

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

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FROM: Riverside County Regional Medical Center

SUBMITTAL DATE:
May 5, 2004

SUBJECT: Approve the Increase in the Aggregate Amount for Nurse Registry Contractors

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors approve a \$2,000,000.00 increase in the aggregate amount for Nurse Registry Contractors to \$6,730,000.00 for Fiscal Year 03/04.

BACKGROUND: On August 26, 2003, Agenda Item 3.39, the Board of Supervisors approved the aggregate amount of \$4,730,000.000 for nurse registry contractors (StarMed Staffing, ProCare One, Pro-Tem Staffing, Nurse Connection, Medical Help, Med Staff, Just in Time, AllStar Staffing, United Staffing and Associated Health).

As a measure to ensure appropriate levels of nursing staff for safe patient care and to meet licensure standards, Riverside County Regional Medical Center (RCRMC) has utilized nurse registries to supplement hospital-nursing staff. Effective January 1, 2004, Assembly Bill 394, mandated enhanced licensed nurse-to-patient staffing ratios; in order to meet this new staffing ratio, RCRMC has had to increase the utilization of nurse registries. RCRMC continues to experience increases in patient volumes in critical care, psychiatric and other in-patient areas of the hospital, escalating the volume of licensed nurse staffing needs.

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COUNTY COUNSEL

MAY 13 2004

BY *[Signature]*

[Signature: Douglas D. Bagley]

Douglas D. Bagley, Hospital Director
Riverside County Regional Medical Center

FINANCIAL DATA

Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 2,000,000.00	In Current Year Budget:	Yes
Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 0.00	Budget Adjustment:	No
Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 0.00	For Fiscal Year:	03/04

SOURCE OF FUNDS: Hospital Enterprise Funds

Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30	<input type="checkbox"/>
Requires 4/5 Vote	<input type="checkbox"/>

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE

County Executive Office Signature

[Signature: Don Matting]

Purchasing: *[Signature]* Director

Departmental Concurrence

- Dep't Recomm.: Consent Policy
- Per Exec. Ofc.: Consent Policy

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BACKGROUND (Continued):

As RCRMC faces the increased demand for skilled nurses, the competition with other area hospital facilities for the same pool of licensed nursing staff, and as the nation and region experience a severe nursing shortage, RCRMC continues to experience significant vacancies in nursing positions. Therefore, in order to avoid service curtailments and to ensure safe and optimum patient care, nurse registries are utilized to meet staffing needs, while RCRMC is aggressively recruiting skilled nurses to meet the State requirements while maintaining staffing needs.

This amount has already been included in the expenditure forecast presented to the Board in the Executive Office's Third Quarter Report.

FINANCIAL DATA:

Current approved contract amount:	\$4,730,000.00
Requested contract increase:	<u>\$2,000,000.00</u>
Total contract amount FY03/04:	\$6,730,000.00

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