

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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FROM: Human Resources Dept.

SUBMITTAL DATE: July 1, 2003

SUBJECT: Exclusive Care – EPO - Business Associates Agreement for the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) of 1996

RECOMMENDED MOTION: 1) Approve the Business Associate Agreement between the County of Riverside, Exclusive Care – EPO and SCPIE Indemnity Company (SCPIE)/American Healthcare Indemnity Company (AHI); 2) authorize the Assistant CEO/Human Resource Director to sign four (4) copies of the Business Associates Agreement; and 3) retain one (1) copy and return three (3) of the executed Agreements to Human Resources for distribution.

BACKGROUND: On January 1, 1999, the County's new self-funded EPO health, Exclusive Care, commenced operations. Exclusive Care has responsibility to credential physicians and as part of this responsibility the physician's malpractice liability insurance must be reviewed. SCPIE is one such company. To be in compliance with the current HIPAA regulations the EPO and SCPIE are defined as business associates because SCPIE shares specific protected health information when it reports the physician's claims history to the EPO for review. The HIPAA requirements of the Business Associates Agreement are referenced in the Office of Civil Rights section 164.504 (d)(3)(ii)(2)(i).

Ronald W. Komers
Asst. County Executive Officer/
Human Resources Director

FINANCIAL DATA: N/A
CURRENT YEAR COST: \$0
NET COUNTY COST: \$0
BUDGET ADJUSTMENT: No
SOURCE OF FUNDS: N/A

ANNUAL COST: \$0
IN CURRENT YEAR BUDGET: N/A
FOR FY: 03/04

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE

COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER SIGNATURE

Consent Policy
 Policy

Department Recommendation:
Per Executive Office:

Prev. Agn. Ref.

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AGENDA NO.

**ATTACHMENTS FILED
WITH THE CLERK OF THE BOARD**

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