WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Health is responsible for administering the Title V program pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 145.88; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Human Services is responsible for administering the Medicaid program pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 256.01, subdivision 2, paragraph (1), and 256B.04, subdivision 1; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Human Services and the Department of Health are committed to promoting quality health services for low-income children, pregnant women and children and youth with special health needs, including primary and preventive health services; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Health and the Department of Human Services are interested in coordinating and enhancing efforts, streamlining application processes, reducing duplicative efforts, and ensuring compliance with federal and state laws and regulations and the appropriate use of public funds:

NOW, THEREFORE, it is agreed:

I. Duties of the Department of Human Services. The Department of Human Services shall:

A. Participate on Department of Health advisory or work groups related to maternal and child health, including children and youth with special health care needs as appropriate.

B. Participate in at least one annual joint meeting. Membership shall consist of the Medicaid Director or a designee and staff working on maternal and child issues from the Department of Human Services as mutually agreed upon. Purpose of the meetings to include:

1. Coordinate departmental policies/procedures that impact health services or the delivery of health services to the maternal and child populations.

2. Identify how the departments can work together to identify at risk women of child bearing years, pregnant women, children and youth in need of support or services that promote optimal health.

3. Identify areas where the departments can enhance or maximize efforts targeting the maternal and child health population.

4. Through separate data use agreements, share appropriate and relevant data affecting health status or the delivery of health care services to the maternal and child health population, and children and youth with special health needs.

5. Review this Memorandum of Understanding every five years to determine if any changes are required.
Duties of the Department of Health. The Department of Health shall:

A. Participate on Department of Human Services advisory or work groups related to maternal and child health, including children and youth with special health needs as appropriate.

B. Participate in at least one annual joint meeting. Membership shall consist of the Title V Directors or designees and staff working on maternal and child health issues from the Department of Health as mutually agreed upon. Purpose of the meetings to include:

1. Coordinate departmental policies/procedures that impact health services or the delivery of health services to the maternal and child health populations.

2. Identify how the departments can work together to identify at risk women of child bearing years, pregnant women, children and youth in need of support or services that promote optimal health.

3. Identify areas where the departments could enhance or maximize efforts targeting the maternal and child health population.

4. Through separate data use agreements, share appropriate and relevant data affecting health status or the delivery of health care services to the maternal and child health population and children and youth with special health needs.

5. Review this Memorandum of Understanding every five years to determine if any changes are required.

II. TERMS OF AGREEMENT: This agreement shall be effective on July 1, 2017, or upon the date that the final required signature is obtained, whichever occurs later, or until a revised agreement is signed.

III. CANCELLATION: This agreement may be cancelled by either department at any time, with or without cause, upon thirty (30) days written notice to the other party.

IV. AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES: The Department of Health's authorized representative for the purposes of administration of this agreement is Susan Castellano, Title V MCH Director. The Department of Human Services authorized representative for the purposes of administration of this agreement is Diogo Reis. Each representative shall have final authority for acceptance of services of the other party.

V. ASSIGNMENT: Neither the Department of Health nor the Department of Human Services shall Assign or transfer any rights or obligations under this agreement without the prior written consent of the other party.

VI. AMENDMENTS: Any amendments to this agreement shall be in writing and shall be executed by the same parties who executed the original agreement, or their successors in office.
VII. **LIABILITY:** The Department of Health and the Department of Human Services agree that each party will be responsible for its own acts and the results thereof to the extent authorized by law and shall not be responsible for the acts of any others and the results thereof. The Department of Health and the Department of Human Services liability shall be governed by the provisions of the Minnesota Tort Claims Act, Minnesota Statutes, section 3.376, and other applicable law.

VIII. **DATA PRACTICES ACT:** The Department of Health and the Department of Human Services agree to comply with the Minnesota Data Practices Act as it applies to all data provided by the other agency in accordance with this agreement and as it applies to all data created, gathered, generated or acquired in accordance with this agreement.

IX. **JURISDICTION AND VENUE:** This agreement, and amendments and supplements thereto, shall be governed by the laws of the State of Minnesota. Venue for all legal proceedings arising out of this agreement, or breach thereof, shall be in the state or federal court with competent jurisdiction in Ramsey County, Minnesota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this agreement to be duly executed intending to be bound thereby.

APPROVED:

**Department of Health:**

Authorized Signature

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