



Contra  
Costa  
County

To: Board of Supervisors  
From: William Walker, M.D., Health Services Director  
Date: January 6, 2015  
Subject: Purchase Order with Cantrell Drug Company, Inc.

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**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

Approve and authorize the Purchasing Agent, on behalf of the Health Services Department, to execute a Purchase Order with Cantrell Drug Company, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$305,000, for the purchase of pain management/premix medications at Contra Costa Regional Medical Center and Contra Costa Health Centers, for the period from January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

100% Enterprise Fund I - included in the Budget.

**BACKGROUND:**

Recalls and back orders of medications have prompted the Pharmacy Department to directly purchase medications through manufacturers such as Cantrell Drug Company. Cantrell strictly adheres to FDA compounding guidelines through exclusive use of commercially available sterile additives, solutions and containers. These medications are in short supply

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☒ APPROVE ☐ OTHER  
☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR ☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

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Action of Board On: **01/06/2015** ☒ 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 6, 2015

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

By: Chris Heck, Deputy

Contact: Anna Roth 370-5101

cc: T Scott, C Rucker, Maria Cabida

or not commercially available through our wholesaler,

BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

Cardinal. We will be phasing out purchases from Pharmedium and are requesting funds towards the purchase of pharmaceutical products from Cantrell.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

If this purchase order is not approved, Contra Costa Regional Medical Center and Health Centers will not be able to purchase the medications required to properly care for patients who require pain management services, as well as other necessary pharmaceutical products.

CHILDREN'S IMPACT STATEMENT:

N/A