

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY  
BOARD AGENDA LETTER**



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**Agenda Number:**

**Prepared on:** 6/20/03  
**Department:** Public Health  
**Budget Unit:** 041  
**Agenda Date:** 7/15/03  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimate Time:**  
**Continued Item:** NO  
**If Yes, date from:**

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Roger E. Heroux, Director  
Public Health Department

**STAFF CONTACT:** Jane Overbaugh, Deputy Director  
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**SUBJECT:** SBRHA Medi-Cal Orthopedic Revenue Agreement Amendment

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**Recommendation(s):**

That the Board of Supervisors:

Execute the Amendment to the First Amendment to Second Agreement with the Santa Barbara Regional Health Authority for Non-Emergency Orthopedic Surgical Services for the period July 1, 2001 to June 30, 2004 including an annual administration fee of \$5,920 for authorizing medically necessary surgeries and processing claims under the terms of this Agreement.

**Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:** The recommendation is primarily aligned with Goal No. 2. Community Health and Safety: A safe and healthy community in which to live, work and visit.

**Executive Summary and Discussion:** The Santa Barbara Regional Health Authority (Authority) is the payer of services for the Medicaid (Medi-Cal) program in Santa Barbara County. The County and Authority have entered into special agreements for guaranteed access to orthopedic services since February 1, 1988. The Authority wants to continue to provide payment to the County for case management of non-emergency orthopedic services for Medi-Cal patients.

On August 15, 2000 your Board executed a Second Agreement with the Authority to reimburse the County for providing guaranteed orthopedic access for Medi-Cal patients for the period July 1, 1999 through June 30, 2001. Your Board executed the First Amendment on February 5, 2002 extending the period to June 30, 2002.

Your Board is requested to execute the Amendment to the First Amendment to Second Agreement for Non-Emergency Orthopedic Surgical Services extending the period to June 30, 2004. The Amendment also

clarifies language in Exhibit B - Compensation; updates the list of physicians providing services; and amends other outdated sections to the Agreement and/or Exhibits.

**Mandates and Service Levels:** The County is mandated to provide access to necessary medical care for residents of Santa Barbara County by California's Code of Regulations, Title 176, Chapter 3, Article 2, Sections 1276, 2500, 2501, 2502, 2503, and 2505, and by the Welfare and Institutions Code, Section 17000.

The Authority is authorized to operate the California Medi-Cal program in Santa Barbara County by California Health and Safety Code Section 101675 and Welfare and Institutions Code Section 14495.5. The Authority operates under a federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid 1915(b) waiver.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:** This Amendment is not encompassed by the agreement the County has with the Authority for medical services delivered to Medi-Cal patients in the County Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) clinics. It specifically covers orthopedic services and surgeries delivered outside of the County clinics.

This Amendment will not require any additional use of General or Public Health Department Special Revenue Funds. In addition, approval of this Amendment will not increase the indirect costs to the Public Health Department or its use of County A 87 Plan overhead.

The total annual reimbursement from SBRHA for this program is designed to cover the full costs of the orthopedic services on a fee for services basis, including administrative costs estimated at \$5,920.

These funds were appropriated for in the Public Health Department's adopted FY 2003-04 budget. They can be found on page D-180 of the County's Operating Plan in the MIA/Indigent Health cost center.

The Amendment will not result in the need for any additional facilities.

**Special Instructions:**

Please return one original and one copy of the signed contract to PHD Administration, 300 N. San Antonio R., Bldg 8; ATTN: J. Cioppa.

**Concurrence:** None