



**Contra  
Costa  
County**

To: Board of Supervisors  
From: David O. Livingston, Sheriff-Coroner  
Date: June 16, 2020

Subject: National Medical Services Inc.

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Sheriff-Coroner, or designee, to execute a contract amendment with National Medical Services Inc., to increase the payment limit from \$240,000 to a new payment limit of \$600,000 to provide forensic toxicology analysis and extend the term from January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2021.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

\$600,000. 100% Agency Fees. Budgeted.

**BACKGROUND:**

Contra Costa County provides, through its Office of the Sheriff – Forensic Services Division – Crime Laboratory, toxicology analysis on blood, urine, and tissue samples submitted as evidence. The County's Crime Laboratory is accredited by the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors–Laboratory Accreditation Board (ASCLD-LAB) and also processes submissions from other agencies. National Medical Services Inc., (NMS) is also accredited by ASCLD-LAB and performs testing and analysis on forensic samples on both ante-mortem and post-mortem cases, providing product assurance and validity of results. The Sheriff's Office Crime Lab and Coroner's Office will utilize services provided

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **06/16/2020** ☒ 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: June 16, 2020

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

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cc:

by NMS for sample evidence analysis.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

A negative action on this item will cause long delays in the processing of forensic toxicology analysis submitted as evidence.