

Setting the Standard in Health Care Excellence

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 (HCA) Director or Designee to Sign, the First Amendment to the Agreement with Critical Care Associates of Ventura County, Inc., for Director and Attending Physicians, Critical Care Department Services, Adding New Services, and Increasing the Contract Maximum Amount by \$6,083 from \$2,076,415 to \$2,082,498, for Fiscal Year 2023-24, and Increasing the Contract Maximum Amount by \$49,000 from \$2,076,415 to \$2,125,415 for any Fiscal Year Thereafter, Effective June 1, 2024; Ratification of HCA's Authorization for the Contractor to Provide Additional Services in Anticipation of Your Board's Approval of This Amendment.**

**Recommendations:**

1. That your Board approve, and authorize the Health Care Agency (HCA) Director or designee to sign, the first amendment to the agreement with Critical Care Associates of Ventura County, Inc. (CCA), for director and attending physicians, critical care department services, adding new services, and increasing the contract maximum amount by \$6,083 from \$2,076,415 to \$2,082,498, for fiscal year 2023-24, and increasing the contract maximum amount by \$49,000 from \$2,076,415 to \$2,125,415 for any fiscal year thereafter, effective June 1, 2024.
2. Ratify HCA's authorization of the contractor to provide additional services, effective June 1, 2024, in anticipation of your Board's approval of this amendment.

**Reason for Ratification:**

Additional time was required to negotiate rates 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 Amendment:**

	<u>FY 2023-24</u>	<u>FY 2024-25</u>
REVENUE:	\$6,083	\$49,000
DIRECT COSTS:	\$6,083	\$49,000
INDIRECT COSTS:	Minor	Minor
Net revenue <cost>	\$0	\$0

**Current Fiscal Year Budget:**

<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	\$721,214,436	\$676,277,276	\$44,937,160
Revenue	\$665,452,626	\$682,772,959	\$672,052,975	(\$10,719,984)
Operational Income/(Loss)	(\$8,338,273)	(\$38,441,477)	(\$4,224,301)	\$34,217,176

Sufficient revenue and appropriations are included in the FY 23-24 adopted budget. The operational income includes "Operating Transfers In" that are primarily attributed to County contribution.

**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>
Critical Care Associates of Ventura County, Inc.	6/1/2024	\$2,076,415	\$2,082,498	\$6,083	\$0
Critical Care Associates of Ventura County, Inc.	7/1/2024	\$2,076,415	\$2,125,415	\$0	\$49,000
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$6,083</b>	<b>\$49,000</b>

**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 increases the contract maximum amount by \$6,083 for fiscal year 2023-24 and by \$49,000 per any fiscal year thereafter, adding two new services: point-of-care ultrasound evaluation and utilization services, and resident education curriculum development. The Point-of-Care Ultrasound Evaluation and Utilization Services will ensure proper education, oversight, and compliance with quality and regulatory requirements for the use of point-of-care ultrasound in critical care settings. This will promote the appropriate utilization of this diagnostic tool, leading to enhanced patient care and accurate billing practices.

The Resident Education Curriculum Development Services will facilitate the creation of a comprehensive and rigorous academic curriculum for residents and medical students rotating through the intensive care unit. This curriculum will align with accreditation standards and educational objectives, incorporating evidence-based teaching methodologies and robust evaluation processes.

Incorporating these services into the critical care contract will enable HCA to develop new programs to improve our hospitals' Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade, a nationally recognized measure of patient safety and quality care.

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.

  
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Health Care Agency Director

**Exhibit:**

**Exhibit 1 – First Amendment to Agreement for Director and Attending Physicians, Critical Care Department Services with Critical Care Associates of Ventura County, Inc.**