



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Public Health
Department No.: 041
For Agenda Of: January 24, 2023
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Daniel L.B. Nielson, MPA, Interim Director
Director(s): Public Health Department
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Emergency Medical Services Director
SUBJECT: **First Amendment to the Maddy Emergency Medical Services Fund Hospital Payment Agreement with Marian Regional Medical Center**

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors consider the following recommendations:

- a) Approve, ratify, and authorize the Chair to execute the First Amendment to the Agreement with Marian Regional Medical Center (Marian) to increase payment distributions by \$115,000 to Marian from the Maddy Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Fund for partial compensation for providing trauma and emergency medical services to patients who do not make payments for emergency medical services which include the homeless, uninsured, or undocumented, for a revised total amount not to exceed \$321,000, effective January 1, 2023 but which otherwise does not change the term of the Agreement ending December 31, 2026.
- b) Determine that the proposed action does not constitute a "Project" within the meaning of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to Section 15378(b)(4) of the CEQA Guidelines, because it consists of the creation of government funding mechanisms or other government fiscal activities, which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant impact on the environment.

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda to authorize the Chair to execute the First Amendment to the Agreement (Attachment A) with Marian Regional Medical Center to receive Maddy EMS Funds. Maddy EMS Funds are established under Health and Safety Code sections 1797.98a and 1797.98.b, and County Resolution 04-307. The Public Health Department (PHD) administers the Maddy Program for eligible patients in Santa Barbara County. All hospitals in Santa Barbara County are currently providing Maddy Program eligible services. Therefore, with Board approval for Recommendation A, the County will execute the First Amendment to the Agreement with Marian Regional Medical Center to increase payment distributions to Marian from the Maddy EMS Fund for uncompensated care.

Your Board executed the Agreement on February 7, 2017 for a total of eight (8) years with a maximum allocation of \$206,000. To date, \$178,380 dollars have been allocated to Marian Regional Medical Center supporting uncompensated care. It is projected that an additional amount of \$115,000 will be distributed to Marian Regional Medical Center during the remaining term of the Agreement.

Background: The Maddy Program provides State funding to County governments to provide health care access for residents that cannot afford emergency care and who meet Program eligibility and authorization for care criteria. Locally the Maddy Program is governed by the Board of Supervisors and since 2004 has been administered through the PHD Emergency Medical Services (EMS) program. All five (5) hospitals in Santa Barbara County participate in treating Maddy eligible patients and are reimbursed by PHD for these patient services. The payment distribution procedure that is established by these agreements complies with the Health and Safety Code Section 1797.98a of the Maddy Legislation and has been reviewed and approved by the Hospital Council of Southern California.

Performance Measure:

The Agreement includes quarterly and ad hoc reporting requirements in order to analyze the effectiveness of the Maddy Program.

Contract Renewals and Performance Outcomes:

The high-risk elements of this agreement are associated with the Maddy Program being dependent on a State funding source and the lack of other providers for this service. These risks are mitigated by the fact that this agreement is a “pass-through” of State funding to provide payment to hospitals for Maddy Program eligible patient services. If the funding were to be withdrawn, neither the Public Health Department nor Marian Regional Medical Center would have any obligation to continue this agreement. Additionally, Maddy Fund legislation has been approved through January 1, 2027 per Health and Safety Code Chapter 2.5, Section 1797.98a.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

General Fund					
State	\$	206,000.00	\$	115,000.00	\$ 321,000.00
Federal					
Fees					
Other:					
Total	\$	206,000.00	\$	115,000.00	\$ 321,000.00

Narrative: This proposed action will amend the Agreement with Marian Regional Medical Center for an additional amount of \$115,000. Approval of this First Amendment will allow Marian Regional Medical Center to receive payment distributions from the Maddy EMS Fund for uncompensated care up to \$321,000. There are no General Fund resources associated with this amendment. The funding and the related appropriations are included in the Public Health Department’s FY 2022-23 Recommended Budget and will be included as part of the subsequent fiscal year recommended budget.

Key Contract Risks:

The high-risk elements of this agreement are associated with the Maddy Program being dependent on a State funding source and the lack of other providers for this service. These risks are mitigated by the fact that this agreement is a “pass-through” of State funding to provide payment to hospitals for Maddy Program eligible patient services. If the funding were to be withdrawn, neither the Public Health Department nor Marian Regional Medical Center would have any obligation to continue this agreement. Additionally, Maddy Fund legislation has been approved through January 1, 2027 per Health and Safety Code Chapter 2.5, Section 1797.98a.

Staffing Impacts:

There are no staffing impacts from this action.

Special Instructions:

Please execute two (2) original First Amendments to the Agreement with Marian Regional Medical Center and retain one (1) original of the First Amendment and one (1) Minute Order for pick-up by the department. Please email PHDGroupContractsUnit@sbcphd.org when available for pickup.

Attachments:

- A. Marian Regional Medical Center Maddy Emergency Medical Services First Amendment
- B. Marian Regional Medical Center Maddy Emergency Medical Services Fund Agreement

Authored by:

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