



## **MORGAN COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

This Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) is a cooperative understanding between Morgan County EMS (“Collaborator”) and Morgan County Health Department made and entered into by both Parties effective August 19, 2024.

The Morgan County Health Department is dedicated to improving quality of life by promoting, protecting and providing for the health and safety of Morgan County’s residents. This is achieved by, among other things:

- Conducting quality services which create a clean and safe environment and healthy lifestyle for Morgan County residents;
- Developing programs that protect against the spread of disease;
- Keeping residents informed and prepared for natural and other disasters; and
- Maintaining the well-being of all residents through public health education.

Morgan County Health Department and the Collaborator will work together to offer individuals the services described on Exhibit A under the additional terms and conditions provided thereunder.

Morgan County Health Department and the Collaborator will share medical information only as permitted by the State of Indiana laws, rules, and regulations; HIPAA; and Federal Regulation of Disclosure of Substance Use Disorder Patient Records (42 CFR, Part 2). Pursuant to these requirements, patients must authorize via a signed Release of Information (“ROI”) form before either party is permitted to share respective patient health information.

Morgan County Health Department and the Collaborator further agree:

1. This agreement will not bind either party to use the services of the other exclusively, nor will it obligate either party to accept referrals from the other. Additionally, it is understood that this agreement in no way incurs financial liability on the part of either party unless expressly agreed in Exhibit A.

2. Client names and all other identifiable information shall remain confidential as required by federal, state, and local law. Each party will abide by Confidentiality (42 CFR), HIPAA provisions and Client Rights.

3. Parties agree to exchange information, if authorized by a patient signed ROI, in a timely manner to facilitate prompt coordination of care and the provision of services described in Exhibit A.

4. Each party shall abide by Federal, State, or city laws which require all services to be provided without regards to race, creed, national origin, or gender.

5. All records of each party shall remain the property of that party. And, both parties acknowledge and agree that in receiving, storing or otherwise dealing with any information from either party about clients of the Collaborator that they are fully bound by all applicable Federal and State regulations.

6. E-Verify. Under Indiana Code section 22-5-1.7-11, by entering into this MOU with Morgan County, the Collaborator is required to enroll in and verify the work eligibility status of all of its newly hired employees through the E-Verify program. The Collaborator is not required to verify the work eligibility status of all of its newly hired employees through the E-Verify program if the E-Verify program no longer exists. By executing this Agreement, the Collaborator affirms that it does not knowingly employ an unauthorized alien. The Collaborator further affirms that, prior to entering into the Agreement with Morgan County, it will enroll in and agrees to verify the work eligibility status of all of its newly hired employees through the E-Verify program.

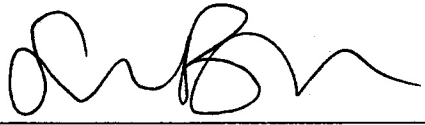
7. The Collaborator agrees that it, and its subcontractors, if any, will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment to be employed in the performance of this Agreement, with respect to the employee's hire, tenure, terms, conditions or privileges of employment or any matter directly or indirectly related to employment because of the employee's race, religion, color, sex, disability, national origin, or ancestry. Breach of this covenant may be disregarded as a material breach of the Agreement.

The parties further recognize that once effective, this MOU is non-binding and may be terminated by either party with 30 days written notice. The MOU is an expression of all parties' willingness to work in a collaboration for the betterment of the community. Notwithstanding the aforementioned, the parties agree that this MOU shall not be intended and shall not create or be construed to create any partnership, joint venture, or third-party beneficiary status of any person or entity.

[SIGNATURE PAGE TO FOLLOW]

**COLLABORATOR:**

Dated: 8/19/2024

Signed: 

Printed Name: Summer Braun

Title (if any): Director of Operations

**MORGAN COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT:**

Dated: 8/21/2024

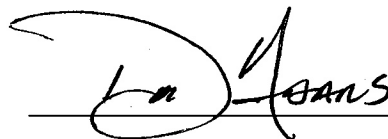
Signed: 

Printed Name: Paul E. Braderick, DO

Title (if any): Health Officer

**MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:**

Dated: 08/19/2024



Don Adams

President

**EXHIBIT A**  
**MORGAN COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT**  
**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

The following terms and conditions are incorporated into the Memorandum of Understanding between Morgan County EMS  
("Collaborator") and Morgan County Health Department.

- i. Description of Program, Facility, Services, Materials, or Supplies to be provided by Morgan County Health Department: see attachment A  
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- ii. Description of Program, Facility, Services, Materials, or Supplies to be provided by Collaborator: see attachment A  
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- iii. Special terms and conditions: n/a  
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- iv. Payment terms (if applicable): n/a  
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- v. If Section iv above requires payment by the Morgan County Health Department, the Collaborator acknowledges that Morgan County is a government entity whose funds are subject to appropriation by its fiscal body. Therefore, if at any time during the term of this Memorandum of Understanding the fiscal body should fail to appropriate sufficient funds to continue to provide the Program or Services under the terms and conditions above, the Memorandum of Understanding shall become null and void. In the event of a non-appropriation of funds, Morgan County Health Department will give notice to the Collaborator immediately of such a failure and shall pay a prorated amount for any and all services provided prior to the exhaustion of any appropriated funds. Morgan County Health Department agrees to seek funding to fulfill the terms of this Memorandum of Understanding.

## ATTACHMENT A

Indiana's Emergency Medical Services (EMS) personnel are the bridge connecting public safety, public health and health care. They respond to nearly 1 million calls each year and remain the state's front line of medical treatment and care. In recent years, in Indiana and around the country, Mobile Integrated Health (MIH) has been a growing, innovative approach to how the EMS system works as part of the overall public health system.

MIH is a patient-centered model of care delivered in a patient's home or in a mobile environment. This includes teams that come to patients as well as the use of telehealth platforms. MIH providers can visit patients at their home and assist with health screenings, vaccinations, treatments and follow-ups. MIH can also include social work, substance abuse resources, mental health, chronic disease management and more.

Legislation in 2019 and 2020 has propelled MIH forward in Indiana, and the Indiana EMS Commission is working to provide guidance and structure to communities seeking to create their own MIH programs in the future. More than a dozen Indiana communities have already established programs using private or grant funding.

The Morgan County Health Department (MCHD) and Morgan County EMS (MCEMS) recognize the need to provide patient care and patient health management beyond, and prior to, 911 calls. MCEMS is the Morgan County MIH provider. MCHD and MCEMS agree to collaborate to provide such appropriate medical care and case management which falls within the providers' scope of practice. Referrals to the program can come from fire, police, healthcare providers/hospitals, etc.

Initial goals of the program include providing more healthcare services directly to patients on-location, minimizing unwarranted trips to the hospital, reducing utilization of EMS by high frequency patients, chronic disease management, elderly care management, and mental health mitigation.

Description of Program, Facility, Services, Materials, or Supplies to be provided by Morgan County Health Department:

- Public Health Nurses will partner with and support EMS as needed for the Mobile Integrated Health Program. This may include, but is not limited to:
  - Home visits
  - Fall risk assessments
  - Medication management
  - Wrap-around service referrals
  - Health education
  - Non-emergency transportation
  - Health system navigation
  - Health screenings

- Vaccinations
- Follow-ups
- Chronic disease management
- Social Determinant of Health screening
- Leased vehicle
- MIH iPad
- MIH cellphone
- MIH software program
- Fall assessment and fall prevention kit
- Miscellaneous office supplies

Description of Program, Facility, Services, Materials, or Supplies to be provided by Collaborator:

- EMS staff will lead MIH activities and mobilize the MCHD when needed
- Vehicle
- BLS non-transport equipment
- Cellphone
- Miscellaneous office supplies

Both the MCHD and the Collaborator, EMS, will be expected to:

- Utilize the agreed upon software program to collect and maintain data
- Submit data to MCHD for internal purposes and reporting to the Indiana Department of Health
  - Ensure data needed for Core Service Tracking and Key Performance Indicators is collected and reported as needed