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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, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**APPROVAL TO TERMINATE AN AGREEMENT FOR EMERGENCY  
DEPARTMENT SERVICES WITH CALIFORNIA EMERGENCY  
PHYSICIANS MEDICAL GROUP  
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 2)  
(3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

To request your Board to authorize and delegate authority to the Interim Director of Health Services or his designee (Director) to terminate Agreement No. 75937 between California Emergency Physicians Medical Group (CEPMG) and the County of Los Angeles (County).

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

Authorize and delegate authority to the Interim Director of Health Services, or his designee, to issue a 120 day prior written notice to terminate without cause Agreement No. 75937 between California Emergency Physicians Medical Group (CEPMG) and the County of Los Angeles (County) for the provisions of emergency department physician services at Martin Luther King, Jr. – Multi-Service Ambulatory Care Center (MLK-MACC) and rapid medical examination services at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center (H-UCLA) Emergency Department, with such termination determined to be in the County's best interest.

**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

In approving the recommended action, the Board is delegating authority to the Interim Director of Health Services, or his designee, to terminate the subject agreement. The terms of the Agreement allow either party to terminate the Agreement without cause with a 120 day prior written notice. The Department of Health Services (Department) can only issue such a notice on behalf of the County with your Board's approval. Termination of the current Agreement is necessary in order to implement a successor agreement for the services at the MLK-MACC and provide the rapid medical examination services in the H-UCLA Emergency Department with County employees at the end of the 120 day period.



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DHS has a Request for Statement of Interest in process that will be used to identify a successor contractor for MLK-MACC.

**FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

There is no fiscal impact in terminating this Agreement. The Department reimburses CEPMG on the basis of services provided and there are no termination penalties in the Agreement.

**FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

On November 28, 2006, your Board approved the Agreement for a term effective December 1, 2006 through November 30, 2009, for emergency department physician services at Martin Luther King, Jr.-Harbor Hospital. On August 16, 2007, the Agreement was amended so that services were provided in the MLK-MACC Urgent Care Center only following the closure of the Emergency Room. On April 1, 2008, your Board approved the second amendment to add rapid medical examination services at H-UCLA Emergency Department to address the "immediate jeopardy" raised by the California Department of Health Care Services.

County Counsel will review and approve the written notice to the Contractor prior to issuance and DHS will immediately notify your Board upon the issuance of the notice of termination to CEPMG.

**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

The provision of urgent care center services at MLK-MACC and rapid medical examination services at H-UCLA Emergency Department will not be impacted by the Agreement termination

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

Respectfully submitted,



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Interim Director

JFS:kh.ds  
CEP termination

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