

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

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**FROM:** Human Resources Dept.

**SUBMITTAL DATE:**  
July 2, 2004

**SUBJECT:** Contract for Investigator for Workers' Compensation; Ms. Grise of Professional Claim Services.

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** 1) Approve the attached contract (1), Agreement for Services for July 1, 2004. Authorize the chairperson to sign three (3) copies of the contracts; and 2) Retain one (1) copy and return two (2) copies of the executed Agreement to Human Resources for distribution.

**BACKGROUND:** The Investigation Panel working under the direction of Human Resources Department/Workers' Compensation Division, has assisted in collecting information necessary to make a determination as to whether or not various claims qualify for Workers' Compensation benefits as provided by the Labor Code of California.

Effective February 1, 2004, the County of Riverside, in cooperation with LIUNA and SEIU, entered into a contract with Health Net Plus, CompAmerica Primary as allowed under California Labor Code to provide medical treatment to County employees injured on the job under the Health Care Organization Act of 1994 (HCO). A current member of the Defense Panel, Bradford & Barthell, has recommended Ms. Grise of Professional Claim Services to investigate those cases that fall under the HCO.

County Counsel has approved the contract as to form.  
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FORM APPROVED  
COUNTY COUNSEL

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*Ronald W. Komers*

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Assistant County Executive Officer/  
Human Resources Director

**FINANCIAL DATA**

Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 75,000	In Current Year Budget:	Yes
Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	Approx. \$16,000	Budget Adjustment:	No
Annual Net County Cost:	Approx. \$16,000	For Fiscal Year:	2004/2005

<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS:</b> Dept. ID: 1130800000 - Workers' Compensation Division	<b>Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<b>Requires 4/5 Vote</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:**

**APPROVE**

*Gary M. Christmas*

County Executive Office Signature

Dept't Recomm.:  Consent  Policy   
Per Exec. Ofc.:  Consent  Policy

Prev. Agn. Ref.:

District:

Agenda Number:

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

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**Background (continued)**

There are additional legal issues that arise out of the HCO contract and Bradford & Bathell have considerable experience litigating these issues before the Worker's Compensation Appeals Board. Ms. Grise has worked with them previously to collect and document information vital to defending these legal issues - specifically the extended medical control this contract provides to the County of Riverside. For this reason, we would like to add Ms Grise to our Workers' Compensation Investigator Panel.