

Setting the Standard in Health Care Excellence

May 14, 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 Increase, Expenditures from a Total of \$2,230,000 to \$3,280,000 (an increase of \$1,050,000), Pursuant to the Terms of Existing Contracts, with Cedars Sinai Medical Center and Apex Infusion Pharmacy, Providers of Medical Services for Ventura County Health Care Plan for the Period of July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024.

RECOMMENDATION:

That your Board approve and authorize the Health Care Agency Director or designee to increase, expenditures from a total of \$2,230,000 to \$3,280,000 (an increase of \$1,050,000), pursuant to the terms of existing contracts, with Cedars Sinai Medical Center and Apex Infusion Pharmacy, providers of medical services for Ventura County Health Care Plan (VCHCP) for the period of July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024, as set forth in Table 1 below.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Mandatory:	No
Source of Funding:	VCHCP Operational Performance
Funding Match Required:	None
Impact on other Departments:	None

Summary of Revenues and Costs:

	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25
Revenues:	\$0	\$0
Costs:		
Direct	\$1,050,000	\$0
Indirect-Dept	\$0	\$0
Indirect-County CAP	\$0	\$0
Total Cost	\$1,050,000	\$0
Net County Cost	\$1,050,000	\$0
Recovered Indirect Costs	\$0	\$0

The appropriations needed for these agreements and expenditures are included in the adopted budget of VCHCP for FY 2023-24.

CURRENT FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TABLE

Current FY 2023-24 Budget Projection for Ventura County Health Care Plan Fund E-510 Division 3390				
	Adopted Budget	Adjusted Budget	Estimate to Year-End	Estimated (Savings/Deficit)
Expenditures	\$ 83,981,956	\$ 85,202,550	\$ 83,618,443	\$ 1,584,107
Revenue	\$ 84,170,439	\$ 84,170,439	\$ 83,487,796	\$ (682,643)
Operational Income/(Loss)	\$ 188,483	\$ (1,032,111)	\$ (130,647)	\$ 901,464

*Includes interest and fixed assets

Table 1: Contains the VCHCP Provider request for FY 2023-24

PROVIDER	FY 2022-23 EXPENDITURES (As of June 30, 2023)	FY 2023-24 EXPENDITURES (As of April 16, 2024)	FY 2023-24 AUTHORIZED EXPENDITURES	FY 2023-24 INCREASE (Requested)	FY 2023-24 TOTAL AUTHORIZED EXPENDITURE LIMITS
Cedars Sinai Medical Center	\$ 1,730,008	\$ 1,852,891	\$ 1,900,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 2,900,000
Marin Wellness Pharmacy LLC dba Apex Infusion Pharmacy	\$ 246,514	\$ 302,950	\$ 330,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 380,000
Totals	\$ 1,976,522	\$ 2,155,841	\$ 2,230,000	\$ 1,050,000	\$ 3,280,000

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 supports the goal of providing equitable and timely access to quality healthcare.

BACKGROUND:

VCHCP has contracts with Ventura County Medical Center (VCMC) and non-VCMC health care providers to obtain routine, elective, emergency, and specialized patient care services for its members. VCHCP contracts with non-VCMC facilities to have an adequate supply of primary care and specialty providers to ensure timely access for its

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members, as required by Department of Managed Health Care regulations. VCHCP contracts with "tertiary care" facilities when occasional complex illnesses require advanced physician and technological support. Examples of these services can include acute pediatric care, cardiovascular, emergency, and outpatient surgical care.

Cedars Sinai Medical Center provides highly specialized tertiary medical care that involves advanced and complex treatment that local health care providers may not offer to members who are seriously ill and require high-level specialized care.

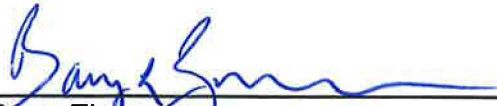
Marin Wellness Pharmacy LLC dba Apex Infusion Pharmacy provides many types of infusion therapy services, either in the patient's home or in their outpatient suite located in Ventura. In addition, they specialize in intravenous immunoglobulin (IVIG) therapy and offer services to both adult and pediatric patients.

The total requested increase is \$1,050,000, which brings the total expenditure limit for these providers to \$3,280,000 for FY 2023-24. The FY 2023-24 costs are covered by premiums paid to VCHCP by employers and subscribers. The requested amounts are an estimate based on payments to the providers for healthcare services rendered to VCHCP members in the first ten months of FY 2023-24.

This letter has been reviewed by the County Executive Office, County Counsel, and Auditor-Controller's Office. If you have any questions regarding these recommendations, please contact Dee Pupa at (805) 981-5006.



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