



NC Department of Health and Human Services

Consolidated Agreement 2024 – 2025 Amendment

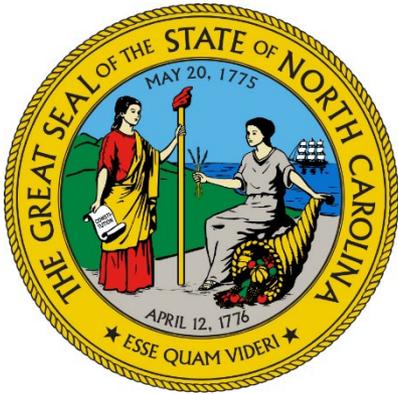
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Overview – 2 main areas

- **Environmental Health – Changes needed to comply with new requirements in SL2024-49**
- **Funding Stipulations – Changes needed to comply with federal Uniform Guidance updates, will require inclusion of two (2) required clauses**

Background – Environmental Health

- **SL2024-49**

SECTION 4.7. G.S. 143-300.8 reads as rewritten:

"§ 143-300.8. Defense of ~~local sanitarians~~ **registered environmental health specialists, registered environmental health specialist interns, and registered environmental health associates.**

(a) The following definitions apply in this section:

(1) Department. – The Department of Health and Human Services.

(2) Local health department. – Defined in G.S. 130A-2(5).

(3) Registered environmental health associate. – Defined in G.S. 90A-51(2d).

(4) Registered environmental health specialist. – Defined in G.S. 90A-51(4).

(5) Registered environmental health specialist intern. – Defined in G.S. 90A-51(5).

(b) All local health departments shall enter into an annual agreement with the Department to provide environmental health services in accordance with Chapter 130A of the General Statutes. The annual agreement shall include a requirement for quality assurance for all environmental health services.

(c) ~~Any local health department sanitarian.~~ Except as provided in subsections (d) and (e)

Environmental Health Clause – slide 1 of 2

By January 1, 2025, DPH Environmental Health Section shall convene a workgroup of LHD environmental health staff and DPH Environmental Health Section staff to begin devising a statewide plan for quality assurance plans for the following programs: Onsite Wastewater, Private Drinking Water Wells, Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention, Tattoos, Public Swimming Pools, and Child Care and School Buildings.

Environmental Health Clause – slide 1 of 2

This workgroup will develop templates for use by all local health departments to help create quality assurance in these environmental health programs. In conjunction with AA874 (Food and Lodging), for the term of this agreement, **this will the meet the requirement, pursuant to G.S. 143-300.8(b), for an annual agreement to provide environmental health services in accordance with G.S. Chapter 130A that includes a requirement for quality assurance for environmental health services.**

Funding Stipulations – Clause #1

Required Reporting Certifications: Per the revised Uniform Guidance, 2 CFR 200, if awarded federal pass-through funds, the LHD as well as all subgrantees of the LHD must certify the following whenever 1) applying for funds, 2) requesting payment, and 3) submitting financial reports:

“I certify to the best of my knowledge and belief that the information provided herein is true, complete, and accurate. I am aware that the provision of false, fictitious, or fraudulent information, or the omission of any material fact, may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative consequences including, but not limited to violations of U.S. Code Title 18, Sections 2, 1001, 1343 and Title 31, Sections 3729-3730 and 3801-3812.”

Funding Stipulations – Clause #2 – slide 1 of 2

Reporting Required Subcontract Information: In accordance with revised NCDHHS guidelines effective October 1, 2024, the Local Health Department (LHD) must provide the information listed below for every subcontract from the LHD providing DPH and DCFW funding to carry out any or all of an Agreement Addendum's work. This is for all Agreement Addenda executed on or after October 1, 2024.

Subcontracts are contracts or agreements issued by the LHD to a vendor (“Subcontractor”) or a pass-through entity (“Subrecipient”).

Subcontractors are vendors hired by the LHD via a contract to provide a good or service required by the LHD to perform or accomplish specific work outlined in the executed Agreement Addendum (AA). For example, if the LHD needed to build a data system to satisfy reporting requirements of an AA, the vendor hired by the LHD to build the data system would be a Subcontractor. Reference Section F. 3. for the definition of “Vendor.” However, not all Vendors are considered Subcontractors. Entities performing general administrative services to the LHD are not considered Subcontractors, e.g., certified professional accountants.

Subrecipients of the LHD that receive DPH or DCFW pass-through funding from the LHD via a contract or agreement to carry out all or a portion of the programmatic responsibilities outlined in the executed Agreement Addendum. Reference Section F.1. and F.2. for definitions of “Subrecipient” and the “Subrecipient relationship.” Subrecipients are also referred to as Subgrantees in NCAC.

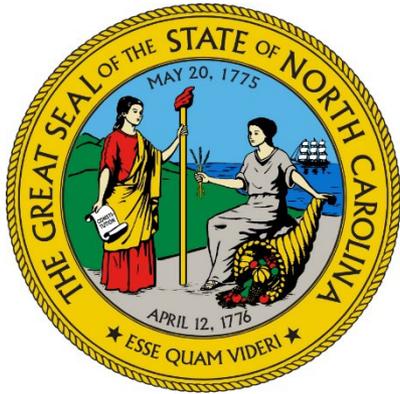
Funding Stipulations – Clause #2 – slide 2 of 2

From October 1, 2024, the following information must be provided to the relevant Agreement Addendum's DPH Program Contact prior to the entity being awarded a contract or grant from the LHD:

- Organization or Individual's Name (if an individual, include the person's title)
- EIN or Tax ID
- Street Address or PO Box
- City, State and ZIP Code
- Contact Name
- Contact Email
- Contact Telephone
- Fiscal Year End Date (of the entity)
- State whether the entity is functioning as a Subrecipient or as a Subcontractor of the LHD.

Next Steps:

- **NCDPH Contracts Office will conduct final review.**
- **Final Consolidated Agreement (CA) Amendment is *tentatively* scheduled to be distributed to LHDs by around October 30th.**
- **Any changes in legal name should be sent to Adrienne.Gilliatt@dhhs.nc.gov **as soon as possible** to format CA Amendment for distribution.**



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Overview – 3 main areas from DPH

- **Funding Stipulation Additions from the CA Amendment will be repeated.**
- **Environmental Health – SL2024-49**
- **Edits to security clause**

Environmental Health Clause – slide 1 of 2

By July 1, 2025, LHDs will have developed a plan in partnership with the DPH Environmental Health Section to develop quality assurance plans for each of the following programs: Onsite Wastewater, Private Drinking Water Wells, Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention, Tattoos, Public Swimming Pools, and Child Care and School Buildings. LHDs shall submit these plans to the DPH Environmental Health Section by January 1, 2026 for review and approval.

Environmental Health Clause – slide 1 of 2

Following submission to the DPH Environmental Health Section, LHDs shall abide by the plans and any modifications requested by the DPH Environmental Health Section to the plans in order for registered environmental health specialists, registered environmental health specialist interns, or registered environmental health associates employed by or contracted to work for the LHD to be eligible for defense by the Attorney General's Office or to have all or a portion of their judgment or settlement paid by the Department in accordance with G.S. 143-300.8.

Security Clause Overview

- **Original version:**
 - LHD **may** utilize security products (e.g., firewalls) of its choosing to maintain network connectivity and security integrity. The LHD network configuration and security practices **must** allow communication with systems within the NCDHHS networks.
- **DPH proposed:**
 - LHD **must** utilize security products (e.g., firewalls) of its choosing to maintain network connectivity and security integrity. The LHD network configuration and security practices **must** comply with Federal and State security standards and allow communication with systems within the NCDHHS networks.

Overview – LHD proposal

- **Final Version:**

- LHD **must** utilize security products (e.g., firewalls) of its choosing to maintain network connectivity and security integrity. The LHD network configuration and security practices **should** comply with Federal and State security standards and **must** allow communication with systems within the NCDHHS networks.⁵

⁵<https://it.nc.gov/resources>; <https://it.nc.gov/resources/state-it-standards>

Next Steps:

- **NCDPH Contracts Office will conduct final review.**
- **Final Consolidated Agreement (CA) is scheduled to be presented at the November NCALHD meeting.**
- **New CAs will be formatted using the LHD's most current legal name; any changes in legal name should be sent to Adrienne.Gilliatt@dhhs.nc.gov.**