

December 19, 2023

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 Fourth Amendment to the Agreement with Island View Gastroenterology Associates for Attending Physician Gastroenterology Services, Modifying Call Services Rates and Coverage, Effective January 1, 2024; Authorization to Decrease the Purchase Document Not-to-Exceed Amount by \$9,950 from \$405,650 to \$395,700 for Fiscal Year 2023-2024, and by \$29,000 from \$404,900 to \$375,900 for Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

**Recommendation:**

That your Board approve, and authorize the Health Care Agency Director or designee to sign, the fourth amendment to the agreement with Island View Gastroenterology Associates for attending physicians gastroenterology services, modifying call services rates and coverage, effective January 1, 2024, and authorize the decrease of the purchase document not-to-exceed amount by \$9,950 from \$405,650 to \$395,700 for Fiscal Year 2023-2024, and by \$29,000 from \$404,900 to \$375,900 for Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

**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:	<\$9,950>	\$375,900
DIRECT COSTS:	<\$9,950>	\$375,900
INDIRECT COSTS:	Minor	Minor
Net revenue <cost>	\$0	\$0

<b>Current FY 2023-24 Budget Projections for Ventura County Medical Center #3300</b>				
	<b>Adopted Budget</b>	<b>Adjusted Budget</b>	<b>Projected Actual</b>	<b>Estimated Savings/(Deficit)</b>
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

Sufficient revenue and appropriations are included in the FY 23-24 adopted budget. 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>
Island View Gastroenterology Associates	01/01/23	\$405,650	\$390,450	<\$9,950>	
Island View Gastroenterology Associates	07/01/24	\$404,900	\$375,900		<\$29,000>
<b>Total</b>				<\$9,950>	<\$29,000>

### **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 is designed to meet the goal of providing access to quality healthcare required for our community to thrive.

### **Discussion:**

The proposed amendment presented to your Board is for Island View Gastroenterology Associates (IVGA), a general partnership comprised of Kip D. Lyche, M.D., Charles L. Menz, M.D., Benito A. Pedraza, M.D., Chetan Gondha, M.D., Joel A. Alpern, M.D., and Laya Nasrollah, M.D., acting through their medical corporations.

The fourth amendment removes the not-to-exceed amount in the contract, increases the call coverage rates for weeknights from \$750 to \$800 and for weekends from \$850 to \$1,500, aligning the compensation with the fair and local market value. The resultant decrease in the overall contract maximum is due to IVGA providing fewer call services at our hospital. This service gap will be temporarily filled by locum providers. Meanwhile, the medical leadership is diligently working to recruit new gastroenterologists, ensuring prompt and quality services for our patients.

The portions of the agreement concerning compensation paid by Health Care Agency 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 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

Attachment:

Exhibit 1 – Fourth Amendment to Agreement with Island View Gastroenterology  
Associates for Gastroenterology Services.