MEDICARE ADVANTAGE OFFSHORE SUBCONTRACTOR ATTESTATION

Business entities who provide goods or services to BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina who utilize offshore subcontractors as defined by CMS, must submit the attached information and attestation for approval by the Medicare Advantage Plan as defined in the agreement.

This attestation does not replace or alter the requirements that all business entities, including but not limited to providers, contractors, subcontractors and other downstream entities comply with CMS rules and regulations, as well as the contractual provisions between the entity and BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina. Attestation requirements may be changed from time to time by the Plan or CMS.

A new form must be submitted any time the information herein changes or is modified.

Name of Business Entity:

Person at Business Entity Responsible for Subcontractor Review:

Name

Title
Title
Phone Number
Fax
Email
Date

PART I. OFFSHORE SUBCONTRACTOR INFORMATION:

Offshore Subcontractor Name:

Offshore subcontractor Country:

Offshore subcontractor Address:

Describe Offshore Subcontractor Functions:

Date Proposed or Actual Effective Date for Offshore Subcontractor:

Part I Attestation of Safeguards to Protect Beneficiary Information in the Offshore Subcontract:

Item	Attestation	Response
I.1	Offshore subcontracting arrangement has policies and procedures in place	□Yes
	to ensure that Medicare beneficiary protected health information (PHI) and	□No
	other personal information remains secure.	
1.2	Offshore subcontracting arrangement prohibits subcontractor's access to	□Yes
	Medicare data not associated with the sponsor's contract with the offshore	□No
	subcontractor.	
1.3	Offshore subcontracting arrangement has policies and procedures in place	□Yes
	that allow for immediate termination of the subcontract upon discovery of	□No
	a significant security breach.	
1.4	Offshore subcontracting arrangement includes all required Medicare Part C	□Yes
	and D language (e.g., record retention requirements, compliance with all	□No
	Medicare Part C and D requirements, etc.)	

PART II. PRECAUTIONS FOR PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION (PHI):

Describe the PHI that will be provided to the Offshore Subcontractor:

Discuss why providing PHI is necessary to accomplish the Offshore Subcontractor objectives:

Describe alternatives considered to avoid providing PHI, and why each alternative was rejected:

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II.1	Organization will conduct an annual audit of the offshore subcontractor	□Yes
		□No
11.2	Audit results will be used by the Organization to evaluate the continuation	□Yes
	of its relationship with the offshore subcontractor.	□No
II.3	Organization agrees to share offshore subcontractor's audit results with	□Yes
	CMS, upon request.	□No

Part II. Attestation of Audit Requirements to ensure Protection of PHI

Part III. Certification

I certify that the information provided above and supplied to BlueCross and BlueShield of South

Carolina is accurate and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Authorized Signature (hand-written typed, or electronic signature is acceptable):

Name and Title (Print or Type):

Date:

Please submit completed form, (and attachments if applicable) via email to:

Jacqueline.Gill@bcbssc.com, or Ryan.Lukshis@bcbssc.com with a copy to Delegation.Oversight@bcbssc.com and David.Pfeffer@bcbssc.com

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