



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:** May 6, 2025  
**Placement:** Administrative Agenda  
**Estimated Time:**  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Director(s): Mouhanad Hammami, Director  
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**SUBJECT:** **EMS Specialty Care Designation Revenue Agreement with Lompoc Valley Medical Center**

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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 (Attachment A) with Lompoc Valley Medical Center for the County to provide oversight and administrative services for an Acute Stroke Center. The Agreement term is January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2027, with the County receiving \$12,099 each calendar year for a total of \$36,297; and
- b) Determine that the above action is not a "Project" under the California Environmental Quality Act review per CEQA Guideline section 15378(b)(4), since the action is a government fiscal activity that does not involve commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

**Summary Text:**

This item is on the agenda to authorize the Chair to execute a new designation Agreement between the County Health Department (CHD) and the Lompoc Valley Medical Center (LVMC) as a part of the County's Emergency Specialty System of Care. The designation agreement between CHD and LVMC includes State-mandated specialty care oversight by the Local EMS Agency (LEMSA) for operation of an Acute Stroke Center. The term of the agreement is January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2027.

**Background:**

Hospital specialty care provides the most critical patients direct access to life-saving treatments to give them every chance to live through a health emergency, it establishes coordination for pre-hospital ambulance transport and treatment for improved outcomes, and results in the highest quality medical care for the residents and visitors of Santa Barbara County.

California Health and Safety Code, section 1798.150 gives the LEMSA authority to establish guidelines for hospital facilities according to critical care capabilities as part of the Specialty System of Care. CHD has been designated as the LEMSA for the County, and designates three types of Specialty Care: Trauma, Stroke and ST-Elevation Myocardial Infarction (STEMI). By having these specialty care designations, the LEMSA, through local policies and procedures, can ensure residents and visitors who access the 911-system are transported quickly and directly to hospitals capable of performing specialized emergency health care. The California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 22, Division 9, Prehospital Emergency Medical Services requires the LEMSA to maintain written agreements with all specialty care centers within their respective jurisdictions.

LVMC was designated as an Acute Stroke Center in January 2024. This newly created designation by the State, effective June of 2022, established a set of standards to ensure hospitals are able to provide critical care services for stroke patients who arrive at the hospital either by ambulance or walk in. These include the hospital having continuous neuro-imaging services available, a clinical stroke team who can evaluate the patient immediately, and the ability to provide potentially life-saving IV thrombolytic treatment to patients experiencing a specific type of stroke.

In 2024, 4,528 patients in Santa Barbara County required emergency specialty care. These patients were directed to be transported by ambulance (ground or air transport) to the nearest hospital to receive essential emergency medical treatment. Of the 4,528 patients accessing specialty care services, 890 patients accessed critical stroke care and 50 of these patients (approximately 6%) were able to be treated quickly and locally by LVMC.

The existing one-year revenue Agreement between CHD, (formerly Public Health Department) and the hospital expired on December 31, 2024, and the agreement for Board consideration today (Attachment A) establishes a new, three-year term from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2027.

**Performance Measure:**

The Agreement includes an annual evaluation of reporting requirements. These reporting requirements ensure that the LEMSA is able to monitor patient admissions per specialty care type, analyze system performance, and incorporate these reporting measures into the LEMSA's annual Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Plan.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes

**Fiscal Analysis:**

Under the proposed Agreement, Santa Barbara County will receive total revenue not to exceed \$36,297 for the three-year term. LVMC agrees to pay \$12,099 per calendar year for services provided by the EMS Agency for oversight, administration, and maintenance costs of the Stroke System of Care. The Agreement provides for full cost-recovery to the County for costs that the LEMSA incurs to oversee these specialty care designations as mandated by State laws and regulations. The annual amount of \$12,099 is included in the County Health Department FY 2024-25 Adopted Budget and FY 2025-26 Recommended budget. There is no increase in the use of the County's General Fund resources as a result of executing this Agreement. There are no additional

staff requested as part of this action.

Funding Source	CY 2025	CY 2026	CY 2027	Total
LVMC - Specialty Care (Stroke)	\$12,099	\$12,099	\$12,099	\$36,297
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$12,099</b>	<b>\$12,099</b>	<b>\$12,099</b>	<b>\$36,297</b>

**Special Instructions:**

Please return one original executed Agreement in color and Minute Order to the County Health Contracts Unit at [PHDGROUPContractsUnit@sbcphd.org](mailto:PHDGROUPContractsUnit@sbcphd.org).

**Attachments:**

**Attachment A** – Agreement with LVMC for Designation as an Acute Stroke Center

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