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County**

To: Board of Supervisors
From: Anna Roth, Health Services Director
Date: January 18, 2022

Subject: Amendment Agreement #26-583-31 with Specialty Laboratories, Inc. (dba Quest Diagnostics Nichols Institute)

RECOMMENDATION(S):

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Health Services Director, or designee, to execute on behalf of the County Contract Amendment Agreement #26-583-31 with Specialty Laboratories, Inc. (dba Quest Diagnostic Nichols Institute), a corporation, effective May 1, 2021, to amend Contract #26-583-30, to include additional tests for outside laboratory testing services with no change to the payment limit of \$7,000,000 or term of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2022.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no change to the original payment limit of \$7,000,000 which is funded by 71% Hospital Enterprise Fund I and 29% Federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (Cares) Act and other federal and state emergency funding. (New rates added)

BACKGROUND:

Specialty Laboratories, Inc. (dba Quest Diagnostics Nichols Institute) provides outside clinical laboratories testing for tests that are rarely requested and require special equipment which CCRMC does not have onsite. This contract also includes COVID-19 testing which helps to serve as a backup if needed. The contractor has been

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD

ADMINISTRATOR

COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **01/18/2022** ☒ 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 18, 2022

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

By: Antonia Welty, Deputy

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BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

providing outside clinical laboratory testing for CCRMC since January 2007.

On January 19, 2021, the Board of Supervisors approved Contract #26-583-30 with Specialty Laboratories, Inc. (dba Quest Diagnostic Nichols Institute), in an amount not to exceed \$7,000,000 for the provision of outside clinical laboratory services, for the period from of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2022.

Approval of Contract Amendment Agreement #26-583-31 will allow the contractor to provide additional laboratory testing services through December 31, 2022. This amendment agreement was delayed due to CCRMC Clinical Lab recently acquiring the new test panels, pricing and CPT codes for billing. The effective date needs to be May 1, 2021 which is when the new testing was made available to the laboratory. This will assure any outstanding invoices will be paid under the contract.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

If this amendment is not approved, patients requiring certain outside laboratory testing services will not have access to this contractor's services.