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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:

**APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO TRAUMA CENTER SERVICE
AGREEMENT AND RELATED FUNDING; AND SENATE BILL
1773 PEDIATRIC TRAUMA ALLOCATION FUNDING
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)
(3 VOTES)**

Mitchell H. Katz, M.D.
Director

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

Christina Ghaly, M.D.
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SUBJECT

Request approval to transfer intergovernmental payment to the State to draw-down Medi-Cal matching funds (Federal Financial Participation) for trauma services.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Approve an estimated maximum amount up to \$12.72 million of those funds as an intergovernmental transfer for payment to the State to draw-down Medi-Cal matching funds (Federal Financial Participation) and provide the non-County trauma centers, excluding Ronald Reagan University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) Medical Center and Antelope Valley Hospital, with an estimated additional Federal match of up to \$12.72 million reimbursement for trauma care.

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PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Department of Health Services (DHS) is currently consulting with the State regarding the intergovernmental transfer.

Approval of the recommendation will allow the Director to distribute an estimated maximum amount up to \$12.72 million as an intergovernmental transfer for payment to the State to draw-down Medi-Cal matching funds (Federal Financial Participation) and provide the non-County trauma centers, excluding Ronald Reagan University of California and Antelope Valley Hospital, Los Angeles (UCLA) Medical Center, with an estimated additional Federal match of up to \$12.72 million reimbursement for trauma care. DHS will seek to make an intergovernmental transfer of funds of up to \$12.72 million, or a lesser amount as allowed by law, to maximize Federal matching funds. If a lesser amount is used for the intergovernmental transfer, DHS will return to the Board to approve an Amendment to the TCSA to disburse the remaining funds.

Trauma care is vital to public health and safety. Trauma centers save lives by providing immediate coordination of highly specialized care for the most life-threatening injuries. In communities with access to trauma care centers, mortality and morbidity rates from traumatic injuries are significantly reduced.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

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

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Funding for the Intergovernmental transfer of the estimated amount of \$12.72 million consists of Measure B funds and is included in the DHS FY 2012 13 Recommended Budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Pursuant to the authority granted under California Health and Safety (H&S) Code Section 1798.160, the County maintains trauma facilities as part of the regional trauma care system for treatment of potentially seriously injured persons. Division 2.5 of the H&S Code authorizes the local Emergency Medical Services Agency to designate Trauma Centers as part of the regional trauma care system. There are currently 12 non-County and two County-operated trauma centers in the County.

On November 6, 2002, Measure B, a ballot initiative, was passed by the voters of Los Angeles County. Measure B provides funding for trauma and emergency services as well as bioterrorism preparedness. A portion of these funds is allocated by the County to reimburse private Trauma Centers for care provided to County-responsible patients.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

Not applicable.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of the recommendation will ensure that the Trauma Centers receive Medi-Cal matching funds for providing trauma services.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mitchell Katz". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mitchell H. Katz, M.D.
Director

MHK:cc

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