



Contra  
Costa  
County

To: Board of Supervisors  
From: Anna Roth, Health Services Director  
Date: January 19, 2021

Subject: Approval of Contract #23-495-3 with Kaiser Foundation Hospitals (dba Kaiser Permanente – Walnut Creek)

### **RECOMMENDATION(S):**

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Health Services Director, or designee, to execute on behalf of the County Contract #23-495-3 with Kaiser Foundation Hospitals, (dba Kaiser Permanente –Walnut Creek), a non-profit corporation, including mutual indemnification, to act as a designated primary stroke center to assist patients who have been assessed by ambulance personnel as suffering with a suspected stroke, for the period from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2023.

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

This contract is a nonfinancial agreement. Emergency Medical Service (EMS) staff costs to be covered under County Service Area EM-1 and charges to participating hospitals.

### **BACKGROUND:**

In collaboration with hospitals, fire first-responders and emergency ambulance services, Contra Costa Emergency Medical Care Committee, Contra Costa Stroke Advisory Committee, and Contra Costa EMS have been working towards implementation of a program that will provide quicker access to definitive care for patients with symptoms of acute stroke. Strokes occur when blood flow to the brain has been disrupted due to a

☒ APPROVE

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ADMINISTRATOR

COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **01/19/2021** ☒ 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: January 19, 2021

Monica Nino, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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blockage in a vessel (ischemic stroke) or bleeding in the brain (hemorrhagic stroke). Research has shown significant reduction in mortality and morbidity when stroke patients are identified in the field

### BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

and transported, with advance notification, to a hospital staffed and equipped to provide rapid stroke care. A nationally-recognized goal is to provide primary stroke center intervention within three to four and one half hours of onset of symptoms. Identification of a suspected stroke patient begins in the field and requires rapid identification and subsequent triage to a primary stroke center. All ambulance and fire first responder paramedics in the county have been trained in the rapid recognition of stroke patients using the Cincinnati Stroke Scale.

On December 5, 2017, the Board of Supervisors approved Contract #23-495-2 with Kaiser Foundation Hospitals, (dba Kaiser Permanente –Walnut Creek) to act as a designated center to assist patients who have been assessed by ambulance personnel with a suspected stroke, for the period from January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2020.

Approval of Contract #23-495-3 will allow Kaiser Permanente – Walnut Creek to continue to act as a Primary Stroke Center through December 31, 2023. This contract includes mutual indemnification to hold harmless both parties for any claims arising out of the performance of this contract.

### CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

If this contract is not approved, designation of this facility as a Primary Stroke Center will impede the implementation of a coordinated stroke system in Contra Costa County.