
Setting the Standard in Health Care Excellence

April 8, 2025

County of Ventura Board of Supervisors

SUBJECT:

Approval of, and Authorization for the Health Care Agency Director or Designee to Increase, Expenditures from a Total of \$3,681,000 to \$5,156,000 (an increase of \$1,475,000), Pursuant to the Terms of Existing Contracts, with Children's Hospital of Los Angeles, Children's Hospital of Los Angeles Medical Group, and UCLA Medical Group, Providers of Medical Services for Ventura County Health Care Plan for the Period of July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025.

RECOMMENDATION:

That your Board approve and authorize the Health Care Agency Director or designee to increase, expenditures from a total of \$3,681,000 to \$5,156,000 (an increase of \$1,475,000), pursuant to the terms of existing contracts, with Children's Hospital of Los Angeles, Children's Hospital of Los Angeles Medical Group, and UCLA Medical Group, providers of medical services for Ventura County Health Care Plan (VCHCP) for the period of July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025, as set forth in Table 1 below.

FISCAL IMPACT:

	FY 2024-25
Revenues	\$0
Costs	\$1,475,000
Net County Cost	\$1,475,000

Funding Source: VCHCP Operational Performance

Matching Requirement: None

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Table 1: Contains the VCHCP Provider request for FY 2024-25

PROVIDER	FY 2023-24 EXPENDITURES (As of June 30, 2024)	FY 2024-25 EXPENDITURES (As of March 4, 2025)	FY 2024-25 AUTHORIZED EXPENDITURES	FY 2024-25 INCREASE (Requested)	FY 2024-25 TOTAL AUTHORIZED EXPENDITURE LIMITS
Children's Hospital of Los Angeles	\$ 565,117	\$ 305,463	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 800,000	\$ 2,300,000
Children's Hospital of Los Angeles Medical Group					
- CHLA Medical Group	\$ 76,208	\$ 143,888	\$ 175,000	\$ 45,000	\$ 220,000
- CHLA Medical Group Pathology	\$ 5,769	\$ 22,383	\$ 25,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 40,000
The Regents of the University of California, a Constitutional Corporation on Behalf of:					
- Jules Stein Eye Institute	\$ 19,640	\$ 9,202	\$ 20,000		\$ 20,000
- Plastic Surgery Group of UCLA	\$ 7,940	\$ -	\$ 10,000		\$ 10,000
- UCLA Anesthesia Department	\$ 34,422	\$ 26,005	\$ 40,000		\$ 40,000
- UCLA Associated General Surgeons	\$ 6,360	\$ 3,167	\$ 10,000		\$ 10,000
- UCLA Cardiothoracic Surgery	\$ 41	\$ 42,547	\$ 80,000		\$ 80,000
- UCLA Department of Pediatrics	\$ 31,165	\$ 11,456	\$ 40,000		\$ 40,000

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- UCLA Dept Of Med Prof Group	\$ 502,503	\$ 1,168,957	\$ 1,350,000	\$ 600,000	\$ 1,950,000
- UCLA Gonda Goldschmied Vasc	\$ 5,424	\$ -	\$ 10,000		\$ 10,000
- UCLA Head Neck Surg Assoc	\$ 50,967	\$ 18,699	\$ 60,000		\$ 60,000
- UCLA Neurological Grp Practice	\$ 15,791	\$ 24,903	\$ 40,000		\$ 40,000
- UCLA Neurosurgery Assoc	\$ 30,465	\$ 10,258	\$ 40,000		\$ 40,000
- UCLA OB GYN Medical Grp	\$ 4,761	\$ 1,716	\$ 6,000		\$ 6,000
- UCLA Orthopaedic Surgery	\$ 9,412	\$ 2,778	\$ 10,000		\$ 10,000
- UCLA Package Billing	\$ 60,532	\$ -	\$ 70,000		\$ 70,000
- UCLA Pathology and Laboratory	\$ 6,407	\$ 5,617	\$ 10,000		\$ 10,000
- UCLA Pediatric Surgery Assoc	\$ 6,706	\$ 324	\$ 10,000		\$ 10,000
- UCLA Radiology Medical Grp	\$ 60,384	\$ 56,515	\$ 80,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 90,000
- UCLA Urology Associates	\$ 10,464	\$ 14,751	\$ 30,000		\$ 30,000
- UCLA Plastic Surgery Assoc	\$ 2,832	\$ 6,506	\$ 10,000		\$ 10,000
- UCLA Radiation Oncology	\$ 1,016	\$ 5,152	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 10,000
Other DBAs Below \$5,000	\$ 13,179	\$ 9,820	\$ 50,000		\$ 50,000

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Totals	\$ 1,527,505	\$ 1,890,107	\$ 3,681,000	\$ 1,475,000	\$ 5,156,000

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 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.

Children’s Hospital of Los Angeles provides highly specialized tertiary pediatric medical care that involves advanced and complex treatment for both inpatient and outpatient members of VCHCP that local providers may not offer.

Children’s Hospital of Los Angeles Medical Group (CHLAMG) is the group of physicians that provide services at Children’s Hospital of Los Angeles. CHLAMG is a highly-respected, well-established academic medical group with a wide range of outstanding individual physicians in a broad variety of pediatric specialty areas. They are the largest pediatric multispecialty medical group in the United States. They offer specialized care with more than 550 pediatric specialists in any of 32 specialties and 31 special focused services for complex conditions.

The Regents of the University of California, a Constitutional Corporation on Behalf of UCLA Medical Group provides highly specialized tertiary care that involves advanced and complex treatment that local healthcare providers may not offer to members who are seriously ill and require high-level specialized care.

The total requested increase is \$1,475,000, which brings the total expenditure limit for these providers to \$5,156,000 for FY 2024-25. The FY 2024-25 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 eight months of FY 2024-25.

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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.

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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