
Setting the Standard in Health Care Excellence

July 25, 2023

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

Subject: Approval of, and Authorization for the Health Care Agency (HCA) Director or Designee to Sign, the First Amendment to Agreement for Pediatric Endocrinology Services with Swati V. Elchuri, M.D., Increasing the Agreement by \$4,100 for a New Maximum Amount of \$331,720 for the Period of December 1, 2022, through June 30, 2024, and by \$3,000 for a New Contract Maximum of \$209,860 per Fiscal Year for Up to Two Additional Fiscal Years Thereafter; Ratification of HCA's Authorization of the Contractor to Provide Increased Services Under the Terms of the Amendment Commencing June 1, 2023 in Anticipation of Your Board's Approval.

Recommendations:

1. That your Board approve, and authorize the Health Care Agency (HCA) Director or designee to sign, the first amendment to agreement for pediatric endocrinology services with Swati V. Elchuri, M.D., increasing the agreement by \$4,100 for a new maximum amount of \$331,720 for the period of December 1, 2022, through June 30, 2024 and by \$3,000 for a new contract maximum of \$209,860 per fiscal year for up to two additional fiscal years thereafter.
2. That your Board ratify HCA's authorization of the contractor to provide services under the terms of the amendment commencing June 1, 2023, in anticipation of your Board's approval.

Reason for Ratification:

Additional time was required to complete calculations of services provided with the contractor.

Fiscal Impact:

Mandatory:	No
Source of Funding:	VCMC Operating Revenues/Collections
Funding Match Required:	None
Impact on Other Departments:	N/A

Summary of Annual Revenues and Costs under this agreement.

	<u>FY 2023-24</u>	<u>FY 2024-25</u>
REVENUE:	\$4,100	\$209,860
DIRECT COSTS:	\$4,100	\$209,860
INDIRECT COSTS:	Minor	Minor
Net revenue <cost>	\$0	\$0

Current FY 2023-24 Budget Projections for Ventura County Medical Center #3300				
	Adopted Budget	Adjusted Budget	Projected Actual	Estimated Savings/(Deficit)
Expenditures	\$673,790,899	\$673,790,899	\$673,790,899	\$0
Revenue	\$665,452,626	\$665,452,626	\$665,452,626	\$0
Operational Income/(Loss)	(\$8,338,273)	(\$8,338,273)	(\$8,338,273)	\$0

*The operational income includes "Operating Transfers In" that is primarily attributed to County contributions.

Table 1 below summarizes the net financial impacts of the VCMC contract:

Provider	Eff. Date	Current Contract Annual Maximum	Proposed Contract Annual Maximum	FY 23-24 Inc/<Decr>	FY 24-25 Inc/<Decr>
Swati V. Elchuri, M.D.	6/1/2023	\$206,860	\$210,960*	\$4,100	\$0
Swati V. Elchuri, M.D.	7/1/2024	\$206,860	\$209,860**		\$3,000
Total				\$4,100	\$3,000

*\$210,960 includes the current \$1,000 allowance per fiscal year 23-24, that was already spent during the period of December 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

**\$209,860 annual amount calculated for 19 months to \$331,720 contract maximum, includes adjustments to paragraph total amounts for inpatient consultation, e-consultations, and after- hours call coverage to be divisible by the exact per unit compensation of each paragraph.

Discussion:

The proposed amendment presented to your Board is for Swati V. Elchuri, M.D. Dr. Elchuri has been providing pediatric endocrinology services at Pediatric Diagnostic Center since November 15, 2017. The current agreement has maxed out the e-consultations allowance of \$1,600 for the period of December 1, 2022, through June 30, 2024, and we are unable to pay for the June 2023 e-consults services until your Board approves this first amendment. The amendment increases the maximum compensation for these services to up to \$5,700 for the period of December 1, 2022, through June 30, 2024, and \$4,000 per fiscal year for future fiscal years, providing for up to 200 e-consultations per fiscal year at a rate of \$20 per consultation.

The cost of this service is not included in the adopted budget for Fiscal Year 2023-24. HCA will return to your Board for a modification in the budget for additional appropriations to cover the cost of this agreement.

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 Theresa Cho, M.D., Chief Executive Officer, Ambulatory Care, at 805-677-5290.



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BARRY ZIMMERMAN
Health Care Agency Director

Attachment:

Exhibit 1 – First Amendment to Agreement for Pediatric Endocrinology Services, with Swati V. Elchuri, M.D.