

September 10, 2024

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

**SUBJECT: Approval of, and Authorization for the Purchasing Agent (PA) to Increase the Master Agreement, with The California Department of Public Health - Genetic Disease Screening Program for Specialty Care Services, Increasing the Maximum Amount of the Agreement from \$200,000 to \$455,352 (an Increase of \$255,352), Effective July 1, 2024 Through June 30, 2025; Approval of, and Authorization for PA to Make Limited Modifications and Extend the Term of the Master Agreement.**

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. Approval of, and authorization for the Purchasing Agent (PA) or designee to increase the master agreement (MA) with the California Department of Public Health – Genetic Screening Program (CDPH) for specialty care services, increasing the maximum amount of the MA from \$200,000 to \$455,352 (an increase of \$255,352), effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.
2. Approval of, and authorization for the PA or designee to amend the MA to (a) decrease the amount of the MA, (b) make contractual budget modifications that do not increase the amount of the MA (c) approve modifications to the provider service rates that do not exceed 20% of the rates stated in the MA and which do not increase the amount of the MA, and (d) make corrections, clarifications and technical changes to the MA, when the changes are consistent with the original purpose of the MA and do not result in additional costs to the County, subject to County Counsel review and approval.
3. Approval of, and authorization for the PA or designee to extend the term of the MA, up to two (2) times for a period one (1) year each, on the same or more favorable terms and conditions (with any changes in the Scope of Work to be consistent with the original purpose of the agreement), and for up to an amount not to exceed (a) the amount of the MA specified above and (b) any Board-approved increase made to the MA amount within FY 2024-25. All extensions would be subject to all necessary prior appropriations and other budgetary approvals by your Board and review and approval as to form by County Counsel.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Mandatory: No

Source of Funding: VCMC Operating Revenues/Collections

Funding Match Required: None

Impact on Other Department(s): None

Summary of Annual Revenues and Costs Under this Agreement:

	<u>FY 2024-2025</u>	<u>FY 2025-2026</u>
Revenue:	\$455,352	\$455,352
Costs:		
Direct Cost	\$455,352	\$455,352
Indirect – Dept.	\$0	\$0
Total Costs	\$455,352	\$455,352
Net Revenue (Costs)	\$0	\$0

**Current Fiscal Year Budget Projections:**

<b>Current FY 2024-25 Budget Projections for Ventura County Medical System #3300</b>				
	<b>Adopted Budget</b>	<b>Adjusted Budget</b>	<b>Projected Actual</b>	<b>Estimated Savings/(Deficit)</b>
Expenditures	\$720,985,484	\$720,985,484	\$720,985,484	\$0
Revenue	\$721,404,225	\$721,404,225	\$721,404,225	\$0
Operational Income/(Loss)	\$418,741	\$418,741	\$418,741	\$0

Sufficient revenue and appropriations are included in the FY 24-25 budget. The operational income includes "Operating Transfers In" that are primarily attributed to County contribution.

**STRATEGIC PLAN PRIORITY:**

The item presented in this Board letter ties to the Healthy, Safe, and Resilient Communities strategic priority of the County Strategic Plan as it is designed to meet the goal of providing equitable and timely access to quality healthcare services.

**DISCUSSION:**

**Recommendation #1:**

**CDPH** provides the California Newborn Screening Program, which is a public health program that screens all babies for many serious but treatable genetic disorders. Ventura County Medical Center and Santa Paula Hospital screen all newborns soon after birth and utilize the California Newborn Screening Program.

Pursuant to Government code Section 25502.5, approval may be secured from your Board for all services that are expected to exceed the Purchasing Agent's authority (\$200,000 per contractor) during the fiscal year.

Ongoing monitoring for contractor performance and contract compliance is regularly conducted throughout the fiscal year to ensure the provision of high-quality services. The contract amounts for FY 2024-25 are based on prior year expenditures, anticipated usage based on future growth, and costs necessary to satisfy compliance requirements in specific areas.

HCA recommends approval of, and authorization for the PA or their designee to increase the MA with CDPH for specialty care services, increasing the maximum amount of the MA from \$200,000 to \$455,352 (an increase of \$255,352), effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

**Recommendation #2:**

In order to timely respond to needed changes to achieve contract goals and ensure costs are maintained within available funding and budgets, HCA also requests authorization for the PA or designee to amend the MA to (a) decrease the amount of the MA, (b) make contractual budget modifications that do not increase the amount of the MA (c) approve modifications to the provider service rates that do not exceed 20% of the rates stated in the MA and which do not increase the amount of the MA, and (d) make corrections, clarifications and technical changes to each MA, when the changes are consistent with the original purpose of the MA and do not result in additional costs to the County, subject to County Counsel review and approval.

**Recommendation #3:**

HCA requests authorization for the PA or designee to extend the term of the MA, up to two (2) times for a period of one (1) year each, on the same or more favorable terms and conditions (with any changes in the Scope of Work to be consistent with the original purpose of the agreement), and for up to an amount not to exceed (a) the amount of the MA specified above and (b) any Board-approved increase made to the MA amount within FY 2024-25. All extensions would be subject to all necessary prior appropriations and other budgetary approvals by your Board and review and approval as to form by County Counsel.

This Board letter has been reviewed by the County Executive Office, Auditor Controller's Office, County Counsel, and General Services Agency Procurement Services. If you have any questions regarding this item, please contact John Fankhauser, M.D., Chief Executive Officer, County Hospitals, at 805-652-6058.

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Chief Executive Officer, County Hospitals

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Theresa Cho, MD MHA  
Health Care Agency Director