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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**VARIOUS AMBULATORY CARE AGREEMENT ACTIONS
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2004-05
(All Districts) (3 Votes)**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Approve and delegate authority to the Director of Health Services, or his designee, upon review and approval by County Counsel, to amend:

1. General Relief Health Care Services Agreement No. H-213286 with Bay Area Addiction Research and Treatment, Inc., effective upon the date of Board approval through June 30, 2005, to authorize the agency to delete its Hollywood site from the Agreement and transfer all services to the agency's Beverly site, at no additional County cost;
2. Specialty Care Services Agreement No. H-207877 with Los Angeles Free Clinic, effective upon the date of Board approval through June 30, 2005, to authorize the agency to delete its Hollywood site from the Agreement and transfer all services to the agency's Beverly site, at no additional County cost;
3. Two Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Agreements with Pomona Valley Medical Center, to delete its Clinica Medica San Miguel service site and shift funds for Fiscal Year (FY) 2004-05, in the amount of \$210,390, from its Traditional Partner Primary Care Agreement No. H-207849 to its Co-Location Primary Care Agreement No. H-207847, that will enable the agency to effectively utilize funding across its network of clinic sites, effective upon date of Board

approval through June 30, 2005. This shift in funds will revise FY 2004-05 maximum obligations for Agreement No. H-207849 from \$211,226 to \$836 and Agreement No. H-207847 from \$483,510 to \$694,000, at no additional County cost;

4. Dental Care Agreement No. H-207854 with St. John's Well Child Center to add the agency's Compton site to the Agreement, effective upon the date of Board approval through June 30, 2005, at no additional County cost;
5. Traditional Partner Agreement No. H-207985 with Avalon Municipal Hospital and Clinic, effective October 1, 2002 through June 30, 2005, to correct the name of the legal entity appearing on such Agreement to "Avalon Medical Development Corporation dba Catalina Island Medical Center"; and
6. Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) Agreement No. H-212398 with Simpson & Simpson Business and Personnel Services, Inc., effective upon the date of Board approval through June 30, 2005, to provide for additional one-time funding for temporary staffing to complete the Department of Health Services Comprehensive Health Center FQHC application process, as instructed by Health Resources Services Administration, as well as to provide continued assistance to several PPP agencies, thereby increasing the maximum obligation by \$100,000 (from \$110,000 to \$210,000) in net County cost.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF THE RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

In approving these recommended actions, you are being asked to approve and delegate authority to the Director of the Department of Health Services (Department or DHS), or his designee, to amend certain PPP and General Relief (GR) Health Care Programs and an FQHC agreement by allocating funding, providing a one-time increase in funding, and other non-substantive changes. DHS is recommending approval of these proposed amendments to various agreements to accomplish the County's Medicaid Demonstration project's objectives and maximize the use of funding to increase access to care and patient capacity.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

The total FY 2004-05 one-time increase of funding for temporary personnel services with Simpson and Simpson Business and Personnel Services, Inc. (Simpson and Simpson) is \$100,000, net County cost. There are sufficient funds in the FY 2004-05 Adopted Budget, and the increase will be absorbed within existing resources. There is no additional cost associated with these actions.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS:

The County's Medicaid Demonstration project, 1115 Waiver, includes two major ambulatory care initiatives. First, ambulatory care services must be maintained at a specified level and provided through a network of DHS, PPP, and GR sites. Secondly, the County must seek FQHC status for its own

ambulatory care sites and assist PPP contractors to obtain FQHC status as a strategy for maximizing Medi-Cal reimbursement during and after the 1115 Waiver.

Public-Private Partnership Program Amendments

Bay Area Addiction Research and Treatment (BAART)

BAART's GR Agreement No. H-213286 includes two sites, Beverly and Hollywood, which are located in Metro Service Planning Area 4, five miles apart. Due to escalating costs, BAART has decided to consolidate services by closing its Hollywood site (located at 6411 Hollywood Boulevard in Los Angeles), and transferring all patients from this site to the Beverly site (located at 1926 West Beverly Boulevard in Los Angeles). The agency has taken great effort to ensure that all impacted patients have been notified, and has established transportation options for their Hollywood patients, including low-cost shuttle services and public transportation information. Therefore, the Department is requesting that the Hollywood site, be deleted from this Agreement effective upon the date of Board approval.

Los Angeles Free Clinic (L AFC)

On December 16, 2003, the Board of Supervisors approved an amendment to L AFC's Specialty Care Services Agreement No. H-207877, to provide \$20,000 in additional funding for the provision of specialty medical care for the transgender population in the Hollywood area through a subcontract with BAART. As stated above, BAART has moved all its services previously provided at the Hollywood site to its Beverly site. Therefore, the Department is requesting Board approval to revise the service site listing of this Agreement by deleting the Hollywood site, and adding the Beverly site effective upon the date of Board approval.

Pomona Valley Medical Center (PV MC)

PV MC currently participates in the PPP Program as a Traditional Partner (Agreement No. H-207849), operating three PPP sites in the Pomona area. The PV MC is the coordinating lead agency of the Pomona Clinic Coalition (Coalition), which includes the PV MC and other local area healthcare providers. Clinica Medica San Miguel (currently a site under the Traditional Partner Agreement) has recently informed the PV MC that it can no longer provide PPP services. Since then, the PV MC has been working with the remaining two clinic sites to transfer patients and reorganize the Coalition's system of care. The agency has determined that by shifting \$210,390 from its Traditional Partner Agreement to its Co-Location Agreement (No. H-207847), the clinics will be able to accommodate the patients in the community without disruption.

St. John's Well Child Center

This agency's Dental Care Agreement No. H-207854 currently includes one site located in the South Service Planning Area, a significantly underserved area of the County. The agency has recently added its dental services to its existing primary care site in the city of Compton. The dental clinic will be open weekdays and weekends and will be able to provide approximately 80 PPP-billable dental visits per month. Therefore, the Department hereby requests to add the agency's 2115 North Wilmington Avenue site in Compton to the above referenced PPP Dental Agreement effective upon the date of Board approval.

Avalon Municipal Hospital and Clinic

Avalon Municipal Hospital and Clinic currently operates a Traditional Partner Primary Care Agreement on Catalina Island. The agency has requested an amendment to its Agreement to correct the name of its incorporated title to "Avalon Medical Development Corporation dba Catalina Island Medical Center." There is no County cost associated with this action.

Federally Qualified Health Center Amendment

The 1115 Waiver Extension mandates that the Department seek FQHC status for each of its ambulatory care facilities, including its PPP clinics. The level of assistance required for each PPP Partner interested and able to submit FQHC Look-Alike applications has varied and depends on the following criteria: 1) status of their governing boards; 2) scope of service delivered; 3) ability to substantiate that patients come from medically underserved area(s); and 4) sophistication of administrative and billing systems and procedures. To date, nine PPPs have submitted FQHC Look-Alike applications with assistance provided by the Department's expert consultant and staffing contractors, and they are currently working on two additional applications. Eight of the applications have been approved and one application was denied. In addition to the PPP application process, resources from the two contractors, Gary Bess Associates and Simpson & Simpson, were used to prepare DHS' section 330(i) public housing primary care grant application in April 2003, which included the County's entire outpatient health system. This application was rejected, and DHS and its consultants met with Health Resources Services Administration (HRSA) representatives regarding alternative strategies.

With the assistance of these two contractors, the Department submitted a Letter of Interest to HRSA expressing the Department's interest in seeking FQHC Look-Alike status for three Comprehensive Health Centers in March 2004. On August 19, 2004, HRSA responded with instructions to proceed with the application process. As the Department and its FQHC contractors have begun preparing the application, it has become clear that additional one-time resources are needed to submit a timely application successfully, and continue to provide FQHC application development assistance to several PPP agencies.

Therefore, the Department requests to increase Agreement No. H-212398, with Simpson & Simpson, for FY 2004-05 by \$100,000, from \$110,000 to \$210,000, to cover additional one-time costs.

The recommended amendment formats will be reviewed and approved as to use by County Counsel.

The recommended actions will not impact the DHS System Redesign.

Attachments A and B provide additional information.

CONTRACT PROCESS:

It is not appropriate to advertise these contract actions and amendments on the Los Angeles County Online Website.

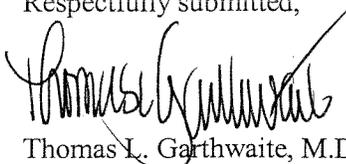
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IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS):

The Board's approval of these recommendations will provide for continued accessibility to health care services throughout Los Angeles County and enable DHS to meet its Medicaid Demonstration Project obligations.

When approved, this Department requires three signed copies of the Board's action.

Respectfully submitted,



Thomas L. Garthwaite, M.D.
Director and Chief Medical Officer

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Attachments (2)

c: Chief Administrative Officer
County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors

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SUMMARY OF AGREEMENT AMENDMENTS
(FISCAL YEAR 2004-05)

1. TYPE OF SERVICES:

The Office of Ambulatory Care oversees: 1) the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) and General Relief (GR) Programs, which provide the indigent, low-income, uninsured patient population with primary, dental, and specialty care services throughout Los Angeles County at County and private facility sites; and 2) the Federal Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) project through which the Department of Health Services is meeting its 1115 Waiver mandate to seek FQHC status for each of its ambulatory care facilities, including its PPP clinics.

2. AGENCY ADDRESSES AND CONTACT PERSONS:

See Attachment B.

3. TERMS:

PPP and GR	October 1, 2002 through June 30, 2005.
FQHC	July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005.

4. FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

The total Fiscal Year (FY) 2004-05 one-time increase of funding for temporary personnel services with Simpson and Simpson Business and Personnel Services, Inc. is \$100,000, net County cost. There are sufficient funds in the FY 2004-05 Adopted Budget, and the increase will be absorbed within existing resources. There is no additional net County cost associated with these actions.

5. GEOGRAPHIC AREAS SERVED:

All Districts.

6. ACCOUNTABILITY FOR PROGRAM MONITORING AND EVALUATION:

Wesley Ford, Director, Office of Ambulatory Care

7. APPROVALS:

Office of Ambulatory Care: Wesley Ford, Director

Contract Administration: Irene E. Riley, Director

County Counsel (as to form): Sharon A. Reichman, Principal Deputy County Counsel

**Ambulatory Care Service Agreement Amendments
Contact Information and Proposed Funding Adjustments for Fiscal Year 2004-05**

Agency	Executive Director	Headquarters Address/Phone/Fax	Service Type	Contract No.	Contract Type	Allocation Adjustment for Fiscal Year 2004-05		
						Current Allocation	Proposed Adjustment	Proposed Allocation
Bay Area Addiction Research and Treatment	Jason Kletter, Ph.D.	1111 Market Street, Fourth Floor San Francisco, CA 94103 Phone: (415) 552-7914 ext. 113 Fax: (415) 552-3455	General Relief	H-213286	General Relief	\$205,228	\$0	\$205,228
Los Angeles Free Clinic	Jeffrey Bujer	8405 Beverly Boulevard Los Angeles, CA 90048 Phone: (323) 330-1600 Fax: (323) 658-6773	Specialty Care	H207877	Specialty Care	\$218,334	\$0	\$218,334
Pomona Valley Medical Center	Julie Wilson	1798 North Garey Avenue Pomona, CA 91767 Phone: (909) 865-9192 Fax: (909) 865-9796	Primary Care	H-207849	Traditional Partner	\$211,226	(\$210,390)	\$836
St. John's Well Child Center	James J. Mangia	5701 South Hoover Street Los Angeles, CA 90037 Phone: (323) 541-1600 ext. 1100 Fax: (323) 541-1601	Dental	H-207847	Co-Location	\$483,610	\$210,390	\$694,000
Avalon Municipal Hospital and Clinic	William Green	5701 South Hoover Street Los Angeles, CA 90037 Phone: (323) 541-1600 ext. 1100 Fax: (323) 541-1601	Dental	H-207902	Dental	\$226,667	\$0	\$226,667
Simpson & Simpson Business and Personnel Services, Inc.	Carl Simpson	100 Falls Canyon Road Avalon, CA 90704 Phone: (310) 510-0700 Fax: (310) 510-238	Primary Care	H-207985	Traditional Partner	\$46,719	\$0	\$46,719
		3600 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1710 Los Angeles, CA 90010 Phone: (213) 736-6616 Fax: (213) 736-6662	Temporary Personnel Services	H-212398	FQHC	\$110,000	\$100,000	\$210,000
					Total	\$1,501,784	\$100,000	\$1,601,784