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*Setting the Standard in Health Care Excellence*

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 Ventura County Women's Health Specialists Medical Group, for Obstetrics and Gynecology Services, Adding 0.5 FTE Physician, Removing the Certified Nurse Midwives Services, and Increasing the Call Coverage, Clinic Coverage, Quality Metrics, and Administrative Compensations, Effective January 1, 2024, Decreasing the Contract Maximum Amount by \$106,167 for a New Contract Maximum Amount of \$3,988,385 for Fiscal Year 2023-2024, and by \$221,992 for a New Contract Maximum Amount of \$3,872,560 for any Fiscal Year Thereafter.

**Recommendation:**

That your Board approve, and authorize the Health Care Agency Director or designee to sign, the fourth amendment to the agreement with Ventura County Women's Health Specialists Medical Group, for obstetrics and gynecology services, adding 0.5 FTE physician, removing the certified nurse midwives services, and increasing the call coverage, clinic coverage, quality metrics, and administrative compensation, effective January 1, 2024, decreasing the contract maximum amount by \$106,167 for a new contract maximum amount of \$3,988,385 for fiscal year 2023-2024, and by \$221,992 for a new contract maximum amount of \$3,872,560 for any fiscal year thereafter.

**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:	<\$106,167>	\$3,872,560
DIRECT COSTS:	<\$106,167>	\$3,872,560
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:**

<b>Provider</b>	<b>Eff. Date</b>	<b>Current Contract Annual Maximum</b>	<b>Proposed Contract Annual Maximum</b>	<b>FY 23-24 Inc/&lt;Decr&gt;</b>	<b>FY 24-25 Inc/&lt;Decr&gt;</b>
VC Women's Health Specialists Medical Group	01/01/24	\$4,094,552	\$3,988,385	<\$106,167>	
VC Women's Health Specialists Medical Group	07/01/24	\$4,094,552	\$3,872,560		<\$221,992>
<b>Total</b>				<\$106,167>	<\$221,992>

### **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 before your Board is for Ventura County Women's Health Specialists Medical Group, a California general partnership (VC Women's) among Frederick J. Kelley, M.D., Inc., Ira J. Silverman, M.D., Inc., Juan S. Vega, M.D., Inc., Emily Scibetta, M. D., Inc., Valerie L. Yuan, M.D., Inc., and Xian Guan, M.D., Inc. The purpose of this fourth amendment is to enhance our healthcare services by incorporating additional resources and ensuring adequate coverage for our patients.

Firstly, the base compensation is increased by \$174,688 to accommodate the addition of a 0.5 FTE physician to VC Women's group. Secondly, the call coverage compensation is increased by \$2,600 for fiscal year 2023-2024 and thereafter, to include call coverage for the Juneteenth holiday to ensure comprehensive care during this significant day.

Moreover, the quality measures, clinic coverage and administrative compensations are being increased to align with the addition of the 0.5 FTE physician to the group. Lastly, the resultant decrease in the overall contract maximum is a result of removing the certified nurse midwives' services from the contract.

The portions of the agreement concerning compensation paid by the 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.

  
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BARRY ZIMMERMAN  
Health Care Agency Director

Attachment:

Exhibit 1 – Fourth Amendment to Agreement with Ventura County Women's Health Specialists Medical Group for Obstetrics and Gynecology Services