

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

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FROM: Human Resources Department

SUBMITTAL DATE:
February 10, 2009

SUBJECT: Approval of Contract between Argus Health Systems, Inc. and Riverside County Rubidoux Pharmacy for the provision of pharmacy services to Argus prescription benefit members.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors: 1) Approve the attached Service Agreement with Argus Health Systems, Inc. 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 Schroeder Community Center, will become a participating pharmacy, if approved, under Argus Health Systems in order to provide prescription services for Inland Empire Health Plan (IEHP) and other Argus prescription benefit members within the Inland Empire.

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

FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 0.00	In Current Year Budget:	No
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 0.00	Budget Adjustment:	No
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 0.00	For Fiscal Year:	2008/09

SOURCE OF FUNDS: Paid by premiums and co-pays from I.E.H.P. members.	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

- Consent
- Policy
- Consent
- Policy

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

Prev. Agn. Ref. ATTACHMENTS FILED District: Agenda Number:

3.32

FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL
BY: LUCY FURUTA
DATE: 2/11/09
Departmental Concurrence

Background Continued;

The Rubidoux Pharmacy cares about the individuals who receive their services. Many of the IEHP members who reside in the Rubidoux, Mira Loma, and Glen Avon areas visit their physicians regularly at the public health clinics adjacent to the pharmacy. Offering service to Argus/ IEHP members improves the level of service for those who access our public health system. Through the attached Pharmaceutical Services Agreement, The Rubidoux Pharmacy will accept Argus identification cards, fill prescriptions and bill Argus for an agreed upon reimbursement rate.

The purpose of this agreement is to offer services to the 5,343 County of Riverside residents who are members of the Argus Health Systems, Inc subscribing plans. Argus Members (this includes IEHP) will be able to receive benefits which include: consultation from a PhD level pharmacist who can help the members manage their medications and can dedicate time to developing relationships with prescribing physicians to improve service delivery, access to dose packaging that ensures better compliance to prescriptions, and free mail order and Fed Ex 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*.

The Rubidoux Pharmacy is a public benefit for Riverside County residents, their dependents, low income individuals, and other public employees of the County.

The Argus Health Systems, Inc. agreement is attached. There is no impact to the County General Fund.