



**Contra  
Costa  
County**

To: Board of Supervisors  
From: William Walker, M.D., Health Services Director  
Date: August 2, 2016

Subject: Approve Contract #23-434-3 with Kaiser Foundation Hospitals - Walnut Creek Medical Center

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**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

Approve and authorize the Health Services Director, or his designee, to execute, on behalf of the County, Contract #23-434-3 with Kaiser Foundation Hospitals - Walnut Creek Medical Center, a non-profit corporation, to act as a designated center to assist patients who have been assessed by ambulance personnel with a cardiac condition known as ST Elevation Myocardial Infarction (STEMI), for the period from September 1, 2016 through August 31, 2019.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Contractor will pay County a fee of \$5,000 per year to offset the costs of County's oversight activities. There is no general fund impact.

**BACKGROUND:**

In collaboration with hospitals, first-responders, and transport agencies, Contra Costa's Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Agency has been working towards implementing a program designating hospitals as ST Elevation Myocardial Infarction (STEMI) receiving centers. The designated centers will provide the most advanced and rapid care for patients with heart attacks known as STEMI by unblocking arteries in the heart in a rapid fashion.

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **08/02/2016** ☒ 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: August 2, 2016

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

By: Chris Heck, Deputy

Contact: Patricia Frost,  
313-9560



## BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

Heart attacks represent a major cause of death and disability in the United States, affecting over 400,000 persons annually. This kind of heart attack occurs among 2.5% to 5% of patients with chest pain or other cardiac symptoms. The number of STEMI patients identified by Contra Costa EMS providers are estimated to be in the range of 100-150 patients per year. On September 17, 2013, the Board of Supervisors approved Contract #23-434-3 with Kaiser Foundation Hospitals, Walnut Creek to act as a designated STEMI receiving center to provide specialized treatment for STEMI patients with a cardiac condition, through August 31, 2016.

Approval of Contract #23-434-3 will allow the Contractor to continue providing services through August 31, 2019, including mutual indemnification.

## CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

If this contract is not approved, this designated STEMI receiving center would be disrupted and patients with life threatening cardiac conditions could experience delays in definitive care increasing the risk of permanent disability or death.

## CHILDREN'S IMPACT STATEMENT:

Not Applicable