



**SUBMITTAL TO THE RIVERSIDE UNIVERSITY HEALTH
SYSTEM MEDICAL CENTER GOVERNING BOARD
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



ITEM: 18.3

(ID # 27272)

MEETING DATE:

FROM : RUHS-MEDICAL CENTER

Tuesday, April 01, 2025

SUBJECT: RIVERSIDE UNIVERSITY HEALTH SYSTEM-MEDICAL CENTER: Ratify and Approve Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement for Professional Medical Services with Faculty Physicians and Surgeons of Loma Linda University School of Medicine dba Loma Linda University Faculty Medical Group for Pediatric Surgery Services effective February 1, 2025 through June 30, 2025, with the option to renew for four additional one-year periods through June 30, 2029, All Districts. [Total Amendment Cost \$2,205,307; Annual Cost \$499,315; up to \$223,203 in additional compensation annually, 100% - Hospital Enterprise Fund 40050]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Ratify and Approve Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement for Professional Medical Services with Faculty Physicians and Surgeons of Loma Linda University School of Medicine dba Loma Linda University Faculty Medical Group for Pediatric Surgery Services effective February 1, 2025 through June 30, 2025, with the option to renew for four (4) additional one-year periods through June 30, 2029, to increase the annual maximum contract amount by \$499,315 from \$1,732,720 to \$2,232,035; and authorize the Chair of the Board to sign the Amendment on behalf of the County; and
2. Authorize the Purchasing Agent, in accordance with Ordinance No. 459 and based on the availability of fiscal funding and as approved as to form by County Counsel to: (a) Issue Purchase Orders for any good and/or services rendered (b) sign amendments that may include modifications to the scope of services that stay within the intent of the Agreement, and (c) sign amendments to the compensation provisions that do not exceed the sum total of ten percent (10%) of the total annual cost of the agreement.

ACTION:Policy


Jennifer Cruikshank, Chief Executive Officer - Health System 3/19/2025

MINUTES OF THE GOVERNING BOARD

On motion of Supervisor Medina, seconded by Supervisor Spiegel and duly carried, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Medina, Spiegel, and Perez
Nays: None
Absent: Washington and Gutierrez
Date: April 1, 2025
xc: RUHS-MC

Kimberly A. Rector
Clerk of the Board

By: 
Deputy

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost
COST	\$208,047	\$499,315	\$2,205,307	\$0
NET COUNTY COST	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
SOURCE OF FUNDS: Hospital Enterprise Fund 40050			Budget Adjustment: No	
			For Fiscal Year: FY24/25 – FY28/29	

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: Approve

BACKGROUND:

Summary

Riverside University Health System Medical Center (RUHS-MC) has historically provided pediatric surgery services on-site in Moreno Valley through a contracted physician group. The Faculty Physicians and Surgeons of Loma Linda University School of Medicine (FPS LLUSM), a highly qualified and experienced medical provider group, has assisted RUHS-MC in delivering quality care to its pediatric patients.

Currently, there is an Agreement in place with FPS LLUSM for pediatric surgery services that is set to expire June 30, 2025. To meet an increased demand of care, RUHS-MC would like to amend the Agreement to ensure that the necessary staffing of attending physicians is in place to meet the healthcare needs of pediatric patients. The Amendment will also include the addition of administrative obligations for this specialty service.

This new Amendment will provide for the following services:

- Continued provision of On-Call coverage 24 hours per day, including holidays and weekends.
- Addition of 0.10 FTE Pediatric Surgery Administrator to serve in the role of Division Chief Pediatric Surgery. This role will be responsible for ensuring the increase in clinic numbers and operative growth.
- Increase the Pediatric Surgery Physician FTE to 2.20 to help meet the growing demand for pediatric care.

The medical needs of RUHS patients necessitate the selection of a highly qualified and experienced group of physicians to care for them. In the past few years, RUHS has made significant improvement in the quality of care provided to patients in Riverside County. FPS LLUSM has had a significant role in the Medical Center's ability to improve its services for its pediatric patients.

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Impact on Residents and Businesses

These services are a component of RUHS's system of care aimed at improving the health and safety of its patients and the community.

Contract History and Price Reasonableness



On April 30, 2024, Agenda Item Number 15.1, the Board of Supervisors approved a Professional Medical Services Agreement for Pediatric Surgery Services with Faculty Physicians and Surgeons of LLUSM dba Loma Linda University Faculty Medical Group, effective July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, with options to renew for four additional one-year periods through June 30, 2029, with a maximum annual compensation amount of \$1,732,720.

The proposed Amendment will result in an increase to the maximum annual compensation of the current agreement by \$499,315 from \$1,732,720 to \$2,232,035. This increase is a result of an increase of 1.0 FTE Pediatric Surgeon physician and 0.10 FTE addition for Pediatric Surgery Administrator.

The Agreement requires Board approval as the compensation provision exceeds the Purchasing Agent's authority and \$750,000 threshold for contracting with a single vendor for physician services per Patient Care Resolution 2024-127.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A: Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement for Professional Medical Services with FPS LLUSM DBA Loma Linda University Faculty Medical Group (Pediatric Surgery Services)

	
Stacy Orton, Assistant Director of Purchasing	Jacqueline Ruiz, Principal Analyst
3/19/2025	3/25/2025


Gregg Gu, Chief of Deputy County Counsel
3/19/2025

**FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE
AGREEMENT FOR
PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL SERVICES
(Pediatric Surgery Services)**

This First Amendment to the Agreement for Professional Medical Services (Pediatric Surgery Services) (First Amendment), is entered into by and between the **County of Riverside** (COUNTY), a political subdivision of the State of California, on behalf of the Riverside University Health System (HOSPITAL) and **Faculty Physicians and Surgeons of LLUSM**, a California non-profit corporation, **dba Loma Linda University Faculty Medical Group** (CONTRACTOR), sometimes collectively referred to as the “Parties” or individually referred to as a “Party.”

WHEREAS, COUNTY and CONTRACTOR have entered into that certain Agreement for Professional Medical Services (Pediatric Surgery Services), approved April 30, 2024, and effective July 1, 2024 (Agreement), whereby CONTRACTOR agreed to provide COUNTY with professional medical services in the specialty practice of Pediatric Surgery (SPECIALTY); and,

WHEREAS, COUNTY and CONTRACTOR desire to amend the Scope of Services and Payment Provisions of the Agreement:

NOW THEREFORE, the Parties agree as follows:

1. **Scope of Services.** Exhibit A, Section 1.0 CONTRACTOR STAFFING, Subsection A, is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

“A. CONTRACTOR shall provide adequate staffing to assume medical care responsibilities for SPECIALTY services under the direction of the HOSPITAL Medical Director. It is contemplated there shall be the following positions staffed:

Position	Total FTE	Annual RVU's
Pediatric Surgeon	2.15	11,825
	0.05	2 half days per month at Medical Surgery Center Pediatric Clinic
Pediatric Surgery Administrator: Division Chief Pediatric Surgery	0.10	N/A
On-Call coverage: ➤ After hours ➤ Holidays and Weekends	24 hours per day, 7 days per week, 365 days per year	

A full time equivalent (FTE) is agreed to be coverage at the hospital for fifty-two (52) weeks per year, five days per week (except holidays). CONTRACTOR will schedule and provide coverage by California Children's Services (CCS) paneled surgeons or by surgeons who have applied and not been rejected for CCS paneling, as follows:

- (i) One dedicated surgeon during the day, Monday through Friday, fifty-two (52) weeks per year, excluding holidays.

- (ii) Dr. Andrei Radulescu shall serve as the Division Chief of Pediatric Surgery and Trauma Director. As such, Dr. Andrei Radulescu will be responsible for overseeing all Pediatric Surgery quality, providing support to the trauma team, and ensuring increases in clinic numbers as well as operative growth within the Pediatric Surgery department.
- (iii) On-Call coverage after hours, on weekends and holidays for emergency cases by surgeons who are available to be in the PICU in less than 30 minutes.
- (iv) Coverage for surgical patients less than fifteen (15) years of age within the above parameters.
- (v) Collaborate with multi-disciplinary team to assist HOSPITAL to become an American College of Surgeons (ACS) Level II Pediatric Trauma Center.”

2. **Payment Provisions.** Exhibit C, Section 1.0 Compensation, is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

“Subject to the conditions set forth below, as payment for CONTRACTOR’s provision of SPECIALTY outpatient/clinical services, administrative duties, supervisory duties, teaching services, inpatient care, development of treatment protocols, on-call coverage, supervision of SPECIALTY services provided at HOSPITAL, and all other services contemplated by this Agreement, HOSPITAL shall pay CONTRACTOR for services actually performed as follows:

Position	Total FTE	Value
Pediatric Surgeon	2.20	\$1,696,847.30
Pediatric Surgery Administrator: Division Chief Pediatric Surgery	0.10	\$77,129.42
On-Call coverage: ➤ After hours ➤ Holidays and Weekends	365 days	\$458,058.58

If the parties mutually agree to change the staffing levels as contemplated above and such change is not effectuated on the first day of a month, the COUNTY shall pay CONTRACTOR a pro rata amount for each of the staffing levels used during such month. Any change to the staffing level must be mutually agreed upon by the Parties and evidenced by a written amendment to this Agreement.

The parties acknowledge that all amounts paid under this Agreement have been determined to be fair market value and commercially reasonable. Payments to CONTRACTOR shall be made on a monthly basis, in arrears, during the term of this Agreement. HOSPITAL shall pay CONTRACTOR payments by the invoice method specified below.”

3. **Payment Provisions.** Exhibit C, Section 4.0 Maximum Annual Compensation, is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

“Maximum annual compensation payable under this Agreement shall not exceed the amount of two million two hundred thirty-two thousand thirty-five dollars (\$2,232,035) annually.”

4. **Miscellaneous.** All other terms and conditions of this Agreement are to remain unchanged.
5. **Effective Date.** This First Amendment to the Agreement shall become effective February 1, 2025.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have caused their duly authorized representatives to execute this First Amendment.

COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, a political subdivision of the State of California

By: 

Name: V. MANUEL PEREZ

Title: Chair, Board of Supervisors

Date: APR 01 2025

**Faculty Physicians and Surgeons of LLUSM
dba Loma Linda University Faculty Medical
Group**

By: 


Name: Ricardo Peverini, MD

Title: President

Date: Feb 14, 2025

ATTEST:

Kimberly A. Rector
Clerk of the Board

By: 

Title: DEPUTY

APPROVED TO FORM:

Minh C. Tran
County Counsel

By: 

Name: Gregg Gu

Title: Deputy County Counsel

Date: 18/02/2025