



# County of Monterey

Item No.

## Board Report

Board of Supervisors  
Chambers  
168 W. Alisal St., 1st Floor  
Salinas, CA 93901

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May 19, 2026

**Introduced:** 4/22/2026

**Current Status:** Agenda Ready

**Version:** 1

**Matter Type:** BoS Agreement

- a. Approve and authorize the Director of Health Services or designee to execute a Mental Health Service Agreement with Telecare Corporation for the provision of skilled nursing services for Monterey County adults with primary diagnoses of organic brain syndrome, traumatic brain injury, medical debilitation, and severe mental illness, for a total agreement amount of \$566,182 for the term of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027; and
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### RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the County of Monterey Board of Supervisors:

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### SUMMARY:

The County of Monterey Health Department, Behavioral Health Bureau, requests approval of a Mental Health Service Agreement with Telecare Corporation to provide skilled nursing services for Monterey County adults.

### DISCUSSION:

Telecare Corporation administers programs at two contracted facilities, Garfield Neurobehavioral Center and Morton-Bakar Center. Both centers are licensed Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNF) and provide treatments covering conditions ranging from Traumatic Brain Injury and other medical debilitation to psychosocial rehabilitation and skills-building support for older adults ages fifty-seven (57) and older, with a primary diagnosis of severe mental illness.

Approval of this Agreement meets the requirements of the State Welfare and Institutions Code 5600 (Bronzan-McCorquodale Act) and the California Code of Regulations Titles 9 & 22 and sustains the continuity of core services to seriously mentally ill clients of Monterey County.

This Agreement contains contains the County’s standard 30-day “no cause” provision (Section V, B) and an additional defunding provision (Section V, D), which provides the County the ability to amend or terminate the Agreement in the event of a reduction and/or termination of funding.

This work supports the following County of Monterey Health Department 2025-2028 Strategic Plan Goal(s): 2. Provide Exceptional Person-Centered Care through Accessible, Community-Focused Health services. It also supports one of the ten essential public health services, specifically: 7. Link people to needed personal health services and assure the provisions of health care when otherwise unavailable.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

The office of the County Counsel and Auditor-Controller have reviewed and approved this Agreement as to form and fiscal provisions, respectively.

FINANCING:

This Agreement is funded by 1991 Realignment funding. The funds for this Agreement for Fiscal Year 2026-27 are included in the Health Department’s Behavioral Health (HEA012, Unit 8410) Fiscal Year 2026-27 Requested Budget.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS:

This agreement will ensure access to culturally and linguistically appropriate, customer-friendly, quality health services, will link people to needed personal health services, and will assure the provision of healthcare when otherwise unavailable. This agreement aligns with the Board of Supervisors Strategic Plan Goal of well-being and quality of life.

Mark a check next to the related Board of Supervisors Strategic Plan Goals:

- Well-Being and Quality of Life
- Sustainable Infrastructure for the Present and Future
- Safe and Resilient Communities
- Diverse and Thriving Economy

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Attachments:

- Board Report
- Agreement