



SUBSCRIPTION AGREEMENT

READ CAREFULLY: This Subscription Agreement (“Agreement”) is a binding legal contract between you (“Customer”) and CCH Incorporated, through its MediRegs business unit (“CCH”). By downloading, installing, accessing or using the Products, as defined below, Customer agrees to be bound by the terms of this Agreement. If Customer does not agree to the terms of this Agreement, CCH is not willing to license any right to use or access the Products to Customer. In such event, Customer may not download, install, access, use or copy the Products and should contact CCH regarding a refund of fees paid, if any. The Effective Date of this Agreement will be set forth in the Order, as defined below.

1. **Certain Definitions.** In addition to the terms defined in the body of the Agreement, the terms set forth below shall have the following meanings:
 - “**Authorized Users**” Means those specific individual employees of Facilities of Customer identified in an Order or as otherwise mutually agreed upon in writing by the parties who have received a user identification from CCH or from an authorized Customer administrator to access and use the Covered Product(s).
 - “**Covered Products**” means the specific Products for which Customer has purchased a subscription pursuant to this Agreement as set forth in the Order or as otherwise mutually agreed upon in writing by the parties.
 - “**Facilities**” or “**Facility**” means the facilities of Customer that are authorized to access the Covered Products hereunder as set forth in the Order or as otherwise mutually agreed upon in writing by the parties.
 - “**Order**” means the CCH-provided document describing the Covered Products to be licensed by Customer, applicable fees, Facilities, and Authorized Users, training, and any other services to be rendered by CCH or changes to the foregoing.
 - “**Products**” means the software products or content databases, in object code format only, comprising CCH’s family of content database and software programs as more fully described in the applicable Product Description. Certain Products are provided online by CCH. Other Products are delivered by CCH to Customer for installation and use on Customer’s systems.
 - “**Product Description**” means such documentation as CCH makes generally available for use of the Products.
 - “**Subscription Term**” means, as to each Covered Product, the Initial Term described in Section 5.1 and any Renewal Term.
 - “**Third Party Materials**” means software and data provided by third parties and contained in the Products. Applicable third party license agreements and disclaimers will be provided with the relevant Products.
2. **Subscription Services.**
 - 2.1. **Subscription Services.** Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, during the applicable Subscription Term as to each Covered Product, CCH hereby grants to Customer, and Customer accepts, a non-exclusive, non-transferable (except pursuant to Section 12), limited license to access the Covered Product(s) through the media and method provided or specified by CCH solely for Customer’s internal business purposes. The license in the preceding sentence shall only be for the specific number of Authorized User(s) and specific Facilities identified in the Order. In addition to the access described above, each Product subscription shall include and CCH’s then current, generally applicable support services for such Product (collectively, and together with the access, the “**Subscription Services**”). The Subscription Services also include periodic releases, and upgrades and updates to the Covered Products as may be made generally available by CCH to its customers for no additional charge from time to time. However, CCH reserves the right to charge separately for any new Products or new databases and/or functionality that are not generally released to CCH’s customers for no additional charge as part of the Covered Products. Customer shall be solely responsible for connection of Customer’s computers to a telecommunications service that provides Internet access for purposes of Customer’s access and use of the Subscription Service. Any new or additional features and/functions may be offered separately and may be subject to additional fees. If Customer desires to increase the number of Authorized Users or add Facilities or add Product Products to its subscription, the parties will mutually agree on an additional Order to address such matters.
 - 2.2. **Limited Rights.** Except as expressly authorized by this Agreement, Customer will not (and will not allow any third party to): (i) provide access to the Covered Products, (ii) provide, lend, assign, transfer, sublicense or otherwise distribute or make available to the results of any Subscription Services to any third party other than authorized Users who are employees of Customer, (iii) decompile, disassemble, reverse engineer or otherwise access the Covered Products in any manner not expressly permitted under this Agreement, the applicable Product Description, or for internal development of a similar product, (iv) use the Covered Products to develop a competing product or service; (v) provide, lease, lend, use for timesharing or service bureau purposes or otherwise use or allow others to use any Covered Product for the benefit of any third party, or (vi) use any Covered Product, or allow the transfer, transmission, export, or re-export of any Covered Product or portion thereof in violation of any export control laws or regulations administered by the U.S. Commerce Department, or any other government agency. Customer shall not remove any copyright, trademark, proprietary rights, disclaimer or warning notice included on or embedded in any part of Subscription Services (including any screen displays, etc.) or any other products or materials delivered by CCH hereunder. Except for the express license granted herein, no other licenses are granted by CCH by implication or otherwise.
 - 2.3. **Updates to Product Descriptions.** CCH reserves the right to update and revise the Product Descriptions from time to time. Customer acknowledges that a copy of the Product Descriptions for the Covered Product has been made available to Customer prior to the Effective Date. The Product Descriptions for the Covered Products as updated by CCH from time to time are hereby incorporated into this Agreement by reference in their entirety. In the event of a conflict between the terms of the Product Descriptions for any Covered Product and the terms of this Agreement, the terms of this Agreement shall control.
 - 2.4. **Training.** If set forth in an Order, CCH will provide training and/or training materials to Customer on the support, use, and technical functions of the Covered Products on a time and materials basis at the rates set forth in the Order. Customer shall reimburse CCH for all expenses and out-of-pocket costs related to the training. Non client specific training will be provided via regularly schedule webinars at CCH discretion.
3. **Fees.**
 - 3.1. **Subscription Fees.** Each year during the applicable Subscription Term, Customer shall pay to CCH the annual subscription fee(s) set forth in the Order hereto for each Covered Product (collectively, the “**Subscription Fees**”), as consideration for the Subscription Services. The Subscription Fees are due and payable in accordance with the Order. Following the initial year of the Subscription Term set forth in the Order Document, CCH, in its sole discretion, may increase the fees due for a renewal term on sixty (60) days written notice prior to the commencement of the renewal term, which adjustment shall be effective on the commencement of the renewal term. During the Initial Term set forth in the Order Document, any such annual increase shall not exceed five percent (5%) of the previous applicable annual fee. The foregoing limitations do not apply to increases in fees as a result of CCH’s cost increases due to price changes in AMA CPT Assistant or AHA Coding Clinic, if applicable to the Covered Products licensed by Customer.

- 3.2. **Payment Terms.** Invoices for all fees are due and payable upon receipt. If an invoice is not paid in full within thirty (30) days after the invoice date, a late payment fee of one and one-half percent (1.5%) of the balance due will be charged each month. This late payment fee is not intended to create a credit arrangement. Customer agrees to pay all court costs, fees, expenses and reasonable attorneys' fees incurred by CCH in collecting delinquent fees.
- 3.3. **Taxes.** All taxes, duties, fees and other governmental charges of any kind (including sales and use taxes, but excluding taxes based on the gross revenues or net income of CCH) that are imposed by or under the authority of any government or any political subdivision thereof on the fees for the Subscription Services or the Setup Services provided by CCH under this Agreement, shall be borne solely by Customer, unless Customer can evidence its tax exemption and shall not be considered a part of, a deduction from or an offset against such fees. If Customer loses tax exempt status, it shall pay any taxes due as part of any renewal or payment. Customer shall promptly notify CCH if its tax status changes.
4. **Ownership; Customer Data.** Except as otherwise expressly set forth in Section 2.1 above, this Agreement grants no rights whatsoever to Customer or any third party in the patents, copyrights, trade secrets, trademarks, service marks or other intellectual property rights of CCH, including any rights in the Covered Products, whether created prior to, during or after the performance of this Agreement. All right, title and interest in the Covered Products and new releases, and all revisions, modifications and derivatives thereof, shall at all times remain the property of CCH and CCH licensors. Except for the limited license below, nothing contained in this Agreement shall be construed as granting CCH any right, title, or interest in or to any Customer provided data or other content input into the Products (the "**Customer Data**"). Customer grants CCH the right during the term of this Agreement to use the Customer Data solely in connection with performing its obligations under this Agreement. Customer warrants that it has obtained all rights, consents, and permissions necessary to input the Customer Data into the Covered Products and to grant the foregoing right to CCH. Customer shall be solely responsible for (i) ensuring all Customer Data is encrypted using the inherent functionality of the Covered Product; and (ii) managing and securing the encryption keys. CCH shall not be liable for any loss or damage resulting from Customer's failure to encrypt its data or failure to adequately secure its encryption keys. **Customer understands that if it loses an encryption key, the associated encrypted data cannot be recovered.**
5. **Term and Termination.**
 - 5.1. **Subscription Term.** The initial subscription term for each Covered Product is set forth in the Order (the "**Initial Term**"). The Initial Term for each Covered Product will automatically renew for successive terms equal to duration of the Initial Term unless CCH receives written notice from Customer of its desire to terminate a particular Covered Product at least sixty (60) days prior to the end of the then current Subscription Term (each, a "Renewal Term"). Such notice will serve as representation of Customer's desire not to renew that particular Covered Product and such notice will not be applied to other Covered Products unless Customer so indicates.
 - 5.2. **Term of this Agreement.** Except as specifically provided in this Section 5, the term of this Agreement will continue from the Effective Date through and until the termination or expiration of the last applicable Subscription Term, after giving effect to all applicable renewals and extensions thereof.
 - 5.3. **Termination of Subscription Service or Agreement for Cause.** Either party ("**Aggrieved Party**") may terminate any Subscription Service or this Agreement upon written notice of such termination, if the other party commits a material breach of this Agreement and fails to correct or cure such material breach within sixty (60) days following written notice by the Aggrieved Party to the other party specifying the material breach, and the nature and extent thereof, in reasonable detail and referencing this Section 5.3. Failure of Customer to pay any amounts when due shall constitute a material breach and CCH shall be entitled to terminate any Subscription Service or this Agreement part for cause immediately and without notice.
 - 5.4. **Effect of Termination or Expiration of Subscription Term.** Immediately upon termination or expiration of any Subscription Service or this Agreement in whole or in part, Customer will cease the use of the Covered Product. Any continued use will be the same as a renewal request and CCH bill Customer for a full Renewal Term and Customer agrees to pay the applicable Subscription Fee.
 - 5.5. **Survival.** Notwithstanding any termination of this Agreement, the following Sections shall survive, along with all definitions required thereby: Sections 4, 5.4, 6, 7.2, 9, and 12, and any other provision of this Agreement that contemplates a continuing obligation. In the event of termination or expiration of this Agreement or any Subscription Service, CCH shall have the unrestricted right to cease all further performance under any provision of this Agreement which does not survive termination. Unless a contrary intention clearly appears, expressions of termination, cancellation or rescission of this Agreement may not be construed as a renunciation or discharge of any claim in damages for an antecedent breach of this Agreement.
6. **Confidentiality.**
 - 6.1. **Proprietary Information.** "**Proprietary Information**" means any proprietary or confidential information of either party however embodied, including without limitation information, technical data or know-how which relates to computer software programs or documentation, specifications, source code, object code, research, inventions, processes, designs, drawings, engineering, products, services, customers, markets or finances, which information is disclosed to the other party in accordance with the provisions of Section 6.2. Notwithstanding the above, Proprietary Information shall not include any information that is either: (i) available from public sources or in the public domain, through no fault of the Recipient; (ii) received at any time from any third party without breach of a non-disclosure obligation to the disclosing party; (iii) shown through proper documentation to have been developed independently by the Recipient; (iv) readily discernible from publicly-available products or literature; or (v) approved for disclosure by prior written permission of a corporate officer of the disclosing party. Either party may disclose the Proprietary Information of the other party pursuant to any judicial or governmental order or regulation to the extent required by such order or regulation, provided that such party provides the other party with sufficient prior notice to contest such order or seek appropriate confidential treatment of the Proprietary Information. The parties agree not to disclose the terms and conditions of this Agreement without the prior written consent of the other party.
 - 6.2. **Required Notices and Legends.** The Products and all related technical information (including the terms of this Agreement) furnished in any manner by CCH, are agreed to be the Proprietary Information of CCH. Otherwise, no information of either party shall be protected or treated as Proprietary Information hereunder, unless disclosed in accordance with the following procedures: (i) if disclosed information is written, recorded, graphical or otherwise in a tangible form, then it shall be labeled as "Proprietary," "Confidential," or with a similar legend denoting confidentiality, which legend shall indicate the identity of the disclosing party; and (ii) if information is orally disclosed, then it shall be identified as confidential at the time of its disclosure.
 - 6.3. **Restrictions on Proprietary Information.** Each party, as a recipient (a "**Recipient**"), agrees that, with respect to any Proprietary Information that is disclosed to it within the scope hereof: (i) such Proprietary Information shall not be further disclosed, to any person outside of the Recipient's business organization (except to contractors and consultants of the Recipient who perform services on the Recipient's business premises, and who are subject to appropriate nondisclosure obligations consistent with the obligations hereunder), and shall only be disclosed within the Recipient's organization on a "need-to-know" basis to individuals who have been apprised of the confidential nature of the information; (ii) such Proprietary Information shall be treated according to the same internal security procedures, and with the same degree of care regarding its secrecy and confidentiality, as similar information of the Recipient is treated within the Recipient's organization; and (iii) such Proprietary Information shall remain the property of the disclosing party, and its disclosure to the Recipient hereunder creates only a limited right of Recipient to use such information in furtherance of Recipient's obligations under this Agreement.

7. Representation and Warranties.

- 7.1. CCH Representations and Warranties. CCH represents and warrants to Customer that (i) it shall use reasonable care to perform its duties hereunder in a professional and workmanlike manner; and (ii) during the Term, the Covered Products shall operate in substantial conformity with the applicable Product Description. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Customer's sole and exclusive remedy, and CCH's sole and exclusive liability, for a breach of the foregoing representations and warranties shall be CCH generally applicable support services, replacement of a Product if necessary, or a credit for the pre-paid portion of the subscription for the affected Covered Product, as determined in CCH's sole discretion.
- 7.2. Warranty Disclaimer. EXCEPT FOR THE EXPRESS WARRANTIES SET FORTH ABOVE, THE COVERED PRODUCTS AND THE SUBSCRIPTION SERVICES ARE PROVIDED "AS IS" AND "AS-AVAILABLE" BASIS AND CCH DOES NOT MAKE, AND HEREBY DISCLAIMS, ANY AND ALL OTHER EXPRESS OR IMPLIED WARRANTIES, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, NON-INFRINGEMENT, WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY, FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE, TITLE, ANY WARRANTIES ARISING FROM A COURSE OF DEALING, USAGE, OR TRADE PRACTICE, OR THAT THE COVERED PRODUCTS WILL OPERATE ON AN UNINTERRUPTED OR ERROR-FREE BASIS. CCH MAKES NO WARRANTY OF ANY KIND, WHETHER EXPRESS OR IMPLIED WITH REGARD TO ANY THIRD PARTY MATERIALS. CCH EXPRESSLY DISCLAIMS ALL WARRANTIES, EXPRESS AND IMPLIED, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY, TITLE/NON-INFRINGEMENT, QUALITY OF INFORMATION, QUIET ENJOYMENT, AND FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE WITH REGARD TO THE THIRD PARTY MATERIALS. ALL THIRD PARTY MATERIALS ARE PROVIDED AS-IS, WITHOUT WARRANTIES OF ANY KIND. CUSTOMER ACKNOWLEDGES THAT SECURITY SAFEGUARDS, BY THEIR NATURE, ARE CAPABLE OF CIRCUMVENTION AND THAT CCH DOES NOT AND CANNOT GUARANTEE THAT THE COVERED PRODUCT, CCH'S SYSTEMS, AND THE INFORMATION CONTAINED THEREIN (INCLUDING CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION) CANNOT BE ACCESSED BY UNAUTHORIZED PERSONS CAPABLE OF OVERCOMING SUCH SAFEGUARDS. CCH SHALL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE OR LIABLE FOR ANY SUCH UNAUTHORIZED ACCESS NOR SHALL ANY SUCH UNAUTHORIZED ACCESS CONSTITUTE A BREACH BY CCH OF ITS CONFIDENTIALITY OBLIGATIONS HEREUNDER.
- 7.3. Certification Regarding Exclusion From State And Federally Funded Health Care Programs. CCH certifies that CCH, including its employees, whether temporary, permanent, full-time, or part-time, or subcontractors, is not and at no time has been sanctioned, excluded or proposed for exclusion from participation in any federal or state funded health care program, including but not limited to the Medicare or Medicaid programs.

8. Intellectual Property Indemnification.

- 8.1. Indemnity. CCH agrees to defend and settle at its expense and pay any final judgment or settlement in connection any third-party claim that Customer's authorized use of the Covered Products infringes a United States Patent or copyright of any third party. The foregoing indemnification obligation of CCH is contingent upon CCH being promptly notified in writing of such claim, has the sole authority to control the defense or settlement of such claim, and receives the reasonable assistance of Customer in connection therewith. If a claim of infringement under this Section 8 occurs, or if CCH determines that a claim is likely to occur, CCH will have the right, in its sole discretion, to either: (i) procure for Customer the right or license to continue to use the Covered Product free of the infringement claim; or (ii) modify the Covered Product to make it non-infringing. If these remedies are not reasonably available to CCH, CCH may, at its option, immediately terminate the Term for the affected Covered Product or the entire Agreement and return any fees that have been paid by Customer in advance for future periods with respect to the affected Covered Product. Notwithstanding the foregoing, CCH shall have no obligation with respect to any claim of infringement that is based upon or arises out of (the "Excluded Claims"): (i) the use or combination of the Covered Products with any hardware, software, products, data or other materials not provided by CCH; (ii) modification or alteration of the Covered Products by anyone other than CCH; (iii) Customer's use of the Covered Products in excess of the rights granted in this Agreement; (iv) any Third Party Materials; or (v) a business method or process that is inherent to Customer's business. Customer will indemnify and defend CCH from any claim, demand, action, proceeding, judgment, or liability a third-party claim arising out of (i) an Excluded Claim; or (ii) CCH's authorized use of the Customer Data. The foregoing indemnification obligation of Customer is contingent upon CCH promptly notifying Customer in writing of such claim, permitting Customer sole authority to control the defense or settlement of such claim, and providing Customer reasonable assistance in connection therewith.
- 8.2. Exclusive Remedy. THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION 8 STATE THE SOLE AND EXCLUSIVE OBLIGATIONS AND LIABILITY OF CCH AND ITS LICENSORS AND SUPPLIERS FOR ANY PATENT, COPYRIGHT, TRADEMARK, TRADE SECRET OR OTHER INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS INFRINGEMENT CLAIMS ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THE COVERED PRODUCTS AND/OR SUBSCRIPTION SERVICES AND/OR THIS AGREEMENT. The provisions of this Section 8 are in lieu of any implied warranties of non-infringement, all of which are disclaimed.

9. Disclaimer and Limitations.

- 9.1. CCH is not liable for any claims attributable to any errors, omissions, or other inaccuracies in the information or material contained herein.
- 9.2. NEITHER CCH NOR ITS VENDORS AND LICENSORS SHALL HAVE ANY LIABILITY TO CUSTOMER OR ANY THIRD PARTY FOR ANY LOSS OF PROFITS, SALES, BUSINESS, DATA, OR OTHER INCIDENTAL, CONSEQUENTIAL, OR SPECIAL LOSS OR DAMAGE, INCLUDING EXEMPLARY AND PUNITIVE DAMAGES, OF ANY KIND OR NATURE RESULTING FROM OR ARISING OUT OF THIS AGREEMENT, THE COVERED PRODUCTS, AND ANY SERVICES RENDERED HEREUNDER. THE TOTAL LIABILITY OF CCH AND ITS VENDORS AND LICENSORS TO CUSTOMER OR ANY THIRD PARTY ARISING OUT OF THIS AGREEMENT, THE COVERED PRODUCTS, AND ANY SERVICES RENDERED HEREUNDER FOR ANY AND ALL CLAIMS OR TYPES OF DAMAGES SHALL NOT EXCEED THE TOTAL FEES PAID OR PAYABLE HEREUNDER BY CUSTOMER DURING THE TWELVE (12) MONTHS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE FIRST EVENT GIVING RISE TO LIABILITY.
- 9.3. The allocations of liability in this Section 9 represent the agreed, bargained-for understanding of the parties and CCH's compensation hereunder reflects such allocations. The limitation of liability and types of damages stated in this Agreement are intended by the parties to apply regardless of the form of lawsuit or claim a party may bring, whether in tort, contract or otherwise, and regardless of whether any limited remedy provided for in this Agreement fails of its essential purpose.

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- 10.3.1. U.S Government Rights. This product includes CPT, which is commercial technical data, and/or commercial computer software documentation, as applicable that were developed exclusively at private expense by the AMA, 515 North State Street, Chicago, Illinois, 60610. U.S. Government rights to use, modify, reproduce, release, perform, display, or disclose these technical data and/or computer data bases and/or computer software and/or computer software documentation are subject to the limited rights restrictions of DFARS 252.227-7015(b)(2) (June 1995) and/or subject to the restrictions of DFARS 227.7202-1(a) (June 1995) and DFARS 227.7202-3(a) (June 1995), as applicable for U.S. Department of Defense procurements and the limited rights restrictions of FAR 52.227-14 (June 1987) and/or subject to the restricted rights restrictions of FAR 52.227-14 (June 1987) and FAR 52.227-19 (June 1987), as applicable, and any applicable agency FAR Supplements, for non-Department of Defense Federal procurements.
- 10.3.2. The provision of an updated version of CPT in the product is dependent upon CCH continuing contractual relations with AMA. The distribution or publishing of CPT information in any public electronic bulletin board, or public based information system is prohibited. Customer and any other end user who has authorized access to the product must comply with the provisions of this Agreement governing use of the product. Any questions pertaining to the subscription or use of CPT or CPT Assistant should be addressed to the AMA.
11. Certification Regarding Exclusion From State And Federally Funded Health Care Programs: Anti-Kickback Laws. CCH certifies that its MediRegs business unit is not and at no time has been sanctioned, excluded or proposed for exclusion from participation in any federal or state funded health care program, including but not limited to the Medicare or Medicaid programs. Neither the MediRegs business unit nor Customer shall engage in any activity prohibited by Medicare anti-kickback, anti self-referral or anti-rebate laws, or any other federal, state or local law or regulation which relate to health care and/or the performance of services under this Agreement, as those regulations now exist or as subsequently amended, renumbered or revised.
12. Miscellaneous. Either party may assign its rights and delegate its duties under this Agreement to the surviving entity in a merger or consolidation in which it participates or to a purchaser of substantially all of the assets of the business. Otherwise, neither party may assign any rights nor delegate any duties under this Agreement without the other party’s prior written consent, which shall not unreasonably withheld. This Agreement will bind and inure to the benefit of the parties and their respective successors and permitted assigns. This Agreement cannot be modified without the express written consent of both parties. No waiver of any breach of any provision of this Agreement shall constitute a waiver of any breach of the same or any other provision hereof, and no waiver shall be effective unless made in writing and signed by an authorized representative of the waiving party. This Agreement will be governed by, and construed and interpreted according to, the substantive laws of the State of Illinois. The parties agree that all actions or proceedings arising in connection with this Agreement shall be tried and litigated exclusively in the state or federal courts (if permitted by law and a party elects to file an action in federal court) located in: (i) the state in which Customer’s principal place of business is located, if Customer is the defendant; or (ii) Cook County, Illinois, if CCH is the defendant. Each party waives any right it may have to assert the doctrine of forum non conveniens or similar doctrine or theory or to object to venue with respect to any proceeding brought in accordance with this Section. In the event that any provision of this Agreement shall be held to be illegal, or otherwise unenforceable, such provision shall be severed and the entire Agreement shall not fail on account thereof and the balance of the Agreement shall continue in full force and effect. This Agreement, together with the Orders, and Product Descriptions referred to herein, is a completely integrated agreement, and constitutes the final and entire agreement between the parties relating to its subject matter. It supersedes any and all prior or contemporaneous letters, memoranda, representations, discussions, negotiations, understandings and agreements, whether written or oral, with respect to such subject matter, all of the same being merged herein. No other terms and conditions or agreements, including any terms and conditions contained on Customer’s purchase orders (“Additional Terms”) shall be binding on CCH. All such Additional Terms shall be of no force or effect and shall be deemed rejected by CCH in their entirety. All notices, reports, requests, approvals, and other communications required or permitted under this Agreement must be in writing and will be deemed given when received. Notices shall be directed to the person designated by each party for such notices. Anything herein to the contrary notwithstanding, the parties to this Agreement are independent contractors; there is no relationship of agency, partnership, joint venture, employment or franchise between the parties. Neither party has the authority to bind the other or to incur any obligation on its behalf. Except for Customer’s payment obligations, if either party is prevented from performing any of its obligations under this Agreement due to any cause beyond the party’s reasonable control, including, without limitation, an act of God, fire, flood, explosion, war, strike, embargo, government regulation, civil or military authority, acts or omissions of carriers, transmitters, providers of telecommunications or Internet services, vandals, or hackers time for that party’s performance will be extended for the period of the delay or inability to perform due to such occurrence without liability to the other party. Any suit, cause of action, claim or demand by a party must be brought no later than one (1) year from the date it becomes known or should have been known by the party bringing suit. This Agreement shall not be construed to make Authorized Users or any other person or entity, a third party beneficiary hereof. This Agreement may be signed in counterparts, all of which upon execution and delivery shall be considered an original and together shall constitute one agreement. Signed facsimile copies of this Agreement will legally bind the parties to the same extent as original documents. Customer agrees that it will not in any form export, re-export, resell, ship, or divert or permit to be exported, re-exported, resold, shipped or diverted, directly or indirectly, any product or technical data or software furnished hereunder, or the direct product of such technical data or software, in violation of applicable law, regulation, rule or order. This Agreement may be accepted in electronic form (e.g., by an electronic or digital signature or other means of demonstrating assent) and Customer’s acceptance will be deemed binding between the parties. Customer agrees it will not contest the validity or enforceability of this Agreement because it was accepted in electronic form.