

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

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FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL
 BY: Lucy Furuta 8/18/08
 DATE: _____
 Departmental Concurrence

FROM: Human Resources Department

SUBMITTAL DATE:
August 14, 2008

SUBJECT: Approval of Contract between Blue Shield of California and Riverside County Rubidoux Pharmacy for the provision of pharmacy services to Blue Shield prescription benefit members

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors 1) Approve the attached Service Agreement with Blue Shield of California; 2) authorize the Chairperson to sign four (4) copies of the attached Agreement and; 3) retain one (1) copy of the signed Agreement, returning three (3) copies to Human Resources for distribution;

BACKGROUND: The Riverside County Rubidoux Pharmacy, operated by the Human Resources Department, funded by Exclusive Care, and located in the Don Shroeder Community Center, will become a participating pharmacy under Blue Shield in order to provide prescription services for Blue Shield prescription benefit members. Through the attached Pharmaceutical Services Agreement, The Rubidoux Pharmacy will accept Blue Shield identification cards, fill prescriptions and bill Blue Shield for an agreed upon reimbursement rate.

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

FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ n/a	In Current Year Budget:	No
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ n/a	Budget Adjustment:	No
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ n/a	For Fiscal Year:	2008/09

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

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:
APPROVE

BY:
Elizabeth J. Olson

County Executive Office Signature

- Policy
- Policy
- Consent
- Consent

Dept Recomm.:
Per Exec. Ofc.:

Prev. Agn. Ref.: _____ District: _____ Agenda Number: _____

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

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BACKGROUND continued

The pharmacy, operated by a Ph.D. level pharmacist, has opened in order to service Exclusive Care members. As an additional service to the public, other health insurance members and residents of Riverside County who have no insurance may receive services from the Rubidoux Pharmacy.

The purpose of this agreement is to offer services to the 5,343 County of Riverside employees and their families who are members of the Blue Shield HMO and PPO plans. Blue Shield members will be able to receive benefits, which include consultation from a Ph.D. level pharmacist, access to dose packaging that ensures better compliance with prescriptions, and free mail order and FedEx deliveries that will guarantee convenience and accessibility to important prescriptions. These benefits are the focus of the Rubidoux Pharmacy because the County of Riverside recognizes that there is a need to help members manage their medications and encourage them to take prescriptions according to their doctor's recommendations.

This service will serve as a public benefit for Riverside County as these benefits provide additional services to public employees, their dependents, low-income individuals, and other public employees who reside in Riverside County in addition to the general public.

Exhibit A of the agreement specifies the reimbursement rates. The Blue Shield Pharmaceutical Services Agreement is attached. There is no impact to the County General Fund.