



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 29, 2019
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Van Do-Reynoso, PhD, Public Health Department Director
Director(s) Public Health Department
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SUBJECT: **First Amendment to the Maddy Emergency Medical Services Fund Agreement with the Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital**

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 a First Amendment to the Agreement for Maddy Emergency Medical Services Fund Distributions with Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital, to change the period of performance so that it matches other local hospitals making extensions automatic through December 31, 2026, unless earlier terminated, to continue providing partial compensation for trauma and emergency medical services provided to the uninsured and medically indigent.
- b) Determine that the proposed actions do not constitute a "Project" within the meaning of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to Section 15378(b)(4) of the CEQA Guidelines, because they consist 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 a First Amendment with Santa Barbara Cottage (Attachment A) to change the period of performance so that it matches other local hospital terms. This First Amendment makes all extensions automatic through December 31, 2026. 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. The Board of Supervisors approved the original Agreement with Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital (Attachment B) in 2016.

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's 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.

Contract Risk Assessment

The risk element of this First Amendment is making the term extensions automatic. This risk is mitigated because the 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 PHD or Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital would have any obligation to continue this agreement. The Agreement also has the standard clauses allowing termination for convenience or for nonappropriation. Additionally, Maddy Fund legislation has been approved through January 1, 2027.

Performance Measure:

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

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

This proposed amendment extends the term of the Agreement and keeps the existing contract amount of \$290,000. Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital will continue to receive payment distributions from the EMS Maddy Fund for uncompensated care up to a total of \$290,000, contingent upon sufficient funds received from the courts. There are no General Fund resources associated with these agreements. The funding and the related appropriations are included in the Public Health Department's FY 2018-19 Adopted Budget and will be included as part of subsequent fiscal year's recommended budgets.

Staffing Impacts:

There are no staffing impacts from this action.

Special Instructions:

Please execute two (2) original Agreements with Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital and retain one (1) original of each Agreement and one (1) Minute Order for pick-up by the department. Please email phdcu@sbcphd.org when available for pickup.

Attachments:

- A. First Amendment to Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital Maddy Emergency Medical Services Fund Agreement

First Amendment to Maddy Emergency Medical Services Fund Hospital Payment Agreement
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B. Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital Maddy Emergency Medical Services Fund Agreement

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