



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER**

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Submitted on:
(COB Stamp)

Department Name: County Health Department
Department No.: 041
Agenda Date: June 24, 2025
Placement: Administrative Agenda
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Mouhanad Hammami, Director, County Health Department
Contact Info: Paola Hurtado, Division Chief of Primary Care and Family Health
SUBJECT: **340B Drug Discount Program Agreement with Dignity Health DBA Marian Regional Medical Center**

Signed by:
Mouhanad Hammami
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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:

- a) Approve, ratify and authorize the Chair to execute an Agreement with Dignity Health DBA Marian Regional Medical Center (Attachment A) to memorialize Marian Regional Medical Center’s commitment to provide services to the indigent population, which is a pre-requisite for participation in the drug discount program established under Section 340B of Public Health Services Act, for the period of June 1, 2025 through May 31, 2030; and
- b) Determine that the proposed action does not constitute a “Project” within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to Section 15378(b)(5) of the CEQA Guidelines, because it consists of organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda to authorize the Chair to execute an Agreement with Dignity Health DBA Marian Regional Medical Center in order for Marian Regional Medical Center to participate in the drug discount program established under Section 340B of Public Health Services Act (the “340B program”).

Discussion:

CHD requests that the Board of Supervisors approve, ratify, and authorize the Chair to execute an agreement with Dignity Health DBA Marian Regional Medical Center to formalize their commitment to provide services to the indigent population. This agreement is necessary for participation in the 340B program. By participating in the program, covered entities like Marian Regional Medical Center can maximize limited federal resources, allowing them to reach more eligible patients and provide more comprehensive services.

Background:

The 340B Drug Pricing Program is a federal government program created in 1992 that requires drug manufacturers to provide outpatient drugs to eligible health care organizations and covered entities at significantly reduced prices. This program is administered and monitored by Office of Pharmacy Affairs under the Human Resources and Services Administration. To participate in the 340B Program, Dignity Health DBA Marian Regional Medical Center must enter into an agreement with the County to provide health care services to low income individuals who are not entitled to benefits under Title XVIII of the Social Security Act or eligible for assistance under the State Plan of Title XIX of the Social Security Act.

During the term of this Agreement, as a pre-requisite to receiving drug discounts under 340B Program, Dignity Health DBA Marian Regional Medical Center agrees to continue providing healthcare services to low income individuals, who are not entitled to benefits under Title XVIII of the Social Security Act or eligible for assistance under the State Plan of Title XIX of the Social Security Act. Marian Regional Medical Center presently provides services to Medicare and Medicaid participants in addition to supporting many programs that benefit the indigent, uninsured or underinsured population. Marian Regional Medical Center will assure that all patients will receive necessary care, as required by law, in its Emergency Departments, regardless of ability to pay.

Performance Measure:

During the term of this Agreement, Dignity Health DBA Marian Regional Medical Center agrees to timely submit all reports that are required to participate in the 340B Program to Human Resources and Services Administration, Office of Pharmacy Affairs, with copies to the County Health Department.

Fiscal Analysis:

There are no staffing impacts or fiscal impacts to the County in executing this Agreement with Dignity Health DBA Marian Regional Medical Center.

Special Instructions:

Please execute two original Agreements with Dignity Health DBA Marian Regional Medical Center and retain one original Agreement and one Minute Order for pick-up by the department. Please email phdcu@sbcphd.org when available for pickup.

Attachments:

Attachment A – 340B Drug Discount Program Agreement with Dignity Health DBA Marian Regional Medical Center

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