

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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If Yes, date from:

TO: Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: First Amendment to Marian Medical Center Medically Indigent Adult Agreement

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors:

Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the First Amendment for administrative changes to the Agreement with Marian Medical Center to provide in-patient services for the County's Medically Indigent Adult (MIA) Program, for the period of July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2006, in the amount of \$405,000 for FY 2004/05 and fee-for-service, based upon qualifying claims submission, for FY 2005/06.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendation is primarily aligned with Goal No. 2. Provide a Safe and Healthy Community in Which to Live, Work, and Visit.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

Agreement BC-06-076 was executed by your Board December 13, 2005 with Marian Medical Center to provide hospital in-patient services for patients eligible for the Medically Indigent Adults (MIA) Program. It covers the per diem cost per patient of the facility and support staff but not emergency room care, outpatient services, or physician services. The County has had the responsibility for the care of MIA patients since 1983 and, because there is no County Hospital, has found agreements with local hospitals for in-patient services to be cost effective.

The Agreement has two different methodologies of reimbursement:

1. For the period July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005 the County paid Marian Medical Center for 345 MIA in-patient days in the form of a monthly block appropriation.

2. For the period July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006 the County will pay Marian Medical Center through the County's Utilization Review program as per Board Resolution #84-183, on a fee-for-service basis. The rates are set commensurate with the Santa Barbara Regional Health Authority's (SBRHA) per-diem rates for Marian Medical Center. This change in the reimbursement methodology from prior years is consistent with how the County, under the MIA program, pays all other hospital providers.

The requested First Amendment amends the termination clauses and adds the language for the submission of the fee-for-services claims.

Mandates and Service Levels:

This is a mandated service under section 17000 of the State of California Welfare and Institution Code. There is no change in program or service level.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

There is no fiscal impact associated with these administrative changes to this agreement covered under this amendment.

This requested action will not result in a need for any additional facilities.

Special Instructions:

Please return one original signed agreement and send a copy of the minute order to PHD Contracts Unit, 300 North San Antonio Road, Building 8, Santa Barbara, CA 93110 **Attn: Dawn McGrew (805) 681 5205.**

Concurrence: None required.