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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 OF AMENDMENT TO ORTHOTIC SERVICES AGREEMENT
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 4)
(3 VOTES)**

Mitchell H. Katz, M.D.
Director

Hal F. Yee, Jr., M.D., Ph.D.
Chief Medical Officer

Christina Ghaly, M.D.
Deputy Director, Strategic Planning

SUBJECT

Request approval to amend the Orthotic Services Agreement with Los Amigos Research and Education Institute, Inc. for Department of Health Services, Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Authorize the Director of Health Services (Director), or his designee, to execute an amendment with Los Amigos Research and Education Institute, Inc. (LAREI), to extend the term of the agreement effective upon Board approval through September 30, 2013, with one automatic one-year renewal through September 30, 2014, for the provision of highly specialized orthotic services at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center (RLANRC) with a first year cost of \$1,182,565.

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PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended action will allow the Director to execute an amendment, substantially similar to Exhibit I, with LAREI to continue providing both standard and highly-specialized technically-complex orthotic services. Examples of orthoses used at RLANRC include halos, cervical collars, thoracic body jackets and custom designed appliances that provide stability and assistance for movements to allow patients to perform functions they would otherwise be unable to perform. These services are a necessary part of the medical care provided to the patients at RLANRC. During the extension period, RLANRC will review the agreement to determine if any changes are needed to better serve our patient population. RLANRC provides a unique comprehensive rehabilitation program for severely disabled patients. One of the requirements for a successful rehabilitation program is the ability to provide specialized orthotic appliance and services to the patients. LAREI's orthotics program is an established leader in the fields of research and fabrication of customized orthotic devices. LAREI staff has significant specialized expertise required to construct the complicated braces and splints necessary for the unique needs of the RLANRC patient population. This expertise has been developed through many years of extensive collaboration between LAREI staff and RLANRC's expert clinicians and reflects a specialized knowledge base.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended action supports Goal 3, Integrated Services Delivery, of the County's Strategic Plan.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Should the Board approve this amendment, the agreement will continue under the same terms and conditions. Funding is included in the DHS Fiscal Year 2012-13 Board Adopted Budget.

The County reimburses LAREI for services provided to County-responsible patients at current rates for orthosis listed on the Medi-Cal Schedule of Maximum Allowance. LAREI bills the third-party payers (Medical, Medicare, private insurance, etc.) directly for reimbursement of orthotic services rendered.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

For a number of years, the County has contracted with LAREI to provide highly specialized orthotic services housed on RLANRC grounds. LAREI was started 50 years ago to provide the specialized orthotic services that RLANRC's patients require. LAREI's active research program provides an additional level of product development. LAREI Orthotics has developed a number of specialty orthotics in use today by RLANRC patients.

On December 1, 1998, the Board approved an Agreement for orthotic services at RLANRC effective January 1, 1999 through December 31, 2002. Subsequent Amendments extended the term through September 30, 2007. A new Agreement was executed on October 1, 2007 which terminates on September 30, 2012.

The Agreement may be terminated for convenience by the County upon 10 days prior written notice.

County Counsel has approved Exhibit I as to form.

The orthotic service is not a Proposition A Agreement because the services are as needed. Therefore, the Agreement is not subject to the Living Wage Program.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

Not applicable

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of the recommendations will ensure that orthotic services at RLANRC will not be interrupted and enable RLANRC patients to continue to receive specialized orthotics.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mitchell Katz". The signature is written in a cursive, somewhat stylized font.

Mitchell H. Katz, M.D.

Director

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Enclosures

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

ORTHOTIC SERVICES AGREEMENT AT
RANCHO LOS AMIGOS NATIONAL REHABILITATION CENTER

Amendment No. 1

This Amendment is made and entered into this _____ day of _____, 2012 by and between the COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES (hereafter "County"), and Los Amigos Research and Education Institute, Inc. (hereafter "Contractor").

WHEREAS, on October 1, 2007, the County and Contractor, entered into Agreement No. H-702696 to provide Orthotic Services at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the parties to modify the terms and conditions of the Agreement by and between the Parties; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the parties to extend the current agreement for a period of twelve months, and;

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties agree as follows:

1. This Amendment shall become effective October 1, 2012.
2. This Agreement is hereby amended to delete paragraph 1. Term, in its entirety and replace it as follows:
"The effective date of this Agreement shall become effective upon Board and shall continue in full force and effect to and including September 30, 2013. Unless sooner terminated, revoked, or canceled, this Agreement shall finally expire at midnight on September 30, 2013."
3. Except for the changes set forth hereinabove, Agreement shall not be changed in

any respect by this Amendment.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles has caused this Amendment to be executed by the County’s Director of Health Services and Contractor has caused this Amendment to be executed in its behalf by its duly authorized officer, the day, month, and year first above written.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

By: _____
Mitchell H. Katz, M.D.
Director of Health Services

CONTRACTOR

By: _____
Signature

Printed Name

Title

APPROVED AS TO FORM
BY THE OFFICE OF THE
COUNTY COUNSEL