

March 19, 2019

Board of Supervisors
County of Ventura
800 South Victoria Avenue
Ventura, CA 93003

Subject:

Approval of Amendment to Provider Agreement with Valley Care Physicians IPA Medical Associates, Inc. d/b/a Valley Care IPA.

Recommendations:

1. That your Board approve, and authorize the Health Care Agency (HCA) Director or designee to sign, the 13th Amendment to the Provider Agreement with Valley Care Physicians IPA Medical Associates, Inc. d/b/a Valley Care IPA (Valley Care IPA), effective June 1, 2019.
2. That your Board authorize the HCA Director or designee to, from time to time, make changes to Exhibit A-5, List of Primary Care Physicians.

VCMC Fiscal Impact:

There is minimal impact associated with this item.

Discussion:

The County of Ventura entered into a Provider Agreement with Valley Care IPA on December 1, 2004. This contract has been essential in sustaining Santa Paula Hospital, the only hospital in the Santa Clara Valley. Valley Care IPA is a California medical professional corporation which does business under the name "Valley Care IPA." The organization was founded in 1994 by local physicians to serve Santa Paula and Fillmore (later expanded into Ventura) and operates as an independent physicians association (IPA), allowing member physician practices to contract with large HMO plans. The amendment before your Board expands the services covered under the current agreement by adding primary care physicians. This addition will allow HCA to more

completely service the Valley Care IPA members. It is anticipated that there will be minimal financial impact with this change based upon FY 17-18 encounter data.

The amendment before your Board contains a list of primary care physicians in Exhibit A-5. It is anticipated that from time to time this list will change as providers are added to or removed from the list. HCA is requesting authorization to modify this list as needed to ensure accurate and timely information is provided to Valley Care IPA.

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 Karla Valle, HCA Chief Financial Officer, at 677-5140.



Karla Valle
HCA Chief Financial Officer

William T. Foley
Health Care Agency Director

Attachment:

Exhibit 1 - 13th Amendment - Valley Care IPA Provider Agreement