

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

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FROM: Riverside County Regional Medical Center

SUBMITTAL DATE:

July 31, 2006

SUBJECT: Approval of the Fourth (4th) Amendment to the Agreement between the County of Riverside and the California Emergency Physicians Medical Group (CEP)

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

- 1) Ratify the fourth (4th) amendment to agreement with California Emergency Physicians Medical Group (CEP) effective July 1, 2006; and
- 2) Authorize the Chairperson to execute three (3) copies of the amendments; and
- 4) Retain one (1) copy of the CEP amendment and return two (2) copies of the executed amendments to Riverside County Regional Medical Center (RCRMC) administration for distribution.

BACKGROUND: This amendment is expected to reduce the County's cost by \$300,000 for emergency room professional services. On April 23, 1996, agenda item no. 3.24, the Board of Supervisors approved the agreement with California Emergency Physicians Medical Group (CEP) for the provision of emergency medical services for the hospital's emergency department. The agreement was first (1st) amended on March 17, 1998, agenda item no. 3.37 adding urgent care services at Public Health Neighborhood Health Center.

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FORM APPROVED
COUNTY COUNSEL

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Douglas D. Bagley, Hospital Director

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| FINANCIAL DATA | Current F.Y. Total Cost: | \$ 0 | In Current Year Budget: | YES |
| | Current F.Y. Net County Cost: | \$ N/A | Budget Adjustment: | NO |
| | Annual Net County Cost: | \$ 0 | For Fiscal Year: | FY 06/07 |

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| SOURCE OF FUNDS: Enterprise Funds | Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Requires 4/5 Vote | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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

[Signature]

County Executive Office Signature

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

Prev. Agn. Ref.: | **District:** | **Agenda Number:**

ATTACHMENTS FILED
WITH THE CLERK OF THE BOARD

3.65

SUBJECT: Fourth (4th) Amendment to the Agreement between the County of Riverside and California Emergency Physicians Medical Group (CEP)

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BACKGROUND (Continued):

The second (2nd) amendment on July 25, 2000, agenda item no. 3.19 continued the term of the Agreement and adjusted compensation as a result of the increase in utilization for emergency room services. A third (3rd) amendment approved on June 28, 2005, agenda item no. 3.41 reduced the annual compensation of \$2,900,000 to \$1,900,000 revising the agreement from per encounter payment to an agreement providing administrative, supervisory and teaching services in addition to a per visit payment for a limited category of patients.

CEP has agreed to assume responsibility for the billing and collection of emergency room services provided to the hospital's emergency department, reducing the County's cost for emergency room physician coverage. This fourth (4th) amendment further reduces the cost to the County as a result of the hospital's current State of California Department of Corrections agreement allowing professional services billing for emergency room professional services and removing responsibility for these services from the hospital.

This Agreement has been reviewed and approved by County Counsel.