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9. Injunctive Relief.

Each party acknowledges that a violation of Sections 2, 6 or 8 of this Agreement would cause irreparable harm to the other party for which no adequate remedy at law exists, and each party therefore agrees that, in addition to any other remedies available, the aggrieved party shall be entitled to seek injunctive relief to enforce the terms of Sections 2, 6 or 8. The prevailing party shall be entitled to recover all costs and expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees incurred because of any such legal action.

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If any portion of this Agreement is determined by a court of competent jurisdiction or any appropriate legislature to be wholly or partially unenforceable for any reason, such unenforceability shall not affect the balance hereof.

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- (B) **Acceptance.** By clicking agreement to the terms of this Agreement and providing NCQA with Licensee’s email address under Section 4, Licensee agrees and consents to (i) contract electronically with NCQA for the Licensed Data in accordance with this Agreement; (ii) receipt of electronic legal notices regarding this Agreement to the email account Licensee provided under Section 4 or upon accessing the Licensed Data; and that by clicking agreement to the terms of this Agreement, Licensee intends to be bound by this Agreement.
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