

June 4, 2024

Board of Supervisors
County of Ventura
800 South Victoria Avenue
Ventura, California 93009

Subject: Approval of, and Authorization for the Health Care Agency Director or Designee to Sign, the First Amendment to the Agreement with Christopher Dru, M.D., Inc., for Medical Director, Robotic Urology Surgery Services, Removing the Not-to-Exceed Amount for Fiscal Year 2023-24 and Any Fiscal Year Thereafter, Effective June 4, 2024.

Recommendation:

That your Board approve, and authorize the Health Care Agency (HCA) Director or designee to sign, the first amendment to the agreement with Christopher Dru, M.D., Inc., for medical director, robotic urology surgery services, removing the not-to-exceed amount for fiscal year 2023-24 and any fiscal year thereafter, effective June 4, 2024.

Fiscal Impact:

There is no fiscal impact with this item.

Strategic Plan Priority:

The item presented in this Board letter supports the Healthy, Safe, and Resilient Communities strategic priority of the County Strategic Plan as it is designed to meet the goal of providing access to quality healthcare required for our community to thrive.

Discussion:

The proposed amendment before your Board is for Christopher Dru, M.D., Inc., a provider of urology services. Due to Dr. Dru's anticipated high productivity levels, the proposed first amendment removes the not-to-exceed amount from his contract. This modification will allow HCA to compensate Dr. Dru for any additional Work Relative Value Units (WRVUs) generated beyond the initially agreed-upon productivity.

While this change may result in increased compensation for particularly productive quarters, it is expected to balance out over time, as there will likely be quarters with lower

productivity levels. Consequently, the overall fiscal impact of this amendment is anticipated to be neutral, as the fluctuations in quarterly productivity will eventually offset each other, aligning with the initial negotiated compensation amount.

The portions of the agreement concerning compensation paid by HCA are exempt from disclosure under the Public Records Act (Health and Safety Code Section 1457 (c) (1)). If the Board would like further information regarding the rates, the original agreement is retained by Mike Taylor, HCA's Chief Financial Officer.

This letter has been reviewed by County Counsel, the Auditor-Controller's Office, and the County Executive Office. If you have any questions regarding this item, please call John Fankhauser, M.D., Chief Executive Officer, County Hospitals, at 805-652-6058.



JOHN FANKHAUSER, M.D.
Chief Executive Officer, County Hospitals

BARRY ZIMMERMAN
Health Care Agency Director

Exhibit:

Exhibit 1 – First Amendment to Agreement for Medical Director, Robotic Urology Surgery Services with Christopher Dru, M.D., Inc.