

# EAP

## EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

*St. Mary's Healthcare*

January 28, 2026

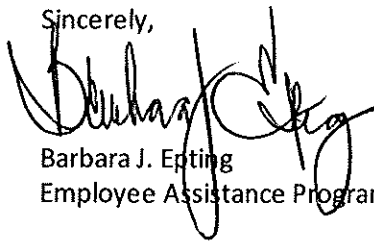
Linda Bartone Hughes  
Town Clerk  
Town of Amsterdam  
283 Manny's Corners Rd.  
Amsterdam, NY 12010

Dear Linda,

I hope 2026 is off to a good start for you and the town. Enclosed please find Employee Assistance Agreement (EAP) contracts, signed on St. Mary's behalf, for services provided to the Town of Amsterdam from 1/1/26 through 12/31/26. If agreeable, please sign both contracts, retain one for your records, and return the other in the enclosed envelope.

We are always available to address questions and/or thoughts, welcome any opportunity to connect, and value our relationship.

Sincerely,



Barbara J. Epting  
Employee Assistance Program Coordinator

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## **EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT ("EAP")**

This agreement (the "Agreement") made January 1, 2026, by and between **St. Mary's Healthcare**, a New York not-for-profit corporation, with its principal office and place of business at 427 Guy Park Avenue, Amsterdam, NY 12010 (the "Hospital") and **Town of Amsterdam**, a New York municipal corporation, with its principal office and place of business at 283 Manny Corners Road, Amsterdam, New York 12010 ("Municipality"). The Hospital and the Municipality may sometimes hereinafter be referred to individually as a "Party" or collectively as the "Parties".

### WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Hospital operates an employee assistance program ("EAP") to assist employers in providing early intervention services to employees having health, family, financial, alcohol, drug or other personal issues; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality would like to retain the Hospital to establish an EAP and provide such early intervention services when needed to employees of the Municipality, subject to the terms, covenants and provisions herein contained.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and other good and valuable consideration exchanged between the Parties hereto, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the Parties hereto agree as follows:

1. Obligations of Hospital. The Hospital during the term of this Agreement shall establish for the Municipality an employee assistance program designed to assist employees in identifying and resolving personal concerns, including, but not limited to, health, marital, financial, family, alcohol, drug, legal, emotional and other personal issues which may affect job performance at the Municipality (the "EAP Services"). Each employee in the EAP will be entitled to receive up to three (3) visits with an EAP counselor at no cost to the employee. If counseling or services are needed beyond three (3) sessions, the employee shall be referred to an appropriate community agency. Any and all agency referral fees will be paid for by the employee. EAP Services will be available to each employee of the Municipality and family members residing in the same household. All counseling services shall be confidential to the extent required by applicable law, rule and regulation and the policies and procedures of the Hospital, as established from time to time. Access to an EAP counselor shall generally be Mondays through Fridays, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., by appointment, at the offices of the Hospital's Employee Assistance Program Office, 430 Guy Park Avenue, Amsterdam New York, the Hospital's Canajoharie Family Health Center, 48 Erie Boulevard, Canajoharie, New York and the Hospital's Johnstown Family Health Center, 700 South Perry Street, Johnstown, New York. Crisis services shall be available through the Hospital's Comprehensive Mental Health and Addictions Center ("CMHAC"). The Municipality agrees that an employee may refer himself or herself to an EAP counselor without formal notification to the Municipality. Further, supervisory personnel of the Municipality may refer an employee to an EAP counselor for job related problems. At no time may the Municipality require an EAP counselor to divulge any information regarding the utilization of EAP Services by an employee or the scope of EAP Services received by an employee. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if an employee is required or mandated to utilize the EAP Services as a condition of continued employment or in connection with a disciplinary matter with the Municipality, an EAP counselor, upon the written consent of an employee, may confirm that the employee kept a scheduled

appointment with an EAP Counselor. Annually, the Hospital will provide to the Municipality a utilization report in form and content satisfactory to the Parties. The EAP counselor shall be under the supervision of an individual who is certified in or licensed as a counseling profession with a minimum of two (2) years treatment experience in the outpatient setting. The program supervision shall be provided by the Senior Director of Behavioral Health and the Coordinator of EAP, both of whom shall be employees of the Hospital. In addition to the foregoing, the Hospital shall, during the term of this Agreement, and at the request of the Municipality, provide up to four (4) supervisory training sessions regarding the early identification of employees needing referral.

2. Obligations of the Municipality. The Municipality, during the term of this Agreement, agrees to provide to its employees with a total of four (4) paycheck stuffers as supplied by the Hospital, describing the availability of the EAP Services, which paycheck stuffers will be distributed to each employee with his or her paycheck. The Municipality will prominently display promotional materials furnished by the Hospital to the Municipality regarding availability of the EAP Services.

3. Compensation. As compensation to the Hospital for establishing the EAP Service program and providing services thereunder, as herein outlined, the Municipality shall pay to the Hospital a fee of **\$34.00 for each employee** of the Municipality (the "Per Employee Fee"). Based on current data provided to the Hospital, the Municipality has, on the date hereof, **11 employees**. Therefore, the fee due the Hospital hereunder shall be Three Hundred Seventy-Four and 00/100ths Dollars (**\$374.00**), due and payable within forty-five (45) days of the Municipality's execution of this Agreement. Payments shall be remitted to Employee Assistance Program ("EAP") of St. Mary's Healthcare, Attention CMHAC Accountant, Finance Department, 427 Guy Park Avenue, Amsterdam, New York 12010. The Municipality, upon execution of this Agreement by both Parties, will provide the Hospital with a list of the full-time employees then employed by the Municipality.

4. Term and Termination. The term of this Agreement shall be **one (1) year commencing on January 1, 2026**. This Agreement shall terminate at the end of the one (1) year term hereof, unless extended in writing by the Parties and shall further terminate upon the occurrence of an event of default as provided in paragraph 7 hereof.

In addition to the foregoing, this Agreement may be terminated by either Party for any reason upon sixty (60) days' written notice to the other Party. Upon termination of this Agreement, the Hospital shall be entitled to payment hereunder for all unpaid services accrued up to the date of termination.

5. Regulatory Compliance. The Parties agree that this Agreement is intended to comply with all state and federal laws, rules and regulations including, but not limited to, the Medicare and Medicaid, Fraud and Abuse Statute, the Stark III Statute and Regulations and all regulations governing use of facilities financed with tax exempt bonds ("Laws"), to the extent applicable. If, at any time, this Agreement is found to violate any applicable provision of these Laws, or if either Party has a reasonable belief that this Agreement creates a material risk of violating the Laws, and after consultation with the other Party, and thirty (30) days after written notice to the other Party, the Parties shall renegotiate the portion of this Agreement that creates the violation of the Laws. If the Parties fail to reach agreement within one hundred twenty (120)

days following said written notice, this Agreement shall terminate at the written option of the Party seeking to reform the Agreement.

6. Ethical and Religious Directives. All services provided hereunder shall be provided in a manner consistent with the Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services as promulgated by the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington, D.C. of the Roman Catholic Church, or its successor.

7. Default. The occurrence of any of the following events shall constitute an event of default hereunder:

(a) the failure of either Party within ten (10) days of receipt of written notice from the other to comply with any of the terms and conditions hereof to be complied with by the Party;

(b) the failure of any warranty, representation or statement made hereunder by either Party to the other to be true and correct when made and furnished; or

(c) if either Party shall discontinue business, make a general assignment for the benefit of creditors, apply for or consent to the appointment of a receiver, trustee or liquidator for all or any part of its assets, be adjudicated bankrupt or insolvent, file any voluntary petition in bankruptcy or file a petition or answer seeking any arrangement with creditors or seeking to take advantage of any other law relating to the relief of debtors generally.

Upon the occurrence of an event of default the injured Party may immediately terminate this Agreement as provided in paragraph 4 hereof and pursue all legal and equitable rights and remedies available to the aggrieved Party.

8. Corporate Responsibility. The Hospital has in place a Corporate Compliance Program ("Program") which has as its goal to ensure that the Hospital complies with federal, state, and local laws and regulations. The Program focuses on risk management, the promotion of good corporate citizenship, including the commitment to uphold a high standard of ethical and legal business practices, and the prevention of misconduct. The Municipality acknowledges the Hospital's commitment to corporate compliance and agrees to conduct all business transactions which occur pursuant to this Agreement in accordance with the underlying philosophy of corporate compliance adopted by the Hospital.

9. Exclusion from State and Federal Health Care Programs. Each Party represents and warrants to the other that it has not been, nor is about to, be excluded from participation in any State or Federal Healthcare Program. The Municipality agrees to notify Hospital within one (1) business day of the Municipality's receipt of a notice of intent to exclude or actual notice of exclusion from any such program. The listing of the Municipality or any Municipality-owned subsidiary in the Office of Inspector General's exclusion list (OIG website), the General Services Administration's Lists of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurement and Nonprocurement Programs (GSA website) for excluded individuals and entities, or the New York State List of Disqualified Providers shall constitute "exclusion" for purposes of this Section. In the event that the Municipality is excluded from any State or Federal Healthcare Program,

this Agreement shall immediately terminate. For the purposes of this Section, the term "Federal Healthcare Program" shall have the meaning given such term in 42 C.F.R. §1001.2.

10. Status of Parties. It is expressly understood and agreed that in the performance of services under this Agreement, each Party and its agents and employees shall at all times act as independent contractors with respect to the other Party and not as employees or agents of such other Party. Further, it is expressly understood and agreed by the Parties that nothing contained in this Agreement shall be construed to create a joint venture, partnership, association, or other affiliation or like relationship between the Parties, it being specifically agreed that their relationship shall remain that of independent Parties to a contractual relationship as set forth in this Agreement. In no event shall either Party be liable for the debts or obligations of the other, except as otherwise specifically provided in this Agreement. Neither Party shall not have any claim under this Agreement or otherwise against the other Party for vacation pay, paid sick leave, retirement benefits, social security, workers compensation, health, disability, professional malpractice, or unemployment insurance benefits or other employee benefits of any kind.

11. Indemnification. Each Party agrees to indemnify and hold the other Party harmless of and from any and all liability of any nature or kind arising, or alleged to have arisen, out of the negligence or willful misconduct of the indemnifying Party.

12. Assignment by the Hospital. This Agreement may be assigned by the Hospital as a result of reorganization, merger, consolidation or name change.

13. Entire Agreement. This Agreement contains the entire understanding between the Parties hereto with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersedes all previous contracts or agreements between the Parties with respect to the subject matter hereof.

14. Waiver of Breach. The waiver by either Party of a breach or violation of any provision of this Agreement shall not operate as, nor be construed to be, a waiver of any subsequent breach hereof.

15. Governing Law. This Agreement shall be construed, governed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of New York.

16. Amendments. This Agreement may be amended, changed or altered only by an instrument in writing signed by the Parties hereto.

17. Judicial Interpretation. Should any provision of this Agreement require judicial interpretation, the court interpreting or construing the Agreement shall not apply a presumption that the terms hereof shall be more strictly construed against the Party who itself or through its agent prepared the same, it being agreed that both Parties have participated in the preparation of this Agreement.

18. Confidentiality. The Municipality and the Hospital agree that each, together with their employees, agents, and representatives, shall maintain all information shared, generated, obtained, and/or collected as confidential in a manner consistent with applicable state and

federal law, and of the Hospital and the Hospital Medical Staff Bylaws, Rules, Regulations, policies and/or procedures.

19. Invalidity. The invalidity or unenforceability of any particular provision of this Agreement shall not affect the other provisions hereof and this Agreement shall be construed in all respect as if such unenforceable or invalid provision had been omitted herefrom. Further, it is agreed that should any statute or law be enacted or rule or regulation promulgated by any agency, bureau or department having jurisdiction over the Hospital which could contravene any provision of this Agreement, then, in that event, the Parties hereto agree that the pertinent provisions of any such statute, law, rule or regulation shall supersede the provisions of this Agreement.

20. Access to Records. In accordance with Federal regulations, each Party agrees to retain for a period of four (4) years after services are furnished under this Agreement, and to allow the Secretary of Health and Human Services, the Comptroller General, or their representatives, to have access upon request to this Agreement and to such books, documents and records that may be necessary to verify the nature and extent of the costs of the services furnished under this Agreement.

21. Binding Effect. This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Parties hereto and their respective successors and permitted assigns.

22. Paragraph Headings. The paragraph headings contained herein are for convenience in reference only and shall not operate to change or modify the terms of this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have executed this Agreement on the date, month and year referenced above.

**St. Mary's Healthcare**

By:

  
Jeffrey M. Methven, President/CEO

Date:

1/26/2026

**Town of Amsterdam**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_