



**Contra  
Costa  
County**

To: Board of Supervisors  
From: Anna Roth, Health Services Director  
Date: September 13, 2022

Subject: Contract #23-434-5 with Kaiser Foundation Hospitals, on behalf of Kaiser Permanente Walnut Creek Medical Center

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Health Services Director, or designee, to execute on behalf of the County Contract #23-434-5, containing mutual indemnification language with Kaiser Foundation Hospitals on behalf of Kaiser Permanente 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, 2022 through August 31, 2025.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The contractor will pay the County a fee of \$7,500 per year to offset the costs of the 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 implemented a program designating hospitals as 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

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY  
ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD  
COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **09/13/2022** ☒ 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: September 13, 2022

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

By: Antonia Welty, Deputy

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### BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

fashion. Contractor has been a STEMI designated center since September 2008.

Heart attacks represent a major cause of death and disability in the United States, affecting over 610,000 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 STEMIs identified by Contra Costa EMS providers are estimated to be in the range of 100-150 patients per year.

On September 10, 2019, the Board of Supervisors approved Contract #23-434-4 with Kaiser Foundation Hospitals-Walnut Creek Medical Center, to act as a designated STEMI receiving center to provide specialized treatment for STEMI patients with a cardiac condition, for the period September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2022.

Approval of Contract #23-434-5 will allow the contractor to continue providing services through August 31, 2025. This contract includes modifications to the County's standard indemnification clause and agrees to hold each party harmless from any claims arising out of the performance of this contract.

### 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.