

**DEPARTMENT OF SPECIAL SERVICES
TOWNSHIP OF UNION PUBLIC SCHOOLS
M-E-M-O-R-A-N-D-U-M**

TO: Gregory Tatum

**C: Diane Cappiello
Julia Vicidomini**

From: Kim Conti

Re: Board Agenda Item

Date: May 18, 2020

Approve Maxim Healthcare Services Inc., (1 Boland Drive, West Orange, NJ 07052) to provide Nursing Services, at the rate of \$47.27 for RN and \$40.32 for LPN, not to exceed \$60,000.00 for the 2020-2021 school year. (Acct # 11-000-216-320-01-19)



EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION STAFFING AGREEMENT

This EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION Staffing Agreement (hereinafter "Agreement") is entered into this 23 day of April, 2020, by and between **Township of Union Public School** located at 2369 MOrris Avenue Union, NJ 07083, referred to in this Agreement as "EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION," and Maxim Healthcare Services, Inc, a Maryland Corporation including its affiliates and subsidiaries, with an office located at 1 Boland Drive, Suite 104 West Orange, NJ 07052 referred to in this Agreement as "MAXIM."

RECITALS

WHEREAS, EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION operates a School, as defined by State Law located in NJ and wishes to engage MAXIM to provide personnel to supplement EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION's staff.

WHEREAS, MAXIM operates a supplemental staffing agency and employs licensed health care personnel to provide healthcare services to EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION.

THEREFORE, in consideration of the above premises set forth herein, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are acknowledged by the parties, and intending to be legally bound, EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION and MAXIM hereby agree to the following terms and conditions.

ARTICLE 1. TERM OF AGREEMENT

Section 1.1 Term. This Agreement will be in effect for one (1) EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION calendar year and will be automatically renewed at the end of the first year and each subsequent year unless terminated.

Section 1.2 Termination. Either party may terminate this Agreement at any time, with or without cause, by providing at least thirty (30) days advance written notice of the termination date to the other party. Such termination will have no effect upon the rights and obligations resulting from any transactions occurring prior to the effective date of the termination.

ARTICLE 2. RESPONSIBILITIES OF MAXIM

Section 2.1 Services. MAXIM will, upon request by EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION, provide one or more licensed or certified health care providers (i.e. LPNs, RNs, SLPs, School Psychologists, SPED Teachers, BCBAs, and other various health and related services personnel) as specified by EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION (collectively, "Personnel") for supplemental staffing services, subject to availability of qualified Personnel. Subject to the terms of Section 6.8 of this Agreement, to the extent that MAXIM is unable to provide the type of healthcare provider requested by EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION, MAXIM will provide EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION with a higher skilled healthcare provider. MAXIM must, however, bill that higher skilled provider at that provider's fair market value rate.

Section 2.2 Personnel. MAXIM will supply EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION with Personnel who meet the following criteria and will provide evidence of the following to EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION upon written request:

- 1) Possess current state license, certification(s) and/or credential(s), as applicable and appropriate for the services provided to EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION, documentation of which will be kept in the MAXIM employee file and will be provided to EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION as requested in writing.
- 2) Skills competency evaluation, if applicable, to be verified by a MAXIM clinician.
- 3) Completed MAXIM standard OSHA and HIPAA training.
- 4) Complete state-specific background checks and health assessment requirements, as defined by state-specific educational code.
- 5) MAXIM will ensure completion of documentation, as requested by EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION, to assist in Local Education Agency reimbursement.

Section 2.3 Insurance. MAXIM will maintain (at its sole expense), or require the individuals it provides under this Agreement to maintain, valid policies of insurance evidencing general and professional liability coverage of not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$3,000,000 in the aggregate, covering the sole negligent acts or omissions which may give rise to liability for services provided under this Agreement. MAXIM will provide a certificate of insurance evidencing such coverage upon request by EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION.

Section 2.4 Use of Independent Contractors and Subcontractors. Personnel provided to EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION are employees of MAXIM and are subject to MAXIM'S standard screening process, as well as additional qualifications as required in this Agreement. If MAXIM deems it necessary to obtain the services of a subcontractor to fulfill its requirements under this Agreement, MAXIM will notify EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION in writing of its intent to use subcontractors and will obtain written approval from EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION. MAXIM will ensure that any subcontractor will comply with all applicable terms of this Agreement. MAXIM will provide written notification to EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION if it becomes necessary for MAXIM to utilize independent contractors to fulfill its staffing obligations to EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION. Any Personnel provided to EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION by an independent contractor will be subject to the same qualifications as MAXIM employees.

Section 2.5 Employment and Taxes. MAXIM will follow its standard employment policies and procedures to verify that all Personnel meet applicable licensing requirements. MAXIM, or its subcontractor if applicable, will maintain direct responsibility as employer for the payment of wages and other compensation, and for any applicable mandatory withholdings and contributions such as federal, state, and local income taxes, social security taxes, worker's compensation, and unemployment insurance. EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION shall be responsible for any sales tax, gross receipts tax, excise tax or other state taxes applicable to the Services provided by MAXIM.

ARTICLE 3. RESPONSIBILITIES OF EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION

Section 3.1 Orientation. EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION will promptly provide MAXIM Personnel with an adequate and timely orientation to EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION. EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION shall review instructions regarding confidentiality (including student and employee), and orient MAXIM Personnel to the specific Exposure Control Plan of the EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION as it pertains to OSHA requirements for bloodborne pathogens, as well as any of the EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION's specific policies and procedures provided to MAXIM for such purpose.

- Section 3.2 Requests for Personnel.** EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION will use its best efforts to request Personnel at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to reporting time in order to assure prompt arrival of assigned Personnel. All information regarding reporting time and assignment will be provided by EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION at the time of the initial call.
- Section 3.3 Short-Notice Requests.** MAXIM will bill EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION for the entire shift if an order for staff is made less than two (2) hour(s) prior to the start of the shift, as long as the Personnel report for work within a reasonable prompt period of time under existing conditions after receiving notice of the assignment.
- Section 3.4 Staff Order Cancellation.** If FACILITY changes or cancels an order less than two (2) hours prior to the start of a shift, MAXIM will bill FACILITY for two (2) hours at the established fee for each scheduled Personnel. MAXIM will be responsible for contacting MAXIM Personnel prior to reporting time.
- Section 3.5 Responsibility for Student Care.** EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION retains full authority and responsibility for professional and medical management of care for each of its students, for developing and providing Individualized Healthcare Plans (IHP's) for its students, and for ensuring that services provided by MAXIM Personnel under this agreement are furnished in a safe and effective manner and in accordance with applicable standards.
- Section 3.6 Placement Fee.** For a period of twelve (12) months following that date on which MAXIM Personnel last worked a shift at EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION, EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION agrees that it will take no steps to recruit, hire or employ as its own employees or as a contractor those Personnel provided by MAXIM during the term of this Agreement. EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION understands and agrees that MAXIM is not an employment agency and that Personnel are assigned to the EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION to render temporary service(s) and are not assigned to become employed by the EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION. The EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION further acknowledges and agrees that there is a substantial investment in business related costs incurred by MAXIM in recruiting, training and employing Personnel, to include advertisement, recruitment, interviewing, evaluation, reference checks, training, and supervising Personnel. In the event that EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION, or any affiliate, subsidiary, department, or division of EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION hires, employs or solicits MAXIM Personnel, EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION will be in breach of this Agreement. EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION agrees to give MAXIM either (a) one hundred and eighty (180) days prior written notice of its intent to hire, or employ, continuing to staff Personnel through MAXIM for a minimum of thirty-six (36) hours per week through the one hundred and eighty (180) days notice period; OR (b) to pay MAXIM a placement fee equal to the greater of: five thousand dollars (\$5,000) or the sum of thirty percent (30%) of such Personnel's annualized salary (calculated as Weekday Hourly Bill Rate x 2080 Hours x 30%).
- Section 3.7 Per Diem or Short Term Staff Non-Performance.** If EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION concludes, in its sole discretion, that any Personnel provided by MAXIM have engaged in misconduct, or have been negligent, EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION may require the Personnel to leave the premises and will notify MAXIM immediately in writing, providing in reasonable detail the reason(s) for such dismissal. EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION'S obligation to compensate MAXIM for such Personnel's services will be limited to the number of hours actually worked. MAXIM will not reassign the individual to EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION without prior approval of the EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION.
- Section 3.8 Per Diem or Short Term Staff Right to Dismiss.** EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION may request the dismissal of any MAXIM Personnel for any

reason. EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION agrees to notify MAXIM of any such action immediately in writing, providing in reasonable detail the reason(s) for such dismissal. EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION shall be obligated to compensate MAXIM for all Personnel hours worked prior to dismissal.

Section 3.9 Assignment Confirmation. MAXIM may cancel the remaining term of an assignment with notification to EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION. MAXIM will use its best efforts to provide a qualified replacement for such cancelled Personnel within fourteen (14) days from the date of notification.

Section 3.10 Assignment Cancellation for Convenience. EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION agrees to utilize Personnel for the specified period of time, agreed upon by both parties. Should EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION staffing needs change and EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION wishes to cancel Personnel already being utilized, EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION must give MAXIM thirty (30) days' notice before cancellation date. EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION will compensate MAXIM 50% of the uncompleted portion of the original assignment period.

Section 3.11 Insurance. EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION will maintain at its sole expense valid policies of general and professional liability insurance with minimum limits of \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$3,000,000 annual aggregate covering the acts or omissions of its employees, contractors and agents which may give rise to liability in connection with the Services under this Agreement. EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION will give MAXIM prompt written notice of any material change in EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION coverage.

Section 3.12 Incident Reports. EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION shall report to MAXIM any unexpected incident known to involve any Personnel (such as Personnel errors, unanticipated deaths or other unanticipated student-related events or injuries known to be attributable to Personnel, and any safety hazards known to be related to the services provided by Personnel) if the incident may have an adverse impact on the EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION and/or MAXIM in order to comply with MAXIM'S incident tracking program. Complaints and grievances regarding MAXIM Personnel may be reported to the local MAXIM representative at any time.

ARTICLE 4. MUTUAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Section 4.1 Non-discrimination. Neither MAXIM nor EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION will discriminate on the basis of age, race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability, being a qualified disabled veteran, being a qualified veteran of the Vietnam era, or any other category protected by law.

ARTICLE 5. COMPENSATION

Section 5.1 Invoicing. MAXIM will supply Personnel under this Agreement at the rates listed in the Attachment(s). MAXIM will submit invoices to EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION every week for Personnel provided to EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION during the preceding week. Invoices shall be submitted to the following address:

**Township of Union Public School
2369 Morris Avenue
Union, NJ 07083
ATTN: Gregory Tatum, Superintendent**

- Section 5.2** **Payment.** All amounts due to MAXIM are due and payable within thirty (30) days from date of invoice. EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION will send all payments to the address set forth on the invoice.
- Section 5.3** **Late Payment.** Payments not received within thirty (30) days from the applicable invoice date will accumulate interest, until paid, at the rate of one and one-half percent (1.5%) per month on the unpaid balance, equating to an annual percentage rate of eighteen percent (18%), or the maximum rate permitted by applicable law, whichever is less.
- Section 5.4** **Rate Change.** MAXIM will provide EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION at least thirty (30) days advance written notice of any change in rates.
- Section 5.5** **Annual Rate Increases.** EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION agrees to and accepts annual rate increases at the percentage listed on Attachment A of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 6. GENERAL TERMS

- Section 6.1** **Independent Contractors.** MAXIM and EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION are independent legal entities. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to create the relationship of employer and employee, or principal and agent, or any relationship other than that of independent parties contracting with each other solely for the purpose of carrying out the terms of this Agreement. Neither MAXIM nor EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION nor any of their respective agents or employees shall control or have any right to control the activities of the other party in carrying out the terms of this Agreement.
- Section 6.2** **Assignment.** Neither party may assign this Agreement without the prior written consent of the other party, and such consent will not be unreasonably withheld. No such consent will be required for assignment to an entity owned by or under common control with assignor or in connection with any acquisition of all of the assets or capital stock of a party; provided however, the assigning party will provide notice of such transaction to the other party and remain fully responsible for compliance with all of the terms of this Agreement.
- Section 6.3** **Indemnification.** MAXIM agrees to indemnify and hold harmless EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION, and its directors, officers, and agents from and against any and all claims, actions, or liabilities which may be asserted against them by third parties in connection with the sole negligent performance of MAXIM, its directors, officers, employees or agents under this Agreement only. EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION agrees to indemnify and hold harmless MAXIM, its directors, officers, shareholders, employees and agents from and against any and all claims, actions, or liabilities which may be asserted against them by third parties in connection with the negligent performance of EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION, its directors, officers, employees, contractors or agents under this Agreement.
- Section 6.4** **Attorneys' Fees.** In the event either party is required to obtain legal assistance (including in-house counsel) to enforce its rights under this Agreement, or to collect any monies due to such party for services provided, the prevailing party shall be entitled to receive from the other party, in addition to all other sums due, reasonable attorney's fees, court costs and expenses, if any, incurred enforcing its rights and/or collecting its monies.
- Section 6.5** **Notices.** Any notice or demand required under this Agreement will be in writing; will be personally served or sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, or by a recognized overnight carrier which provides proof of receipt; and will be sent to the addresses below. Either party may change the

address to which notices are sent by sending written notice of such change of address to the other party.

Township of Union Public School 2369 Morris Avenue Union, NJ 07083 ATTN: Gregory Tatum, Superintendent	Maxim Healthcare Services, Inc. 7227 Lee DeForest Drive Columbia, MD 21046 ATTN: Contracts Department
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COPY TO:

Maxim Staffing Solutions
1 Boland Drive, Suite 104
West Orange, NJ 07052
ATTN: **Barbara Lavelle, Operations
Manager**

- Section 6.6 Headings.** The headings of sections and subsections of this Agreement are for reference only and will not affect in any way the meaning or interpretation of this Agreement.
- Section 6.7 Entire Contract; Counterparts.** *This Agreement constitutes the entire contract between EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION and MAXIM regarding the services to be provided hereunder. Any agreements, promises, negotiations, or representations not expressly set forth in this Agreement are of no force or effect. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which will be deemed to be the original, but all of which shall constitute one and the same document. No amendments to this Agreement will be effective unless made in writing and signed by duly authorized representatives of both parties except as provided in Section 6.9.*
- Section 6.8 Availability of Personnel.** The parties agree that MAXIM'S duty to supply Personnel on request of EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION is subject to the availability of qualified MAXIM Personnel. The failure of MAXIM to provide Personnel or the failure of EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION to request Personnel shall result in no penalty to EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION or any party claiming by or through it and shall not constitute a breach of this Agreement. In instances where MAXIM is providing individual care for a student(s), MAXIM will make commercially reasonable efforts to ensure that student(s) care remain consistent.
- Section 6.9 Compliance with Laws.** MAXIM agrees that all services provided pursuant to this Agreement shall be performed in compliance with all applicable federal, state, and/or local rules and regulations. In the event that applicable federal, state or local laws and regulations or applicable accrediting body standards are modified, MAXIM reserves the right to notify EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION in writing of any modifications to the Agreement in order to remain in compliance with such law, rule or regulation.
- Section 6.10 Severability.** In the event that one or more provision(s) of this Agreement is deemed invalid, unlawful and/or unenforceable, then only that provision will be omitted, and will not affect the validity or enforceability of any other provision; the remaining provisions will be deemed to continue in full force and effect.
- Section 6.11 Governing Law, Jurisdiction.** This Agreement will be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Maryland, without regard to its principles of conflict of laws. Any dispute or claim from this Agreement shall be resolved exclusively in the federal and state courts of the State of Maryland and the parties hereby irrevocably submit to the personal jurisdiction of said courts and waive all defenses thereto.

- Section 6.12 Limitation on Liability.** Neither MAXIM nor EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION will be responsible for special, indirect, incidental, consequential, or other similar damages, including but not limited to lost profits, that the other party may incur or experience in connection with this Agreement or the services provided, however caused, even if such party has been advised of the possibility of such damages.
- Section 6.13 Incorporation of Recitals.** The recitals set forth at the top of this Agreement are incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.
- Section 6.14 Conflict of Interest.** By entering into this Agreement, the Parties agree that all conflicts of interest shall be disclosed to the other Party for review in accordance with that Party's policies and procedures. A conflict of interest occurs when an employee or Contractor has professional or personal interests that compete with his/her services to or on behalf of MAXIM or the EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION, or the best interests of students. Such competing interests may make it difficult for an employee or Contractor to fulfill his or her duties impartially.

ARTICLE 7. CONFIDENTIALITY OF PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION

Section 7.1 Confidentiality.

- A. MAXIM/EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION Information.** The parties recognize and acknowledge that, by virtue of entering into this Agreement and providing services hereunder, the parties will have access to certain information of the other party that is confidential and constitutes valuable, special, and unique property of the party. Each of the parties agrees that neither it nor his/her staff shall, at any time either during or subsequent to the term of this Agreement, disclose to others, use, copy, or permit to be copied, except pursuant to his duties for or on behalf of the other party, any secret or confidential information of the party, including, without limitation, information with respect to the party's students, costs, prices, and treatment methods at any time used, developed or made by the party during the term of this Agreement and that is not available to the public, without the other party's prior written consent.
- B. Terms of this Agreement.** Except for disclosure to his/her legal counsel, accountant or financial or other advisors/consultants neither party nor its respective staff shall disclose the terms of this Agreement to any person who is not a party or signatory to this Agreement, unless disclosure thereof is required by law or otherwise authorized by this Agreement. Unauthorized disclosure of the terms of this Agreement shall be a material breach of this Agreement and shall provide the party with the option of pursuing remedies for breach or immediate termination of this Agreement in accordance with the provisions stated herein.
- C. Student/Customer Information:** Neither party nor its employees shall disclose any financial or medical information regarding students/customers treated hereunder to any third-party, except where permitted or required by law or where such disclosure is expressly approved by EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION, MAXIM and student/customer in writing. Further, each party and its employees shall comply with the other party's rules, regulations and policies regarding the confidentiality of such information as well as all federal and state laws and regulations including, without limitation, the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 ("HIPAA") and the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act ("HITECH").
- D.** The obligations set forth in this Section shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

Section 7.2 HIPAA/HITECH Obligations. Each party and its respective staff shall comply with all federal and state laws and regulations, and all rules, regulations, and policies of the other party, regarding the confidentiality of student information, to include, without limitation, HIPAA and HITECH. In addition, if necessary, the parties agree to resist any effort to obtain access to such records or information in judicial proceedings, except such access as is expressly permitted by federal/state regulations.

To the extent that EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION may be a "Covered Entity" as defined by HIPAA, and would therefore be subject to applicable requirements, including, but not limited to, requirements to enter into certain contracts with their "business associates," by HIPAA, the parties acknowledge that a business associate agreement is not needed due to the nature of services provided by MAXIM. Specifically, the parties acknowledge that under HIPAA, Personnel provided hereunder are considered part of EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION's workforce and to that end, all Protected Health Information ("PHI") is created, viewed, used, maintained and otherwise stored and safeguarded in EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION's work environment. The parties further acknowledge that PHI is not exchanged between the parties in order for MAXIM to provide Personnel as part of EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION's temporary workforce.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, MAXIM and all staff provided to EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION hereunder shall comply with confidentiality, medical records and/or other applicable laws and regulations with regard to any and all information directly or indirectly accessed or used by MAXIM and their personnel, including without limitation HIPAA and HITECH.

EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION and MAXIM have acknowledged their understanding of and agreement to the mutual promises written above by executing and delivering this Agreement as of the date set forth above.

TOWNSHIP OF UNION PUBLIC
SCHOOL:

MAXIM HEALTHCARE SERVICES, INC.,

Signature

Signature

Printed Name & Title

Printed Name & Title

Date

Date

ATTACHMENT A

Township of Union Public School **STAFFING RATES**

Charges will be based on the following hourly rate schedule effective 23 April 2020:

Service	Rate
RN Hourly	\$47.27
LPN Hourly	\$40.32

Annual Rate Increase. An annual rate increase of 1% will be added to each services type listed above every year on Effective Date.

Mileage. Mileage will be charged at \$0 per mile.

Orientation. Rates listed above will be charged for all time spent in required EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION orientation.

Overtime. Overtime rates are charged for all hours worked in excess of forty (40) per week or according to applicable state law. The overtime rate is one and one-half (1.5) times the regular billing rate for such hours.

TOWNSHIP OF UNION PUBLIC SCHOOL:

MAXIM HEALTHCARE SERVICES, INC.,

_____ Signature

_____ Signature

_____ Printed Name & Title

_____ Printed Name & Title

_____ Date

_____ Date

