



## **Contractual Services Agreement Between Communicare Children's Services & Marion County Schools**

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This agreement is entered into between the Marion County Board of Education and Communicare, INC for the 2015-2016 school year relating to professional mental health services provided by Communicare. These services will be provided for students within the Marion County School District in conjunction with the respective Family Resource Center.

### **Communicare Agrees To:**

1. Provide mental health counseling to specified students which may include the following modalities: individual, family, group, and collateral services.
2. Ensure that Communicare services under this agreement will be provided by a Qualified Mental Health Professional (QMHP) with a Master's degree (or above) in psychology, social work, or a related field or by a Mental Health Associate with a Bachelor's degree (or above) in psychology, social work, or a related field and who is supervised by a QMHP. All such personnel mentioned in this paragraph shall be subject to approval of the Superintendent.
3. Ensure that any qualified individual providing services in the Marion County Schools will follow all restrictions, policies, and procedures of the Marion County Schools. Marion County Schools may provide an annual orientation to Communicare staff.
4. Provide professional liability insurance coverage for Communicare professionals providing services under this agreement.
5. Establish and maintain a treatment record for each child receiving counseling services under this agreement in accordance with the Department of Licensure, Department of Mental Health, Medicaid, and other applicable standards.
6. Maintain confidentiality for persons receiving services under this agreement in accordance with applicable professional standards, laws and regulations. It is recognized that Communicare, Marion County school personnel, and the respective FRC staff shall be in communication with one another concerning treatment of students.
7. Provide mental health consultation services to staff for children receiving services from Communicare.

8. Communicare agrees to bill Medicaid for all students covered by such.
9. Service Provider agrees to provide the above described services as an independent contractor. Withholding of FICA, Federal, State, and local taxes will not be the responsibility of Marion County schools.

**Marion County Schools Agree To:**

1. Provide suitable space with access to a private telephone, if possible, for the delivery of mental health counseling in order to provide confidentiality. The parent or guardian **must** accompany client for the initial appointment.
2. Marion County Board of Education will not be billed for services.
3. A school representative may refer student families to Communicare in accordance with Marion County Schools policies and procedures. Communicare will not refuse to see any child referred in this manner.
4. Maintain confidentiality related to the treatment services provided under this agreement in accordance with applicable professional standards and applicable laws and regulations.
5. Additional psychoeducational services may be purchased by Marion County Schools under separate agreement.

This agreement becomes effective in the later date signed below. Either party may terminate this agreement upon a thirty (30) days written notice to the other party.

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Taylora Schlosser  
Superintendent  
Marion County Schools

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Date

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Dan Simpson  
Chief Executive Officer  
Communicare, INC

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Date