

## Clover Therapy Services, LLC

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### **Contract to provide SPEECH TELETHERAPY services to Nome Public Schools:**

Services provided by - Clover Therapy Services, LLC

Services provided to – Nome Public Schools, PO Box 131, Nome Alaska 99762

This contract, made and entered into this \_\_\_\_\_ day of April, 2024 by and between Nome Public Schools, hereinafter called NPS, and Clover Therapy Services, LLC, hereinafter called Clover Therapy Services.

In consideration of the mutual covenants herein, NPS and Clover Therapy Services agree as follows:

#### **1. Service Provision and Payment: Speech Language Pathology Services:**

1.) NPS shall pay Clover Therapy Services, LLC, \$88.00 per hour for speech therapy services, for 1 speech-language pathologist, for both virtual and in-person services. This rate shall be payable in a monthly installment in accordance with accrued hours as designated via monthly invoicing from Clover Therapy Services for services rendered. This Clover therapist will be providing services to Nome Elementary School. The estimated cost of services for elementary school coverage is approximately \$123,000 (40 hours per week, 35 weeks = 1400 hours). This does not include reimbursement costs for travel.

2.) On-site visits - NPS shall pay Clover Therapy Services, LLC, for 4 site visits by the speech language pathologist occurring throughout the school year. Trip dates and length to be coordinated with and approved by the Special Education Director. *Per therapist request, the length of stay may be increased to include the subsequent week with special education director approval, but there is no pay available for weekend days.*

Each site visit shall include therapy related activity, such as direct service, evaluation time, meetings, observations, travel time between schools, supervision, and in-person consultation/direct service time with students and teachers with availability of 8 hours per day and additional time for related documentation, on and off site.

Travel days will be billed at \$500 per day for a max of 2 days of travel per trip. A food stipend of \$225.00 will be billed for each site visit. Payment will occur within 30 days of the receipt of invoice.

1. Days weathered in Alaska or trip related airports will be paid at the daily rate of \$700.00 per day, but meaningful work/paperwork will be completed for the district if at all possible during this time.
2. NPS agrees to reimburse round trip airfare to Nome from the therapist's regional airport. Air travel will be arranged by Clover therapy services at the main cabin rate. Reimbursement of travel costs will occur within 30 days after submission of receipt packet after the site visit. This will include any charges or fees for flight changes or cancellations related to weather restrictions. Nome Public Schools agrees to reimburse mileage or shuttle, parking fees, hotel/lodging if necessary, and other reasonable travel expenses during travel days and site visits with proof of receipts.

Clover Therapy Services, LLC. is not responsible for the cost of travel or lodging and will be reimbursed for all reasonable travel expenses for traveling to and from Nome, AK (airline fees in excess of economy or coach are not reimbursable).

3. Lodging at either the dorm style room with shared bathroom amenities or the Nome-Beltz complex. The Nome-Beltz complex is preferred if available.
4. Transportation provided while in Nome to include pick up and drop off at the airport.

2. Clover Therapy Services' Speech Language Pathologists agree to perform reasonable activities and assignments for the position of providing Teletherapy Speech Therapy Services and in-person site visit services, to NPS students, in accordance with American Speech Language Hearing Association (ASHA) code of ethics and the needs of the school district. Such services shall generally be performed within dates and times prescribed in the district calendar and accordance with NPS policy, including, but not limited to the following:

- a.) Reevaluations completed within 60 days of notice that signed Consent has been uploaded to Special Programs. Evaluation reports shall be uploaded into Powerschool by due date, prior to meeting.
- b.) New Evaluations completed within 60 days of notice that signed Consent has been uploaded to Special Programs. Evaluation reports shall be uploaded into Powerschool by due date, prior to meeting.
- c.) Reports entered in Special Programs prior to the IEP/ESER meeting.
- d.) Progress reports shall be completed in Powerschool when due at each marking period.

3. NPS agrees to provide paid time for services including, but not limited to: teletherapy and in-person direct service, evaluations, reports and progress reports, IEP and ESER documentation and meetings, staff training and supervision, scheduling, documentation, and other organizational tasks necessary for the provision of quality Speech Pathology Services by Clover Therapy Services' Speech Language Pathologist to the students of Nome Elementary School. NPS agrees to provide an appropriate, private computer station and paraprofessional

e-helper (e-helper when needed or called for in the IEP), which may be reasonable and necessary for the provision of Teletherapy Services in a school district.

4. The term of this contract shall be for a period commencing the month of August, 2024 and ending in June at the completion of the 2024-2025 school year. This contract is for the term specified in this paragraph and may be renewed or extended by written mutual agreement of the parties hereto.

5. This contract shall at all times be conditioned upon and subject to the requirements of State Licensure. Clover Therapy Services' Speech Language Pathologists shall hold a valid license for the position of Speech Language Pathologist in the state in which that therapist resides or is visiting at the time of services rendered. The therapist shall also hold a valid certificate or license for the State of Alaska to practice as a Speech Language Pathologist (the site of services received) and Business license.

6. NPS and Clover Therapy Services agree that notwithstanding any other provision of this contract, NPS may terminate this contract immediately for cause upon the following grounds: physical or mental disability, incompetency, neglect of duty, immorality, unsatisfactory performance, insubordination, the conviction of a felony or the acceptance of a guilty plea, a plea of nolo contendere, or a deferred sentence for a felony, or other good and just cause. At the time of termination for cause, NPS shall provide such due process as is required by the constitutions of the states and the United States.

6. NPS and Clover Therapy Services agree that notwithstanding any other provision of this contract, Clover Therapy Services may terminate this contract with 30 days notice for cause upon the following grounds: physical or mental disability, incompetency, neglect of duty, immorality, unsatisfactory performance, insubordination, the conviction of a felony or the acceptance of a guilty plea, a plea of nolo contendere, or a deferred sentence for a felony, resignation of therapist, or other good and just cause.

7. If Nome Public Schools Chooses to terminate this contract, without cause of misconduct by Clover Therapy Services at any point on or after the contract approval date, Nome Public Schools agrees to pay the termination fee of \$10,000.

8. Upon expiration date of this contract, NPS is responsible to pay for services rendered and then shall have no further financial obligation to Clover Therapy Services.

This contract is agreed upon by the following parties:

#### **SIGN AND DATE**

**X** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mary Donaldson, Special Education Director**

**Nome Public Schools**

**X** \_\_\_\_\_

**Carolyn Berson, M.Ed., CCC/SLP**

**Speech Language Pathologist, Clover Therapy**

**X** \_\_\_\_\_

**Jamie Burgess, Superintendent**

**Nome Public Schools**

**X** \_\_\_\_\_

**Elisabeth Boersma, M.S., CCC/SLP**

**Speech Language Pathologist, Clover Therapy**