



Contra  
Costa  
County

To: Board of Supervisors  
From: William Walker, M.D., Health Services  
Date: January 15, 2013  
Subject: Contract #27-534-4 with Epocrates, Inc.

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

Approve and authorize the Health Services Director, or his designee, to execute, on behalf of the County, Contract #27-534-4 with Epocrates, Inc., a corporation, in an amount not to exceed \$31,500, to provide administration services for the Health Plan's drug formulary, for the period from January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2015.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

This Contract is funded 100% by Member Premiums. (No rate increase)

**BACKGROUND:**

The Contra Costa Health Plan has been continually initiating cost reduction measures to promote affordable healthcare in Contra Costa County. Recent years have seen a dramatic rise in the cost associated with drug formularies. Under this Contract, the Contractor provides an electronic drug formulary to be downloaded to providers' handheld computers. This reduces drug costs by allowing providers to select approved medications, from the Health Plan's Drug Formulary, by selecting generic versus costly name brand drugs.  
On

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **01/15/2013** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

**VOTE OF SUPERVISORS**

AYE: John Gioia, District I Supervisor  
Candace Andersen, District II Supervisor  
Mary N. Piepho, District III Supervisor  
Karen Mitchoff, District IV Supervisor  
Federal D. Glover, District V Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: January 15, 2013

David Twa, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: Carrie Del Bonta, Deputy

Contact: Patricia Tanquary  
313-6004

BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

January 26, 2010, the Board of Supervisors approved Contract #27-534-3 with Epocrates, Inc., for the period from January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2012, for the provision of administration services for the Health Plan's Drug Formulary.

Approval of Contract #27-534-4 will allow the Contractor to continue providing services through December 31, 2015, including mutual indemnification to hold harmless both parties for any claims arising out of the performance of this contract.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

If this contract is not approved, administration services for the Health Plan's Drug Formulary, will not be provided by this Contractor.

CHILDREN'S IMPACT STATEMENT:

Not Applicable