

## **AMB SERVICE AGREEMENT**

THIS SERVICE AGREEMENT (the “Agreement”) is made and entered into on this the \_\_\_\_st day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017, by and between Hallandale Beach Fire Rescue, 121 S.W. 3rd Street, Hallandale Beach, FL 33009 (“CLIENT”), and Credit Bureau Systems, Inc. d/b/a Ambulance Medical Billing, of 100 Fulton Court, Paducah, Kentucky 42002-9200 (hereafter “AMB”), pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth herein. For the consideration stated herein, the parties do hereby agree as follows:

- 1. Description of Services.** AMB is a national ambulance and EMS full service billing and revenue cycle enhancement firm, specializing in billing and obtaining payment for services provided by ambulance services, and CLIENT is in the business of providing ambulance services to patients in its geographical location. For the term of this Agreement, as defined herein, AMB shall use commercially reasonable efforts to bill for and obtain reimbursement for CLIENT for the services rendered by the Client to patients, on or after the Effective Date, by billing patients and third party payers, including applicable governmental programs and entities (hereafter “The Services”). Any additional services which AMB agrees to provide are explicitly set forth in the Addenda hereto which are incorporated herein by reference and explicitly made a part of and included in the Services.

CLIENT agrees that AMB will be the sole and exclusive provider of the Services during the terms of this Agreement, and CLIENT will not utilize any other party or entity, or its own personnel, to bill for services rendered by CLIENT during the term of this Agreement.

- 2. Effective Date.** This Agreement shall be effective for all Services rendered by CLIENT on and after \_\_\_\_\_, during the term of this Agreement, as defined herein. AMB shall have no obligation or responsibility for accounts receivables already existing as of the Effective Date, unless a separate written agreement is entered into by the parties (hereafter “Legacy Claims”).
- 3. Term.** The initial term of this Agreement shall be for three (3) years from the Effective Date (hereafter the “Initial Term”). The Initial Term shall automatically renew for an additional one (1) year term (hereafter the “Additional Term”) unless the Agreement is terminated as set forth herein.

**4. Fees.** Beginning as of the Effective Date, CLIENT shall pay AMB a fee of 5.6% per of net collections received during the Initial Term and any Additional Term (the “Base Fee”). Net collections shall be defined as the total sum of all monies collected/received by AMB and CLIENT, for the services rendered by CLIENT after the Effective Date, during the Initial Term or any Additional Term of this Agreement. A fee of \$7.00 per medicaid claim will also be applied. The parties agree that some direct payments will be made to CLIENT during the term of this Agreement (hereafter “Direct Payments”) and CLIENT acknowledges that AMB is entitled to be paid its fee, as described herein, with respect to any such Direct Payments. CLIENT shall report all such Direct Payments to AMB within 72 hours of receiving said payment.

**5. Computer Hardware, Software, and Training.** To implement the Services, CLIENT has requested, and AMB has agreed to provide, the following necessary computer hardware, software, equipment, and training (hereafter collectively the “Equipment”) for the following agreed upon prices:

- a. ESO Subscription –\$10,621.35
- b. (8) Getac V110’s- \$23,200
- c. Cardiac Monitor Interface- \$825.85
- d. CAD Interface- \$2,070.85
- e. Training - \$2,500.00

Total Charge for Equipment: \$39,218.05

If this Agreement is terminated by CLIENT, or AMB, for any reason, prior to the completion of the Initial Term, CLIENT shall pay AMB the pro-rata portion of the Total Charge for Equipment that represents the pro-rata portion of the Initial Term that is not completed due to termination (hereafter the “Pro Rata Charge for Equipment”). By way of example, if CLIENT terminates this Agreement, for whatever reason, after 19 months, CLIENT shall owe and shall pay AMB the Pro Rata Charge for Equipment which shall be equal to 17/36ths of the Total Charge for Equipment, upon termination. CLIENT specifically agrees and acknowledges that it shall have no right to return the Equipment, or any portion of the Equipment, to AMB for a full or partial credit towards the Total Charge for Equipment owed by CLIENT to AMB.

If CLIENT fulfills its obligations as described herein, including its obligation to pay for all Base Fees as described herein, and the Agreement is not terminated prior to the expiration of the Initial Term, CLIENT shall owe no additional amount to AMB for the Equipment.

- 6. Remit To Address.** It is mutually agreed that, with the exception of Medicare payments, all payer “remit to” addresses shall be directed to the offices of AMB and its Client Trust Account.
- 7. Payment of Fees to AMB.** AMB shall send an invoice to CLIENT for all Base Fees, any Pro Rata Charge for Equipment due and owing, and any other charges, as provided for herein, on or about the 10<sup>th</sup> day of each month following the close of business for the prior month (hereafter “Invoice”). Payment is due, and CLIENT shall pay, the Invoice upon receipt. Any Invoice, or part of any Invoice, that is not paid by CLIENT within thirty (30) days of the Invoice date, shall be subject to, and CLIENT shall pay, interest at the rate of 1.5% per month until paid.

All charges on any Invoice that are not disputed in writing by CLIENT within thirty (30) days of the Invoice date shall be deemed correct, final and non-modifiable by the parties (hereafter “Undisputed Charges”).

CLIENT agrees to, and hereby does, grant AMB a lien and right of offset on all money received on behalf of CLIENT, as a result of the Services provided by AMB, up to the amount of all outstanding invoices.

Should CLIENT fail to pay AMB within thirty (30) days of the date of any Invoice, CLIENT hereby authorizes and directs AMB to access, withhold, and retain sufficient sums for payment to AMB of all outstanding invoices from money paid on behalf of CLIENT from payment transactions on patient accounts, whether from insurance companies, governmental payers, or patients. AMB shall have the right, but not the obligation, to take such steps as allowed herein, and AMB does not waive the right to take any steps it is allowed to take herein by refraining from immediately taking such steps. AMB shall provide a full and complete accounting to CLIENT of all payments remitted to AMB on behalf of CLIENT, and AMB shall promptly remit to CLIENT all money remitted to AMB, net of any money retained and applied towards amounts owed to AMB.

- 8. Remittances, Bank Account and Treasury Process** A bank account or lockbox account will be set up and maintained in the name of The CLIENT for the purpose of receiving remittances from AMB (hereafter the “Bank Account”). CLIENT shall be responsible for

all bank charges, and AMB shall have no responsibility or liability for any bank errors or omissions. Except as provided for in Section 6 of this agreement, AMB shall remit all amounts collected on a daily basis to the CLIENT'S Bank Account via ACH Electronic Funds Transfer.

**9. Operating Procedures.** CLIENT agrees and acknowledges that in order for AMB to provide the Services contemplated herein, CLIENT must provide, or cause facilities, hospitals, or other third-party sites at which CLIENT provides services, to provide to AMB accurate and complete demographic information required by AMB, at no cost to AMB (hereafter the "Demographic Information"). CLIENT acknowledges that AMB will necessarily rely on the Demographic Information in providing the Services contemplated herein, and that the timing and amount of reimbursements and ultimately Net Collections generated by AMB and received by CLIENT is directly related to the completeness, timeliness and accuracy of the Demographic Information and other variables, some of which are beyond the control of AMB.

AMB will bill and attempt to collect CLIENT charges in a commercially reasonable manner and in accordance with all applicable Federal, State and Local laws and regulations.

**10. Cash Flow Ramp Up.** AMB acknowledges that maintaining adequate cash flow for CLIENT is an important part of the relationship between CLIENT and AMB, and AMB will use its good-faith, best efforts to maximize CLIENT'S cash flow. CLIENT acknowledges that its cash flow is affected by many things, including its run volume, which are out of AMB'S control. CLIENT agrees and acknowledges that AMB has explained that it will diligently begin billing, re-billing, and following up on CLIENT'S claims as of the Effective Date. CLIENT further acknowledges that it understands that, unless a separate written agreement is entered into, AMB has not agreed to provide Services with respect to CLIENT'S Legacy Claims, and it is vitally important to CLIENT'S cash flow that CLIENT or some other third party continue to re-bill and follow up with respect to its Legacy Claims. CLIENT acknowledges that in order for cash flow to remain at levels comparable to that which existed pre-Effective Date, it is vitally important for CLIENT to continue to diligently bill, re-bill, and follow up with all Legacy Claims with the same effort, timeliness, and manpower as before the Effective Date.

**11. Confidentiality.** AMB agrees not to disclose to anyone other than CLIENT any information about CLIENT's business, fee structure, internal compensation, operating practices and procedures, methods, managed care or facility contracting strategies, or similar business information that would commonly be understood to be confidential or any confidential medical information regarding CLIENT's patients received in the course of performing the Services (CLIENT's "Confidential Information"), except as required to bill charges, as legally required, or as otherwise provided herein.

CLIENT agrees that it will not disclose to third parties information about AMB'S business, fee structure, strategies, internal compensation, operating practices, procedures, protocols, methods, vendors, computer hardware and proprietary software utilized, and resulting or related processes employed by AMB to provide the Services (AMBs "Confidential Information").

Each party's Confidential Information shall remain the property of that party, during and after this Agreement. Both parties shall, at all times, have in force a signed Confidentiality Agreement executed by each full time and part time employee, independent contractor, consultant and vendor that requires CLIENT'S Confidential Information and AMB'S Confidential Information to be maintained and protected as set forth herein, which said Confidentiality Agreement(s) shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement. Both parties shall comply with, and assist the other with compliance with applicable state or federal confidentiality requirements as to individual patient information.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, CLIENT agrees that AMB may use CLIENT information for research and statistical compilation purposes so long as CLIENT and patient identifying information is kept confidential in accordance with applicable law.

**12. Software and Proprietary Information.** AMB will at all times during the term of this Agreement, have a valid and current copy of and license for use of any third party billing software used to provide the Services required hereunder, and CLIENT will be given timely notice of any changes in third party software vendors or systems to the extent those changes would materially affect the Services. The parties agree that AMB may store Demographic Information, back-up documentation, statements, explanations of benefits, payer inquiries and other information it receives in connection with the Services ("CLIENT Information") in electronic form through optical scanning or other technologies selected by AMB and that AMB is not obligated to maintain paper copies. AMB will at all times maintain a current and complete copy of all CLIENT Information in a secure, off-site location and that no CLIENT data shall be deleted or purged unless a period of seven years

has passed since the date services were provided by CLIENT or CLIENT gives written approval of such data deletion.

It is specifically acknowledged that all CLIENT data is the property of CLIENT but that AMB may maintain a copy for documentation of Services and for other purposes relating to this Agreement during and after the term of this Agreement.

**13. Termination.** This Agreement can be terminated by CLIENT at any time with 90 days written notice for any reason. In the event this Agreement is terminated, for whatever reason, or expires, the parties agree as follows:

- a) AMB shall continue to perform Services, and be entitled to the Base Fees set forth herein, for a period of one hundred twenty (120) days after the effective date of termination (hereafter “Wind Down Period”) for all of CLIENT’s charges for services rendered prior to the termination date (hereafter “Wind Down Fees”).
- b) CLIENT expressly agrees to cooperate and assist AMB with its performance during the Wind Down Period and will timely report, or cause to be reported, all payment received during the Wind Down Period.
- c) AMB shall discontinue performing Services for CLIENT at the end of the Wind Down Period. CLIENT shall have no right to require the discontinuation of Services before the completion of the Wind Down Period.
- d) AMB shall deliver to CLIENT, conditioned upon full payment of all invoices owed to AMB, a complete list of the existing accounts receivable (all debit and credit balances) in an industry standard electronic format, including data layout and/or translation tables.

**14. Non-Employment.** During the term of this Agreement and for a one year period commencing with the termination of this Agreement, both parties agree not to employ, directly or indirectly, or through any third party rendering services on behalf of such party, any employees of the other or its parent, affiliates or subsidiaries, without written consent of the other party. Both parties agree that the other party does not have an adequate remedy at law to protect its rights under this section and agree that the non-defaulting party will have the right to injunctive relief from any violation or threatened violation of this section.

**15. Notice.** Any notices, payment, demand or communication required or permitted to be given herein shall be sent to the following:

If to AMB:	If to Client:
Ambulance Medical Billing	_____
Attn: Bill Harrod	_____
100 Fulton Court	_____
Paducah KY 42002-9200	_____

**16. Governing Law and Jurisdiction.** This Agreement shall be interpreted and governed by the laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. In the event of any dispute or disagreement between CLIENT and AMB, the sole and exclusive venue and jurisdiction shall be in the McCracken Circuit Court, McCracken County, Kentucky.

**17. Indemnification.** AMB will indemnify, defend (including providing a legal defense and paying all reasonable attorney's fees and reasonable litigation expenses) and hold harmless, CLIENT, its officers, directors, shareholders, employees and contractors, against any claims, damages, or liability (including but not limited to any claims, judgments, causes of action, fines, penalties, attorneys' fees, litigation costs and/or damages) arising out of AMB's errors, omissions, or acts which cause damages to the CLIENT.

It is mutually understood and agreed that AMB shall use commercially reasonable efforts in the performance of its duties. Collection performance, however, shall not be deemed an error, omission, act, or basis for a claim under this agreement.

CLIENT will indemnify, defend (including providing a legal defense and paying all reasonable attorney's fees and reasonable litigation expenses) and hold harmless, AMB, its officers, directors, shareholders, employees and contractors, against any claims, damages, or liability (including but not limited to any claims, judgments, causes of action, fines, penalties, attorneys' fees, litigation costs and/or damages) arising out of CLIENT'S errors, omissions, or acts which cause damages to AMB.

**18. Independent Contractors.** The parties to this Agreement are independent contractors and nothing herein shall be construed to create an employment relationship between either party or its members.

**19. Insurance.** AMB affirms that at all times during the term(s) of this Agreement, it shall have in force valid Worker's Compensation insurance covering all of its employees, as well as General Liability Insurance with a policy limit of no less than \$500,000, and Errors and Omissions insurance coverage with a policy limit of no less than \$3,000,000. AMB shall provide CLIENT proof of required coverage.

**20. Inspection.** CLIENT, its agents and representatives, shall at all times during the term of this Agreement have reasonable access, during regular business hours, to review and inspect the location(s) where the services are performed upon seven (7) days advance written notice to AMB. Any inspection performed shall be subject to the confidentiality provisions of this Agreement and shall be conducted so as not to disrupt AMB's staff or business. AMB shall not unreasonably deny, restrict or delay access for any requested inspection. In the event that CLIENT engages the services of an outside party to conduct or assist in any inspection, CLIENT shall ensure that all other parties are bound by a Confidentiality Agreement identical to the one applicable to the parties to this Agreement.

**21. Force Majeur.** Time is of the essence in the performance of the duties required by each party hereunder. However, performance of duties hereunder may be impeded by occurrences beyond the control of one or both parties. Events such as flood, earthquake, hurricane, tornado, blizzard, fire, riot, war, insurrection, or civil disturbance, strikes by common carriers, extended loss (more than 48 hours) of utilities (except for non-payment), and similar events shall excuse the affected party from performance of services impeded by such event(s). Nevertheless, each party has a duty to use reasonable efforts to prevent or mitigate such impediments. In the event that any catastrophe shall prevent the timely billing of CLIENT's services by AMB for more than fifteen (15) working days, CLIENT shall have the right to secure, without penalty, substitute services until AMB can restore services, at which time AMB's responsibilities and rights under this Agreement shall be reinstated. For its protection, CLIENT shall, at its own expense, purchase and maintain business interruption and/or accounts receivable insurance coverage to cover any such catastrophic event, as stated above.



## **22. Miscellaneous.**

- a) This Agreement contains the entire agreement between the parties relative to the Services to be provided to CLIENT and no representations, inducements, promises or agreements, oral or otherwise, between the parties not embodied in the Agreement will be of any force or effect.
- b) This Agreement specifically supersedes any prior written or oral agreements between the parties relating to the provisions of the Services, and any amendments or changes to this Agreement must be in writing, and signed by both CLIENT and AMB to be effective.
- c) This Agreement is binding upon, and inures to the benefit of and is enforceable by AMB, CLIENT and their respective legal representatives, assigns and successors in interest, subject to Section 20 (d) below.
- d) Neither party may assign this Agreement without the prior written consent of the other party, provided that this Agreement will be deemed assigned to, and will be binding upon, the survivor in any merger or business combination involving a party or the purchaser of all or substantially all of the assets of a party.
- e) In the event CLIENT fails to comply with the terms of this Agreement, including but not limited to CLIENT'S failure to pay AMB'S fees when due, CLIENT shall pay all costs for collection including court costs, attorney fees, and collection agency contingency percentages of not less than 35% to be added to the principle balance as a collection charge immediately upon default and referral of the account to the collection agency of AMB's choice.
- f) AMB and CLIENT acknowledge that they are duly authorized by appropriate corporate action to enter into this Agreement and that this Agreement is being signed by duly authorized agents authorized to act on their respective behalf.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this Agreement to be executed.

CLIENT

AMB

By: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## **ADDENDUM 1: RESPONSIBILITIES OF EACH PARTY**

**In order to comply with the Agreement, and to perform the Services contemplated thereunder, AMB shall do the following:**

1. Provide coding of all encounters generated by CLIENT, as required by third party payers, inclusive of, but not limited to HCPCS, ICD-9 CM, and ICD-10 coding schemes.
2. Issue bills to individuals for all self-pay patients with a minimum 2 statements and 1 script letter (COLLECTION NOTICE). CLIENT will be given limited discretion regarding the wording to appear on bills and letters.
3. Regularly monitor services and volume(s) with detailed, encounter/run audits, reconciled to applicable service, encounter and activity records/logs, for at least twelve (12) individual months in Year 1 of this agreement and three (3) months per year thereafter.
4. As necessary, develop and maintain electronic data interfaces directly with CLIENT'S hospital service sites (where such sites allow) for the collection of patient demographic data. CLIENT agrees to apply its best efforts to assist AMB in achieving these interfaces, including, but not limited to interacting with hospital Information Systems staff, Administration and others.
5. Issue initial billing to patients and/or third parties no more than three (3) business days after receiving all required information.
6. Submit claims electronically to all third party payers capable of accepting claims in electronic format.
7. Prepare and deliver month-end reports of the billing performance and practice statistics no later than the tenth (10th) business day of the next month. This duty may be fulfilled by electronic and/or paper reports.
8. Produce monthly credit balance reports and advise the CLIENT of refunds due to both patients and third parties.
9. Provide toll free phone lines for patient inquiries and adequate phone inquiry staff to effectively respond to patients in a reasonable amount of time.

10. Use reasonable efforts to advise CLIENT of any material change in third party rules and regulations which are made known to providers and third party billing agents or otherwise known to AMB.

**CLIENT, to support the billing process and to facilitate optimal performance by AMB, shall do the following:**

1. Identify one administrative and one clinical representative to whom AMB may, respectively, address all matters related to Services under this Agreement. If AMB or its selected vendor performs coding for CLIENT, CLIENT will also appoint a coding representative. All CLIENT representatives will have the power to agree, on behalf of CLIENT, to mutually agreed resolutions to any issues arising in their respective areas, and upon AMB's request, receive confirmatory memoranda or letters, which will thereupon be incorporated into this Agreement by reference. These individuals appointed by CLIENT will provide timely response to all reasonable requests by AMB.
2. CLIENT warrants that AMB may rely on the existence of patient signatures on assignment of benefits, medical information releases and Advance Beneficiary Notices, and physician signatures on charts and other medical documents, as required for submission of claims on behalf of CLIENT.
3. CLIENT will assist AMB in working with and/or resolving problems related to work performed by personnel employed by hospitals, labs and other institutions in order to achieve the goals of this Agreement and the provision of Services by AMB in an efficient and cost-effective manner.
4. CLIENT will provide AMB with timely notice at least sixty [60] days prior to the expected addition or reduction of services so that AMB has adequate time to perform its duties under the Agreement. AMB will not be responsible for losses or delays in payment resulting from untimely notice.
5. It is the mutual goal of CLIENT and AMB to conduct all billing in a compliant manner. CLIENT will establish and enforce and AMB will follow written billing policies and procedures for the practice that will serve as the foundation of a practice Compliance Program for CLIENT and AMB. These billing policies and procedures will be developed and amended, as needed, in concert with AMB's Compliance Staff and AMB's Compliance Plan, as described in the Agreement, and shall be consistent with AMB's Compliance Plan.

6. CLIENT will respond, within five (5) business days, to any documentation requests, made by payers and/or AMB, and forwarded from AMB.
7. Upon receipt of the requisite research and worksheets from AMB, CLIENT will timely issue refunds of overpayments to patients and payers and shall be responsible for reconciliation of the refund checking account to assure that all refund checks have been cashed. CLIENT shall promptly notify AMB of the receipt of cancelled checks upon which AMB shall rely to remove credit balances from CLIENT's accounts receivable files. CLIENT shall be solely responsible for monitoring and surrendering unclaimed funds to the Treasurer of the State having escheat jurisdiction over any unclaimed payments.
8. CLIENT shall be responsible for assuring that all information required for CLIENT enrollment, if performed by AMB, is provided timely, accurately and completely. AMB shall not be responsible for delays in provider enrollment and subsequent billing and payment delays or losses related to delayed response by CLIENT.
9. CLIENT shall give AMB timely advance notice of any new payment contracts, HMO or PPO relationships and other contracts or market changes so that AMB may accommodate these changes, as necessary.

## **ADDENDUM 2: COMPLIANCE**

Both parties to this Agreement agree to, and have represented to each other that they do, perform their respective business activities in a manner consistent with all federal, state, and local laws and regulations. As part of the inducement, each to the other, to enter into this Agreement, both parties have represented that they do, and will continue to operate consistent with and fully comply with their respective Corporate Compliance Plans, to the extent that such plans have been adopted. To the extent that no such Plan has been adopted, both parties agree to the following:

1. Each party will conduct its own periodic risk assessment and advise the other party to this Agreement of any findings that may affect that other party's compliance or performance under this Agreement.
2. Both parties agree that the other party hereto may review its Compliance Program upon request.
3. Both parties agree to conduct appropriate background checks on all employees, prospective employees, contractors, agents and vendors to assure that all services are provided by individuals who have not been excluded by any governmental authority, or should be excluded by any governmental authority.
4. Both parties agree to maintain appropriate compliance records and assure the completeness and security of said records.
5. Both parties agree to comply with the rules and regulations related to the following areas of widely known compliance risk:
  - a) Improper waiver of charges, deductibles and copayments;
  - b) Up-coding, unbundling, serial reporting and other coding violations;
  - c) Misuse of a provider number or misrepresentation of the identity of a provider of services;
  - d) Failure to repay overpayments or failure to timely refund overpayments;
  - e) Seeking duplicate payment for the same service and/or from the same source;
  - f) Failure to maintain proper records of current and prior billing;
  - g) Failure to protect the confidentiality of patient information;
6. Both parties agree that, in the event that they become aware of a compliance concern that appears to be related to the other party's conduct, they will promptly communicate that concern to the other party in writing. The party receiving notice will take prompt action to investigate the concern and will timely (within 30 days) report back to the other party, in writing, their response to the reported concern.

7. Both parties specifically agrees that they will defer reporting any such concern to any payer, governmental agency or agent, or law enforcement organization until they have complied with the above paragraph and remain concerned that the other party's response is inappropriate or more than thirty (30) days has elapsed without any response. Both parties agree that only in cases where a party has firm, credible evidence of deliberate, willful or criminal misconduct will they immediately report concerns to anyone other than the other party.
8. Nothing herein shall be construed to infer or imply a duty or expectation that any party will knowingly conceal or participate in any misconduct, or allow any misconduct to continue.
9. It is expressly agreed that AMB has the right and duty to suspend and refuse submission of any and all claims that AMB reasonably believes are, or may be, improper and would subject CLIENT or AMB to compliance violations. AMB has the duty to provide reasonable and timely notice to CLIENT of such suspension and to make reasonable and timely efforts to resolve the issue or concern leading to the suspension of claim submission. In the event that investigation is required to resolve the suspension, each party agrees to cooperate in such investigation.
10. Each party agrees to be separately responsible for their respective compliance-related legal and consulting expenses.