



Contra  
Costa  
County

To: Board of Supervisors  
From: William Walker, M.D., Health Services Director  
Date: December 19, 2017

Subject: Amendment/Extension Agreement #26-346-20 with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

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**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

Approve and authorize the Health Services Director, or his designee, to execute on behalf of the County, Amendment/Extension Agreement #26-346-20, with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Northern California Health Care System (VANCHCS), effective December 1, 2017, to amend Sharing Agreement #26-346-14 (as amended by Amendment Agreements #26-346-15 through #26-346-19) to increase the payment limit by \$160,000 from \$3,161,000 to a new total of \$3,321,000 and extend the termination date from December 31, 2017 to March 31, 2018.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

This amendment agreement is funded 100% by Hospital Enterprise Fund I. The services provided for the County's patients under this contract are billable to patients and third party payers.

**BACKGROUND:**

For many years, the County and VANCHCS have maintained a mutual sharing agreement, which has made available to the County specialized medical services not otherwise available due to lack of resources, equipment, and personnel. These services included

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 RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR  RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

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Action of Board On: **12/19/2017**  APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED  OTHER

Clerks Notes:

**VOTE OF SUPERVISORS**

AYE: John Gioia, District I Supervisor  
Candace Andersen, District II Supervisor  
Diane Burgis, 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: December 19, 2017

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

By: June McHuen, Deputy

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specialized laboratory testing, radiology services, nuclear medicine studies, computerized tomography (CT) scans, magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), dermatology, gastroenterology, urology, audiology and speech, and ophthalmology services. The County provides Emergency Room treatment and inpatient care, including certain ancillary services, for VANCHCS referred patients.

BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

On March 19, 2013, the Board of Supervisors approved Sharing Agreement #26-346-14 (as amended by Amendment Agreements #26-346-15 through #26-346-19) with VANCHCS (under the auspices of the VANCHCS Nuclear Regulatory Commission License) to provide a full range of Nuclear Medicine Services to County's patients at the VANCHCS Outpatient Clinic in Martinez and/or the Contra Costa Regional Medical Center's Nuclear Medicine Department, through December 31, 2017. This agreement includes mutual indemnification to hold harmless both parties for any claims arising out of the performance of this agreement.

Approval of Amendment/Extension Agreement #26-346-20 will allow the contractor to continue providing nuclear medicine services to Contra Costa Regional Medical Center's Nuclear Medicine Department through March 31, 2018.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

If this amendment/extension is not approved, County's patients will not receive specialized nuclear medicine services.