

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

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FROM: RCRMC/Riverside University Health System

SUBMITTAL DATE:
December 1, 2015

SUBJECT: County's Acceptance of Invitation from Loma Linda University Health (LLUH) on behalf of Riverside University Health System (RUHS) to become a member of University Preferred Health Partners

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Authorize the County, on behalf of Riverside University Health System (RUHS), to accept the invitation to become a member of University Preferred Health Partners, a California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation formed by Loma Linda University Health (LLUH);
2. Direct and authorize the Assistant County Executive Officer/Health Systems and County Counsel to negotiate the terms and conditions of the membership including the proposed budget.
3. Direct the Assistant CEO/Health Systems to present the necessary agreements and proposed budget to the Board for consideration within forty-five (45) days

(Background begins on next page)

[Signature]
Zareh Sarrafian
Assistant CEO/Health System

FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost:	POLICY/CONSENT (per Exec. Office)
COST	\$	\$	\$	\$	Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Policy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
NET COUNTY COST	\$	\$	\$	\$	

SOURCE OF FUNDS:

Budget Adjustment:
For Fiscal Year: 15/16

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE

BY: *[Signature]*

County Executive Office Signature

Christopher M. Hans

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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BACKGROUND:

Summary

The proposed membership in the Preferred University Health Partners is consistent with the RUHS strategic goals of enhancing the delivery of health care in Riverside County. RUHS began this process with the implementation of the Epic electronic health record (EHR) system in conjunction with LLUH. By developing relationships with health care providers in the inland empire and operating on a common electronic health record platform, patients in Riverside County (and the greater Inland Empire) will benefit from enhanced cost-efficient health care services close to home. The RUHS and its patient population will benefit from RUHS becoming a member and provider through the Network. This affiliation will assist RUHS in its ongoing operational efficiencies and clinical protocols while developing a vibrant and sustainable patient-centered health organization.

The Preferred University Health Partners will operate and manage a clinically integrated network of health care providers (the "**Network**") serving communities in the Inland Empire and surrounding counties (the "**Network's Service Area**"). The following purposes and objectives are Integral to developing a sustainable, cost-efficient Network that delivers quality and timely services to patients in the Inland region:

- Development of a comprehensive health care delivery system to meet the needs of the patient populations in the Network's Service Area, including the region's Medi-Cal population, which currently represents about 1.3 million people within Riverside and San Bernardino counties.
- Provision of greater access to health care services for patient populations through seamless referral and scheduling processes, and timely patient access to relevant services
- Improvement of the health of the patient population within the Network's Service Area through expert clinical data collection and analysis, and implementation of targeted services and education to address high-risk areas.
- Enhancement to the existing education of health care professionals as well as providing additional educational opportunities within the Network's Service Area to meet the current and growing needs of the patient community.
- Provision of focus and support for the separate health needs of the children within the Network's Service Area, including children within the Medi-Cal patient population and the California Children's Services ("**CCS**") patient population.

By clinically integrating and coordinating care furnished by Participating Providers, the Network will seek to:

- provide higher quality care for patients based on safety, effectiveness, patient-centeredness, evidence-based medicine, timeliness, efficiency and equity;
- achieve better health outcomes for patients through education on the causes of ill health and the importance of preventive services; and
- achieve savings in health care expenditures through an efficient system that assures the delivery of high quality, medically necessary care in the communities where patients live

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The Network and participating providers in the Network will support the teaching and educational goals, and activities of LLUH and Network providers.

It is anticipated that other health care providers in the Inland Empire will become members and/or participants in the Network.

While the Network will not take on any County authority or functions, it will provide resources to enhance the ability of Inland area health care providers to develop strategic and innovative initiatives aimed at addressing the population health and service-access disparities throughout the Inland region. All decisions affecting RUHS will remain with the Board of Supervisors, and in some cases those decisions may be delegated to RUHS management. The County's financial contribution will be to assist in building the necessary operational infrastructure for the Network, and to support its operations.