**CERTIFICATION OF ADHERENCE TO CONFIDENTIALITY STANDARDS FOR THE AMERICAN HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION (AHA) DATA**

I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ understand that I must adhere to the following agreement(s) in order to be in compliance with the confidentiality standards associated with the use of Health Forum, LLC, an American Hospital Association company, AHA Annual Survey Database and AHA IT Database data:

I will not use or disclose (in writing, orally, electronically or otherwise) the AHA data to any third party or for any purpose except as expressly provided in the Agreement. I will not permit anyone other than the individuals authorized by NBER to examine the data connected with this research.

I will not transfer, sell, share, or lend access to the services, data or any information which is derived, calculated or otherwise ascertained from such deliverables, except as otherwise provided in the Agreement.

I will follow the physical and electronic security policies developed by Health Forum, LLC and the NBER to prevent access to the data by unauthorized personnel. I will not download a copy of the data to a local host machine or removable device. I understand that the data must be destroyed at the end of my project or the termination of the NBER’s Data License Agreement.

I will not attempt, directly or indirectly, to reverse engineer, decompile, or disassemble the services or data nor any confidential or proprietary criteria developed or used by Health Forum, LLC relating to the data.

I will not report, through any medium, any data that could identify, directly or by inference, individual establishments.

If I discover or suspect an actual breach of the data or unauthorized access to use, disclose, destroy or interfere with the data, I will report it to the NBER staff at itstaff@nber.org immediately.

I have reviewed the Health Forum Data License Agreement dated 12/18/2017 and agree to abide by all of the respective terms and conditions. I understand that the terms and conditions are confidential and I will not disclose them to any third party.

Further, I understand that if I fail to comply with these standards I will be suspended from NBER affiliation and prohibited from participating or receiving compensation from any NBER funded project for an extended period to be determined by the NBER. I realize that serious violations may be penalized by permanent expulsion from any future NBER affiliation, and that in all cases the NBER will provide written notification to Health Forum, LLC documenting the nature of the violation.

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