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State Officials Award Contract for New COVID-19 Data Reporting System to OptumInsight, Inc.

SACRAMENTO – The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and California Department of Technology (CDT) today announced that OptumInsight, Inc. has been selected to develop the state's new COVID-19 data reporting system. The system will collect, track and report COVID-19 cases, supplementing California's current disease registry system known as CalREDIE.

"Throughout this pandemic, our public health decisions are guided by science and data and we recognize the need for innovative and modern tools to get in front of COVID-19," said Sandra Shewry, CDPH Acting Director. "We are taking meaningful action to update how we collect, analyze and report COVID-19 data, which is central to our ongoing statewide response and the actions local public health directors take every day to protect the health and wellbeing of Californians."

The new standalone COVID-19 data reporting system, which was procured competitively, is a software solution built to manage the large volume of data currently tracked as a result of the pandemic. It is designed to help improve the efficiency of the system that receives data from laboratories and local public health departments and prepares data for reporting and analysis.

"This tool will result in measurable progress to the data quality, management and overall efficiency of reporting California's COVID-19 lab results," said California Chief Information Officer and CDT Director Amy Tong. "This system will reduce labor-intensive collection processes and minimize delays in reporting data so that public health experts across the state have swift access to the tools and data they need to prevent COVID-19 transmission and respond to new cases and outbreaks."

OptumInsight, Inc. is a global company that provides data, software and services to health care companies and government agencies to optimize their operations. CDPH has signed a renewable, 6-month, \$15.3 million contract with the company to develop the data tool using funding from the federal Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Prevention and Control of Emerging Infectious Diseases (ELC) grant. The first phase of the new system will be up and running in October.

"Optum is honored to support the State of California's efforts to collect and report COVID-19 data and help stem the spread of the virus. We are mobilizing our proven health IT capabilities to standardize, analyze, and publish COVID-19 test results and to provide public health officials with the quality data they need to make critical decisions and support communities across the state," said Robert Musslewhite, CEO of

OptumInsight, the health care technology business of Optum.

About the California Department of Technology

The California Department of Technology is committed to partnering with state, local government and educational entities to deliver digital services, develop innovative and responsive solutions for business needs, and provide quality assurance for state government Information Technology (IT) projects and services. The Department's "Vision 2020" Strategic plan is to create one digital government delivered securely by a dynamic workforce.