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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Dear Supervisors:

On July 24, 2012, the Board directed the Department of Health Services (DHS) to collaborate with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (Department) to review current specialty care delivery and develop a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to improve care coordination and timeliness of care for patients in the custody of the Department.

Pursuant to the MOU, which was signed on October 17, 2012, DHS has been negotiating an Outside Purchase Service Agreement (Agreement) with the University of Southern California (USC) to provide clinical services and oversight specified in the MOU. This Agreement is near completion. Approximately two months after this Agreement is signed, USC will be able to begin providing enhanced urgent care and on-site obstetrics/gynecology care within the jails, as well as providing supervision and coordination of care to inmates in other specialty clinic areas. Additionally, DHS will then be able to move forward with hiring and training the nurse practitioners who would provide additional specialty care within the jails.

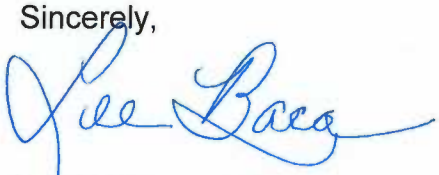
The cost-saving measures anticipated in the MOU have not yet materialized: 340B drug pricing (potential $3.5 million savings) is contingent on legal counsel's opinion on an acceptable framework for applying the discounted pricing to jail inmates and lab processing savings (up to $3.1 million) cannot occur until the Department's Electronic Medical Record (EMR) system is upgraded and an interface is built between the EMR and DHS's lab computer system (projected to be completed in early 2014).

Due to the Department's current fiscal situation and the delay in the offsetting savings mentioned above, the Department cannot afford to fund the jail specialty care project at this time. DHS and the Department are exploring other potential funding sources and a

phased implementation plan in an effort to keep the jail specialty care project moving forward.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Medical Services Bureau Captain Kevin Kuykendall at (213) 893-5460.

Sincerely,



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