rate that would have been paid by the Medicaid program to Facility if the Medicaid Eligible Hospice Patient had not elected to receive hospice care, less the Medicaid Eligible Hospice Patient's required personal contribution amount, if any. Facility shall accept this rate as payment in full for Facility Services provided to such Medicaid Eligible Hospice Patient and shall not bill the Medicaid Eligible Hospice Patient or his/her family, representatives or any third party payor. Facility shall collect and retain the Medicaid Eligible Hospice Patient's required personal contribution amount, if any.

(ii) Billing and Payment. Within ten (10) calendar days of the end of the month and within at least 30 days of providing Facility Services, Facility shall submit to Hospice an accurate and complete statement of all Facility Services provided to Medicaid Eligible Hospice Patients. The statement shall be in a form acceptable to Hospice and include information usually provided to third party payors to verify the services and charges reflected in the statement. Hospice shall pay Facility within 30 days after receipt of a complete statement. Payment by Hospice in respect to such bills shall be considered final, unless adjustments are requested in writing by Facility within 30 days of receipt of payment. Hospice shall have no obligation to pay Facility for any service if Hospice does not receive a bill for such service within 120 days following the date on which the service was rendered.

(b) Billing and Payment for Facility Services Provided to Medicare Eligible Hospice Patients and Private Pay Hospice Patients. Facility shall bill each Medicare Eligible Hospice Patient and Private Pay Hospice Patient (or such patient's third party payor, if applicable) for Facility Services at a rate agreed upon by Facility and such patient or his or her third party payor. Facility shall accept such payment as payment in full for Facility Services. Hospice will not be responsible for reimbursing Facility for any portion of the cost of Facility Services provided to a Medicare Eligible Hospice Patient or Private Pay Hospice Patient. Facility shall not seek payment from Hospice in the event of default of financial obligations on the part of a Medicare Eligible Hospice Patient, Private Pay Hospice Patient or such patient's third party payors. Hospice will, to the extent permitted by law, provide Facility with any information it may reasonably require to obtain payment from any payor or other permissible payment source.

(c) Billing and Payment for Purchased Hospice Services Provided to All Hospice Patients. Facility shall bill Hospice for Purchased Hospice Services provided to Hospice Patients at the rates agreed to by Facility and Hospice. Facility represents and warrants that all Purchased Hospice Services for Medicaid Eligible Hospice Patients are not included in the applicable, then current Medicaid per diem rate that Facility would have received if the Medicaid Eligible Hospice Patient had not elected to receive Hospice Services. The billing and payment procedures set forth in section 4(a)(ii) of this Agreement shall apply.

(d) Billing and Payment for Other Services. Facility shall bill Hospice Patients or the third party payor, if applicable, for (i) Other Facility Services; (ii) Uncovered Items and Services; and (iii) care provided by Facility upon the request of a Hospice Patient which is not reasonable or necessary for palliation or management of the terminal illness and not rendered in accordance with the applicable Plan of Care. Hospice shall bear no responsibility, obligation, or other liability to reimburse Facility for the cost of these services.

(e) Limitation on Hospice's Financial Responsibility. Except as specifically identified in this Agreement, Hospice shall bear no responsibility, obligation, or other liability to reimburse Facility for any charges, costs, expenses or other fees for services provided under this Agreement.

5. Insurance and Hold Harmless.

(a) Insurance. Each party shall obtain and maintain appropriate professional liability, commercial general liability, worker's compensation and employer's liability insurance coverage in accordance with the minimum amounts required from time to time by applicable federal and state laws and regulations, but at no time shall the terms or coverage amounts of Facility's professional liability insurance be less than \$1 million per claim and \$3 million in the aggregate. Either party may request evidence of insurance from the other party and such other party shall provide such evidence to the requesting party in a timely manner. Facility shall ensure that Hospice receives at least 30 days' notice prior to the termination of any insurance policy required by this Agreement.

(b) Mutual Hold Harmless. Each party shall be responsible for the acts and omissions of itself and its employees and subcontractors and neither party agrees to indemnify any other party for any such act or omission, provided, however, that this Agreement shall not constitute a waiver by any party of any rights to indemnification, contribution or subrogation which such party may have by operation of law.

6. Records.

(a) Creation and Maintenance of Records. Facility shall prepare and maintain complete and detailed records concerning each Hospice Patient receiving Facility Services under this Agreement in accordance with prudent record-keeping procedures and as required by applicable federal and state laws and regulations and Medicare and Medicaid program guidelines. Facility shall retain such records for a minimum of six years from the date of discharge of each Hospice Patient or such other time period as required by applicable federal and state law. Each clinical record shall completely, promptly and accurately document all services provided to, and events concerning, each Hospice Patient, including evaluations, treatments, progress notes, authorizations to admission to Hospice and/or Facility, physician orders entered pursuant to this Agreement and discharge summaries. Each record shall document that the specified services are furnished in accordance with this Agreement and shall be readily accessible and systemically organized to facilitate retrieval by either party. Facility shall cause each entry made for Facility Services provided to be signed and dated by the person providing Facility Services.

(b) Financial Recordkeeping. Facility shall keep accurate books of accounts and records covering all transactions relating to this Agreement (the "Financial Records") at its principal place of business. Hospice and its duly authorized representatives, including any independent public accountant or other auditor, shall have the right during regular business hours and on reasonable written notice to Facility to examine Facility's Financial Records and to make copies thereof.

(c) Access by Hospice. Facility shall permit Hospice or its authorized representative, upon reasonable notice, to review and make photocopies of records maintained by Facility relating to the provision of Facility Services including, but not limited to, clinical records and billing and payment records. This section shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

(d) Inspection by Government. In accordance with 42 U.S.C. § 1395x(v)(1)(i) and 42 C.F.R. § 420.300, et seq., Facility shall make available, until the expiration of five years from the termination of this Agreement, upon written request, to the Secretary of Health and Human Services of the United States, and upon request, to the Comptroller General of the United States, or any of their duly authorized representatives, this Agreement and any of its books, documents and records that are necessary to certify the nature and costs of Medicare reimbursable services provided under this Agreement. If and to the extent Facility carries out any of its duties under this Agreement through a subcontract with a related organization having a value or cost of \$10,000 or more over a 12-month period, then Facility shall ensure that the subcontract contains a clause comparable to the clause in the preceding sentence. Nothing contained in this section shall be construed as a waiver by either

party of any legal rights of confidentiality with respect to patient records and proprietary information.

(e) Destruction of Records. Facility shall take reasonable precautions to safeguard records against loss, destruction and unauthorized disclosure.

7. Confidentiality. Each party acknowledges that as part of its performance under this Agreement, it may be required to disclose to the other party certain information pertaining to Hospice Patients (collectively, "Patient Information") and may be required to disclose certain business or financial information (collectively, with the Patient Information, the "Confidential Information"). Each party agrees that it shall treat Confidential Information with the same degree of care it affords its own similarly confidential information and shall not, except as specifically authorized in writing by the other party or as otherwise required by law, reproduce any Confidential Information or disclose or provide any Confidential Information to any person. A party that discloses Confidential Information shall be entitled to injunctive relief to prevent a breach or threatened breach of this section, in addition to all other remedies that may be available. This section shall survive termination of this Agreement.

8. Term and Termination.

(a) Term. This Agreement shall have an initial term of one year beginning on the Effective Date ("Initial Term") and shall automatically renew for successive one-year terms, unless sooner terminated as provided below.

(b) Termination.

(i) Without Cause. This Agreement may be terminated by either party for any reason after the Initial Term by providing at least 90 days' prior written notice to the other party.

(ii) Mutual Written Agreement. This Agreement may terminate at any time after the Initial Term upon written agreement of the parties.

(iii) For Cause. Either party may terminate this Agreement upon 30 days' prior written notice to the other party, if the other party breaches this Agreement and fails to cure such breach within such 30-day period. [

(iv) Change in Law. In the event there are substantial changes or clarifications to any applicable laws, rules or regulations that materially affect, in the opinion of either party's legal counsel, any party's right to reimbursement from third party payors or any other legal right of any party to this Agreement, the affected party may, by written notice to the other party, propose such modifications to this Agreement as may be necessary to comply with such change or clarification. Upon receipt of such notice, the parties shall engage in good faith negotiations regarding any

appropriate modifications to this Agreement. If such notice is given and the parties are unable within 60 days thereafter to agree to appropriate modifications to this Agreement, either party may terminate this Agreement by providing at least 30 days' notice to the other party.

(v) Immediate Termination. Notwithstanding the above, either party may immediately terminate this Agreement if:

[a] Failure to Have Qualifications. A party or its personnel are excluded from any federal health program or no longer have the necessary qualifications, certifications and/or licenses required by federal, state and/or local laws to provide Facility Services.

[b] Liquidation. A party commences or has commenced against it proceedings to liquidate, wind up, reorganize or seek protection, relief or a consolidation of its debts under any law relating to insolvency, reorganization or relief of debtors or seeking the appointment of a receiver or trustee.

[c] Failure to Have Insurance. A party ceases to have any of the insurance required under this Agreement.

[d] Threats to Health, Safety or Welfare. A party fails to perform its duties under this Agreement and the other party determines in its full discretion that such failure threatens the health, safety or welfare of any patient.

[e] Commission of Misconduct. A party commits an act of misconduct, fraud, dishonesty, misrepresentation or moral turpitude involving the other party or a mutual patient of the parties.

(c) Effect of Termination on Availability of Facility Services. In the event this Agreement is terminated, Facility shall work with Hospice in coordinating the continuation of Facility Services to existing Hospice Patients and shall continue to provide Facility Services to Hospice Patients after this Agreement is terminated, if Hospice determines that removing Facility Services would be detrimental to Hospice Patients. In such cases, Facility Services shall continue to be provided in accordance with the terms set forth in this Agreement. This section shall survive termination of this Agreement.

9. Notification of Material Events. Either party shall immediately notify the other party of:

(a) Ownership Change. Any change in 10% or more of its ownership.

(b) Business Address Change. Any change in business address.

(c) Licensure Actions. Any sanctions, intermediate or otherwise, administrative or judicial fines, penalties, or action by federal or state officials against the party or its personnel.

(d) Exclusion. Any threatened, proposed or actual exclusion of it or any of its subcontractors or personnel from any government program including, but not limited to, Medicare or Medicaid.

(e) Insurance. The cancellation or modification of any of the insurance coverage that the party is required to have under this Agreement.

(f) Liquidation. The commencement of any proceeding to liquidate, wind up, reorganize or seek protection, relief or a consolidation of Facility's or Hospice's debts under any law relating to insolvency, reorganization or relief of debtors or seeking the appointment of a receiver or trustee.

(g) Incident Reporting. Any of the following alleged incidents involving a Hospice Patient residing at Facility:

- (i) mistreatment or neglect;
- (ii) verbal, mental, sexual or physical abuse;
- (iii) injuries of an unknown source; or
- (iv) misappropriation of patient property.

10. Nondiscrimination. The parties agree that in the performance of this Agreement they will not discriminate or permit discrimination against any person or group of persons on the grounds of race, color, sex, age, religion, national origin, or any other protected class in any manner prohibited by federal or state laws.

11. Independent Contractor. In performance of the services discussed herein, Hospice and Facility shall each be, and at all times are, acting and performing as an independent contractor, and not as a partner, a co-venturer, an employee, an agent or a representative of the other. No employee or agent of one party to this Agreement shall be considered an employee or agent of the other party.

12. Use of Name or Marks. Neither Hospice nor Facility shall have the right to use the name, symbols, trademarks or service marks of the other party in advertising or promotional materials or otherwise without receiving the prior written approval of such other party; provided, however, that one party may use the name, symbols, or marks of the other party in written materials previously approved by the other party for

the purpose of informing prospective Hospice Patients and attending physicians of the availability of the services described in this Agreement.

13. Miscellaneous Provisions.

(a) Amendment. No amendment, modification or discharge of this Agreement, and no waiver hereunder, shall be valid or binding unless set forth in writing and duly executed by the parties hereto.

(b) Severability. This Agreement is severable, and in the event that any one or more of the provisions hereof shall be deemed invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions contained herein shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby.

(c) Headings. The descriptive headings in this Agreement are for convenience only and shall not affect the construction of this Agreement.

(d) Governing Law. This Agreement, the rights and obligations of the parties hereto, and any claims or disputes relating thereto, shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of **OHIO**.

(e) Nonassignability. Neither party shall assign or transfer, in whole or in part, this Agreement or any of its rights, duties or obligations under this Agreement without the prior written consent of the other party, and any assignment or transfer without such consent shall be null and void.

(f) Waiver. The waiver by either party of a breach or violation of any provision in this Agreement shall not operate or be construed as a waiver of any subsequent breach or default of a similar nature, or as a waiver of any such provisions, rights or privileges hereunder.

(g) Binding Effect. This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective successors and permitted assigns. There are no third party beneficiaries of or to this Agreement.

(h) No Third Party Beneficiaries. Except as expressly provided elsewhere herein, nothing in this Agreement is intended to be construed or be deemed to create any rights or remedies in any third party.

(i) Force Majeure. In the event that either party's business or operations are substantially interrupted by acts of war, fire, labor strike, insurrection, riots, earthquakes or other acts of nature of any cause that is not that party's fault or is beyond that party's reasonable control, then that party shall be relieved of its obligations only as to those affected operations and only as to those affected portions of this Agreement for the duration of such interruption.

(j) No Requirement to Refer. This Agreement is not intended to influence the judgment of any physician or provider in choosing medical specialists or medical facilities appropriate for the proper care and treatment of residents. Neither Facility nor Hospice shall receive any compensation or remuneration for referrals.

(k) Nonexclusive Agreement. This Agreement is intended to be nonexclusive, and either party may use any provider for the same or similar services.

(l) Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

(m) Notices. All notices or other communications which may be or are required to be given, served or sent by any party to the other party pursuant to this Agreement shall be in writing, addressed as set forth below, and shall be mailed by first-class, registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, or transmitted by hand delivery or facsimile. Such notice or other communication shall be deemed sufficiently given or received for all purposes at such time as it is delivered to the addressee (with the return receipt, the delivery receipt, the affidavit or messenger or the answer back being deemed conclusive evidence of such delivery) or at such time as delivery is refused by the addressee upon presentation. Each party may designate by notice in writing a new address to which any notice or communication may thereafter be so given, served or sent.

TO: **HOSPICE**
ADORATION HOSPICE Company of OHIO
6133 Rockside Rd.
Independence, OH 44131
Attn: Kimberly Koski
Title: Executive Director

TO: **FACILITY**
Ashtabula County Commissioners
25 West Jefferson Street
Jefferson, OH 44047-1092
Attn: [Signature]
Title: President
5-18-21

(n) Entire Agreement. This instrument contains the entire agreement of the parties hereto and supersedes all prior oral or written agreements or understandings between them with respect to the matters provided for herein. This Agreement may not be modified or amended except by mutual consent of the parties,

and any such modification or amendment must be in writing duly executed by the parties hereto, and shall be attached to, and become a part of, this Agreement.

The parties have executed this Agreement as of the day, month and year first written above.

HOSPICE:

By: Adoration Hospice

Name: *Amberly Kassi Be*

Title: *Executive Director*

FACILITY:

By:

Name: *[Signature]*

Title: *PRESIDENT*

5-18-21

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25 West Jefferson Street
Jefferson, OH 44047-1092~~

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Comptech PCs, LLC

3306 STATE RD
OH 44004

Invoice

Date	Invoice #
4/13/2021	1394

Bill To
Ashtabula County Nursing and Rehab 5740 Dibble Road Kingsville, OH

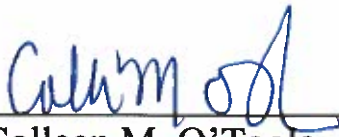
P.O. No.	Terms	Project
	Due on receipt	

Quantity	Description	Rate	Amount
6	Ubiquiti 24-port POE Switch (Includes wiring/mounting/patch panel)	1,500.00	9,000.00
1	Ubiquiti 48-port POE Switch (Includes wiring/mounting/patch panel)	2,500.00	2,500.00
50	Ubiquiti AP Lite Dual Band Access Point (Includes wiring/mounting)	300.00	15,000.00
1	Ubiquiti Dream Machine Pro	500.00	500.00
49	Dual wire Data Drop for Phone/PC	150.00	7,350.00
25	Dual Wire Data Drop for Printer/Fax	150.00	3,750.00
12	Labor for Setup/Configuration Software Related (Setup new network, add printers, update wireless devices to new network)	80.00	960.00
		Total	\$39,060.00

Signature Page

RE: ACNRC contract with Adoration Hospice.

Approved as to Legal Form Only:

By:  _____
Colleen M. O'Toole
Ashtabula County Prosecutor

