

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



704

**FROM:** Community Health Agency/Department of Public Health

**SUBMITTAL DATE:**

August 27, 2008

**SUBJECT:** Ratify the Agreement with Tenet HealthSystem Desert, Inc., dba Desert Regional Medical Center for designation as an ST Elevation Myocardial Infarction (STEMI) Receiving Center.

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors:

- 1) Ratify the Agreement with Tenet HealthSystem Desert, Inc., dba Desert Regional Medical Center for designation as a ST Elevation Myocardial Infarction (STEMI) Receiving Center, from May 1, 2008 through June 30, 2013; and
- 2) Authorize the Purchasing Agent to sign subsequent amendments, including extension amendments until June 30, 2016.
- 3) Authorize the Chairperson to execute four (4) copies of the contract.

**BACKGROUND:** Each year in the United States, over half a million Americans suffer from a heart attack. Early recognition followed by rapid definitive treatment has been shown to significantly decrease morbidity and mortality associated with heart attacks. A subset of heart attacks, known as ST-Elevation Myocardial Infarction (STEMI), can be identified by paramedics in the field. The American Heart Association/American College of Cardiology has released evidence based guidelines for the establishment of systems of care that optimize outcomes for patients suffering from STEMI.

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 Susan Harrington, Director  
 Department of Public Health

**FINANCIAL DATA**

Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ N/A	In Current Year Budget:	N/A
Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ N/A	Budget Adjustment:	N/A
Annual Net County Cost:	\$ N/A	For Fiscal Year:	08/09

**SOURCE OF FUNDS:** N/A

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

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

APPROVE

BY: *Debra Cournoyer*  
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 Debra Cournoyer

**County Executive Office Signature**

**Prev. Agn. Ref.:**

**District:** ALL

**Agenda Number:**

ATTACHMENTS FILED  
WITH THE CLERK OF THE BOARD

3.13

FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL  
 BY: *M. Marshall Victor*  
 DATE: 9-10-08  
 MARSHAL VICTOR  
 Departmental Concurrence  
 Purchasing: *[Signature]*  
 Mark Seifer, Assistant Director  
 Policy  Consent   
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 Dept't Recomm.:   
 Per Exec. Ofc.:

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**BACKGROUND continued:** Critical components of those guidelines are rapid recognition and treatment in the field followed by transport to a hospital capable of providing immediate advanced cardiac procedures within pre-established timelines. Following these guidelines the EMS Agency has developed policies, protocols and procedures required to implement a STEMI care system in Riverside County. Central to that system is the designation of hospitals as STEMI Receiving Centers. Hospitals receiving STEMI Center designation have met strict criteria for advanced cardiac treatment capability, medical oversight, cardiac focused education/training, continuous quality improvement and data reporting. Establishing STEMI Receiving Centers within Riverside County will provide paramedics and Base Hospital Physicians a definitive care option shown to improve the outcome for STEMI patients.

Unless it possesses a Society for Chest Pain Center Accreditation, Hospital shall pay the County a Site Review Fee in the amount of five thousand dollars (\$5000). The fee payment shall be used to reimburse the County's costs associated with the EMS Agency's assessment and review of the Hospital's competencies and capabilities to serve as a STEMI Receiving Center as provided by this Agreement. The fee shall be paid in full prior to the initiation of the EMS Agency's site review activities.