



**Contra  
Costa  
County**

To: Board of Supervisors  
From: William Walker, M.D., Health Services Director  
Date: October 20, 2015

Subject: Amendment #26-583-20 with Specialty Laboratories, Inc. (dba Quest Diagnostics Nichols Institute of Valencia)

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

Approve and authorize the Health Services Director, or his designee, to execute, on behalf of the County, Contract Amendment Agreement #26-583-20 with Specialty Laboratories, Inc. (dba Quest Diagnostics Nichols Institute of Valencia), a corporation, effective August 1, 2015, (to amend Contract #26-583-18) to increase the payment limit by \$600,000, from \$950,000 to a new payment limit of \$1,550,000, with no change in the original term of January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

This amendment is funded 100% Hospital Enterprise Fund I. (No rate increase)

**BACKGROUND:**

On January 6, 2015, the Board of Supervisors approved Contract #26-583-18, with Specialty Laboratories, Inc. (dba Quest Diagnostics Nichols Institute of Valencia) for the provision of outside specialized clinical laboratory services at Contra Costa Regional Medical Center and Contra Costa Health Centers (CCRMC), for the period from January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015. At the time of negotiations, the payment limit was based on target levels of utilization. However,

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **10/20/2015** ☒ 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: October 20, 2015

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

By: Chris Heck, Deputy

Contact: Anna Roth,  
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BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

the volume of specialized testing has been much higher than originally anticipated due to the increased use of a new cancer screening test, the BRACA test. Approval of Contract Amendment Agreement #26-583-20 will allow the Contractor to continue to provide additional outside clinical laboratory services at CCRMC through December 31, 2015.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

If this amendment is not approved, the Contractor will not be paid for additional specialized testing services provided to CCRMC patients during the contract period.

CHILDREN'S IMPACT STATEMENT:

Not applicable.