

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF VENTURA
AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE COUNTY PURCHASING AGENT TO
DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES PURSUANT TO
PUBLIC CONTRACT CODE SECTION 20131, SUBSECTION (C), FOR CERTAIN
PURCHASES AND CONTRACTS NOT TO EXCEED \$1,000,000 RELATING TO THE
COUNTY HOSPITAL, AND DELEGATING AUTHORITY TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE
COUNTY'S HEALTHCARE AGENCY OR DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE SPECIFIC
TYPES OF NO-COST AGREEMENTS**

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has delegated its purchasing authority to the County Purchasing Agent pursuant to Ordinance No. 4084 (1995) and Government Code section 31000, and subject to the monetary limit of Government Code Section 25502.5 regarding contracts for special services;

WHEREAS, Public Contract Code (PCC), section 20131, subsection (c), permits the Board of Supervisors to authorize the County Purchasing Agency to purchase or contract without competitive bidding as follows:

“Counties which employ purchasing agents may:

... (c) Authorize the agent to purchase or contract for medical or surgical equipment or supplies, or for professional services, for a county hospital without competitive bidding, so long as an appropriation for the costs of those purchases or contracts is included in the county budget.

As used in this subdivision, ‘medical or surgical equipment or supplies’ means only equipment or supplies commonly, necessarily and directly used by or under the direction of a physician and in caring for or treating a patient in a hospital.”

WHEREAS, the County of Ventura’s “hospital” consists of the Ventura County Medical Center and its related County operations, including the Santa Paula Hospital campus and ambulatory care medical clinics, located throughout Ventura County;

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors recognizes the need for Ventura County Medical Center to contract for and otherwise procure items expeditiously relating to the care of patients treated there;

WHEREAS, PCC Section 20131(c) allows for procurement of such items by the County Purchasing Agent without competitive bidding; and

WHEREAS, the delegation of authority to the Director of the Health Care Agency to execute certain types of agreements without approval by this Board will result in faster payments to the County related to the performance of healthcare services, faster delivery of services to County patients for services that are unavailable at the hospital, more efficient processing of “no cost” agreements related to clinical training and revenue generating opportunities, timely applications for competitive grants, and additional clinical trials being conducted at the hospital.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Ventura:

1. The recitals set forth above are true, correct and incorporated into this Resolution by this reference.
2. The Board of Supervisors authorizes and directs the County Purchasing Agent to develop and implement County purchasing policies and procedures pertaining to the procurement of medical and surgical equipment and supplies, and professional services, for the Ventura County Medical Center without competitive bidding pursuant to PCC section 20131(c).
3. The Board of Supervisors authorizes the County Purchasing Agent or designee to award contracts and procure medical and surgical equipment and supplies, and to also award contracts and procure the professional services listed in Schedule A of this Resolution, for the Ventura County Medical Center, without competitive bidding, up to \$1 million per vendor, per twelve (12) month period. While the aforementioned professional service contracts may be procured without competitive bidding, such contracts with an annual aggregate cost exceeding two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) per vendor must be presented to the Board of Supervisors for approval pursuant to the County Purchasing Ordinance and Government Code Section 25502.5.
4. The Board of Supervisors authorizes the Director of the Health Care Agency or designee to execute on behalf of the County, with authority to bind the County, the types of agreements listed in Schedule B of this Resolution, including amendments to such agreements, provided the form of the agreement or amendment complies with the County Contracting Policy set forth in Administrative Policy No. Chapter VI-1, as may be amended, and is approved by County Counsel.
5. The County Purchasing Agent and the Director of the Health Care Agency will collaborate on and submit to this Board on a quarterly basis a report listing all purchases and agreements executed according to the authorities delegated pursuant to this Resolution.

Upon motion of Supervisor _____, seconded by Supervisor _____, and duly carried, the Board hereby approves and adopts this resolution on the _____ day of _____, 2024.

Kelly Long
Chair, Board of Supervisors
County of Ventura

ATTEST:
SEVET JOHNSON
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Ventura, State of California
By: _____
Deputy Clerk of the Board

SCHEDULE A

Professional Services:

Physician Services

Nursing Services

Ancillary Medical Professional Services

Pharmacy Services

Medical / Pharmacy Consultants

Case Management Services

Medical Product Distribution Services

Medical Research Services

Patient Transport Services

Medical Records / Pharmaceutical Control Management Services

Laboratory Services

Healthcare Attorney Services

Medical Equipment Rental

Compliance Related Consulting Services

Chaplain Services

Hearing Officer Services (Inpatient Treatment Facility)

Organization-wide Memberships / Collaborative Participation Arrangements necessary for patient care delivery

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SCHEDULE B

1. **Affiliation Agreements** for Graduate Medical Education (GME), Medical or Osteopathic Student, Registered Nurse (RN), Physician Assistant (PA) or other healthcare licentiate or Doctoral Candidate training experiences that do not require an expenditures of funds or any expenditure of funds is completely offset by payments to the County resulting in a zero (“0”) dollar commitment by the County.
2. **Inter-Facility Agreements** with other hospitals or skilled nursing facilities to provide for the transfer of patients between facilities when transitioning to a level of care not provided by the hospital, which could either be a lower level of care such as a skilled nursing facility or a higher level of care such as a Cardiac Intensive Care Unit.
3. **Inter-Governmental Agreements** for services or funding (for example IGTs) which would allow the Ventura County Medical Center to provide services to patients requiring care at agreed to rates of reimbursement.
4. **Commercial Insurance Payor Agreements** which will provide in-patient acute and outpatient hospital services to commercial insurance plan members who contract with employer groups and governmental entities for covered health care services for their members enrolled in HMO and PPO plans.
5. **Medicare Payor Agreements** to provide in-patient acute and outpatient hospital services under Medicare Advantage HMO plans that contract with the federal government’s Centers for Medicare/Medicaid Services (CMS) to provide for or arrange for the provision of covered health care services to their senior members enrolled in their HMO benefit plans.
6. **Medi-Cal Payor Agreements** to provide in-patient acute and outpatient hospital services under Medi-Cal plans that contract with the federal government’s Centers for Medicare/Medicaid Services (CMS) to provide for or arrange for the provision of covered health care services to their members enrolled in Medi-Cal and their Medi-Medi Dual members.
7. **Letters of Agreement for Medical Services** with various payors to provide acute and outpatient hospital services for individual members.
8. **Grants** – Many grants are available that would financially support the Board’s goals for improving the delivery of care within the Ventura County community.

Acceptance of grants that require a financial match would still be subject to Board approval.

9. **Clinical Trial Agreements** – Clinical trials are research studies involving human volunteers (participants). The intent of such trials is to add to current medical knowledge. The rights of those participants are protected through an Institutional Review Board (IRB.)
10. **Nondisclosure Agreements** – Nondisclosure agreements are used to evaluate new technology and potential operational or financial arrangements.
11. **Revenue Generating Agreements**- These operational agreements with service providers or related entities generate revenues for the Ventura County Medical Center and do not require investment or expenditure of funds. For example, a collections agreement wherein the only payment made to the contractor is based upon a predetermined percentage or fee for a successful collection is considered a revenue generating agreement.