

# Quality Assurance Surveillance Plan (QASP)

## VA CENTRAL IOWA HEALTH CARE SYSTEM, DES MOINES SITE

The contractor will be evaluated in accordance with the following:

### 1. PURPOSE

This Quality Assurance Surveillance Plan (QASP) provides a systematic method to evaluate performance for the stated contract. This QASP explains the following:

- What will be monitored?
- How monitoring will take place.
- Who will conduct the monitoring?
- How monitoring efforts and results will be documented.

This QASP does not detail how the contractor accomplishes the work. Rather, the QASP is created with the premise that the contractor is responsible for management and quality control actions to meet the terms of the contract. It is the Government's responsibility to be objective, fair, and consistent in evaluating performance.

This QASP is a "living document" and the Government may review and revise it on a regular basis. However, the Government shall coordinate changes with the contractor through contract modification. Copies of the original QASP and revisions shall be provided to the contractor and Government officials implementing surveillance activities.

### 2. GOVERNMENT ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The following personnel shall oversee and coordinate surveillance activities.

- a. Contracting Officer (CO) – The CO shall ensure performance of all necessary actions for effective contracting, ensure compliance with the contract terms, and shall safeguard the interests of the United States in the contractual relationship. The CO shall also assure that the contractor receives impartial, fair, and equitable treatment under this contract. The CO is ultimately responsible for the final determination of the adequacy of the contractor's performance.

Assigned CO: V23 Network Contracting Office

Organization or Agency:

- b. Contracting Officer's Representative (COR) – The COR is responsible for technical administration of the contract and shall assure proper Government surveillance of the contractor's performance. The COR shall keep a quality assurance file. The COR is not empowered to make any contractual commitments or to authorize any contractual changes on the Government's behalf.

Assigned COR: Rhonda Lamke, Health Systems Specialist, Mental Health Service Line

Organization or Agency: Des Moines VA

### 3. CONTRACTOR REPRESENTATIVES

The following employee(s) of the contractor serve as the contractor's program manager(s) for this contract.

Primary:

Alternate:

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## 4. PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

**The contractor is responsible for performance of ALL terms and conditions of the contract.** CORs will provide contract progress reports quarterly to the CO reflecting performance on this plan and all other aspects of the resultant contract. The performance standards outlined in this QASP shall be used to determine the level of contractor performance in the elements defined. Performance standards define desired services. The Government performs surveillance to determine the level of Contractor performance to these standards.

The Performance Requirements are listed below in Section 6. The Government shall use these standards to determine contractor performance and shall compare contractor performance to the standard and assign a rating. At the end of the performance period, these ratings will be used, in part, to establish the past performance of the contractor on the contract.

## 5. METHODS OF QA SURVEILLANCE

Various methods exist to monitor performance. The COR shall use the surveillance methods listed below in the administration of this QASP.

- a. DIRECT OBSERVATION. 100% surveillance: This method is not used.
- b. PERIODIC INSPECTION. Inspections scheduled and reported quarterly per COR delegation or as needed.
  - Encounters and Uniques will be pulled by report per month
  - Peer Reviews will be pulled quarterly and completion reports tracked.
  - Time sheets for attendance to be kept and tracked for payment and timely invoicing.
  - TMS tracking for mandatory trainings.
  - Qualified personnel will be at the site on time to properly perform tasks as specified.All inspections and reports will be conducted in compliance with VA Privacy and Information security standards.)
- c. VALIDATED USER/CUSTOMER COMPLAINTS.
  - Reports from staff working in the area and PATS reports will be pulled or polled quarterly and reviewed by COR.
  - Clinical Coordinator will investigate any complaint and determine if valid.
- d. RANDOM SAMPLING. This method not used.
- e. Verification and/or documentation provided by Contractor; This method not used.

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### 6. QASP PERFORMANCE REPORT      DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Measures	PWS Reference	Performance Requirement	Standard	Acceptable Quality Level	Surveillance Method	Met AQL/DID NOT MEET AQL-  CPAR RATING/ADD COMMENTS
1-Key Personnel	2.7; 2.8; 3.1; 3.1.2; 3.2; 4.5.2.1.9 - 11	Contractor's physician shall provide required psychiatric services as specified and in accordance with PWS requirements.	Qualified personnel are available and in location as needed to properly perform tasks as specified	95%	Time and Attendance Sheets; staff observation	
2 – Quality Assurance	4.4; 4.5.2.1.2.6; 4.5.2.1.22	Reviewable records of quality assurance shall be maintained.	<i>Encounters and Uniques 6-13 patients per 8 hour tour.</i>	90%	Monthly VA workload reports	
3 – Quality Assurance Documentation	4.5.3.1.1	Peer Reviews	<i>At least 2 peer reviews per month to be completed.</i>	95%	Peer Review tracking reports.	
4- Mandatory Training	2.1.2; 2.1.6; 2.1.6.1 – 8; 4.5.2.1.13	Contractor completed all mandatory required training.	<i>Contractor will complete all required training per VAMC policy</i>	95%	Contractor to provide documented evidence as needed/requested. TMS reports.	
5 – Timely Invoicing	6.2	Within 30 days of the end of each month, services were provided as described above, the vendor shall provide itemized invoicing.	All itemized invoices provided within 20 days of the end of each month services delivered.	95%	Inspection	

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### 7. CPAR RATINGS ASSIGNED TO QASP ITEMS:

Metrics and methods are designed to determine rating for a given standard and acceptable quality level. The following ratings shall be used (Reference: CPARS User Manual <https://www.cpars.gov/pdfs/CPARS-Guidance.pdf> p. A2-1):

<b>EXCEPTIONAL:</b>	<p>Performance meets contractual requirements and exceeds many to the Government's benefit. The contractual performance of the element or sub-element being assessed was accomplished with few minor problems for which corrective actions taken by the contractor were highly effective.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> To justify an <b>Exceptional</b> rating, you should identify <u>multiple</u> significant events in each category and state how it was a benefit to the GOVERNMENT. However a singular event could be of such magnitude that it alone constitutes an Exceptional rating. Also there should have been NO significant weaknesses identified.</p>
<b>VERY GOOD:</b>	<p>Performance meets contractual requirements and exceeds some to the Government's benefit. The contractual performance of the element or sub-element being assessed was accomplished with some minor problems for which corrective actions taken by the contractor were effective.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> To justify a <b>Very Good</b> rating, you should identify a significant event in each category and state how it was a benefit to the GOVERNMENT. Also there should have been NO significant weaknesses identified.</p>
<b>SATISFACTORY:</b>	<p>Performance meets contractual requirements. The contractual performance of the element or sub-element contains some minor problems for which corrective actions taken by the contractor appear or were satisfactory.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> To justify a <b>Satisfactory</b> rating, there should have been only minor problems, or major problems the contractor recovered from without impact to the contract. Also there should have been NO significant weaknesses identified.</p>
<b>MARGINAL:</b>	<p>Performance does not meet some contractual requirements. The contractual performance of the element or sub-element being assessed reflects a serious problem for which the contractor has not yet identified corrective actions. The contractor's proposed actions appear only marginally effective or were not fully implemented.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> To justify <b>Marginal</b> performance, you should identify a significant event in each category that the contractor had trouble overcoming and state how it impacted the GOVERNMENT. A <b>Marginal</b> rating should be supported by referencing the management tool that notified the contractor of the contractual deficiency (e.g. Management, Quality, Safety or Environmental Deficiency Report or letter).</p>
<b>UNSATISFACTORY:</b>	<p>Performance does not meet most contractual requirements and recovery is not likely in a timely manner. The contractual performance of the element or sub-element being assessed contains serious problem(s) for which the contractor's corrective actions appear or were ineffective.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> To justify an <b>Unsatisfactory</b> rating, you should identify multiple significant events in each category that the contractor had trouble overcoming and state how it impacted the GOVERNMENT. However, a singular problem could be of such serious magnitude that it alone constitutes an unsatisfactory rating. An <b>Unsatisfactory</b> rating should be supported by referencing the management tools used to notify the contractor of the contractual deficiencies (e.g. Management, Quality, Safety or Environmental Deficiency Reports, or letters).</p>

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## 8. DOCUMENTING PERFORMANCE

a. The Government shall document positive and/or negative performance. Any report may become a part of the supporting documentation for any contractual action and preparing annual past performance using CONTRACTOR PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT REPORT (CPAR).

b. If contractor performance does not meet the Acceptable Quality level, the CO shall inform the contractor. This will normally be in writing unless circumstances necessitate verbal communication. In any case the CO shall document the discussion and place it in the contract file. When the COR and the CO determines formal written communication is required, the COR shall prepare a Contract Report (CR), and present it to CO. The CO will in turn review and will present to the contractor's program manager for corrective action.

The contractor shall acknowledge receipt of the CR in writing. The CR will specify if the contractor is required to prepare a corrective action plan to document how the contractor shall correct the unacceptable performance and avoid a recurrence. The CR will also state how long after receipt the contractor has to present this corrective action plan to the CO. The Government shall review the contractor's corrective action plan to determine acceptability. The CO shall also assure that the contractor receives impartial, fair, and equitable treatment. The CO is ultimately responsible for the final determination of the adequacy of the contractor's performance and the acceptability of the Contractor's corrective action plan.

Any CRs may become a part of the supporting documentation for any contractual action deemed necessary by the CO. See Sample CR on the following page.

## 9. COR AND CONTRACTOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF QASP

SIGNED:

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COR NAME/TITLE                      DATE

SIGNED:

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CONTRACTOR NAME/TITLE                      DATE

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CONTRACT REPORT				
1. CONTRACT NUMBER		2. REPORT NUMBER FOR THIS ISSUE		
3. TO: <i>(Contracting Officer)</i>		4. FROM: <i>(Name of COR)</i>		
5. DATES				
a. CR PREPARED	b. RETURNED BY CONTRACTOR:	c. ACTION COMPLETE		
6. Issue Identified <i>(Describe in detail. Include reference to PWS Directive; attach continuation sheet if necessary.)</i>				
7. SIGNATURE OF COR				Date:
8. SIGNATURE OF CONTRACTING OFFICER				Date:
9a. TO <i>(Contracting Officer)</i>		9a. FROM <i>(Contractor)</i>		
10. CONTRACTOR RESPONSE AS TO CAUSE AND ACTIONS TO PREVENT RECURRENCE. <i>(Cite applicable quality control program procedures or new procedures. Attach continuation sheet(s) if necessary.)</i>				
11. SIGNATURE OF CONTRACTOR REPRESENTATIVE				Date:
12. GOVERNMENT EVALUATION.				
13. GOVERNMENT ACTIONS				
14. CLOSE OUT				
	NAME	TITLE	SIGNATURE	DATE
CONTRACTOR NOTIFIED				
COR				
CONTRACTING OFFICER				

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