



# County of Monterey

Board of Supervisors  
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## Board Report

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### RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors:

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### SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

Medical Couriers, Inc. provides courier services for the transportation of infectious materials and diagnostic specimens. For the past seven years, they have been a service provider for the Monterey County Health Department Public Health Laboratory. Their services have been cost effective, efficient, and responsive. Because of their responsive and efficient services, the Monterey County Health Department wishes to continue working with Medical Couriers, Inc. The start date of the Agreement is retroactive to July 1, 2020 due to the length of time it took to negotiate with the vendor updated rates and terms needed for the Agreement.

This work supports the MCHD 2018-2022 Strategic Plan Goal: 1. Empower the community to improve health; Goal 2. Enhance public health and safety through prevention; and Goal 3. Ensure access to culturally and linguistically appropriate, customer-friendly, quality health services. Additionally, this work supports three of the ten essential public health services: inform, educate, and empower people about health issues; link people to needed personal health services and assure the provision of health care when otherwise unavailable; and assure competent public and personal health care workforce.

### OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

The Office of County Counsel has reviewed and approved this Agreement as to legal form.

### FINANCING:

There are sufficient appropriations included in the Health Department's (HEA003-8124) Adopted Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-21 for this Agreement.

### BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STRATEGIC INITIATIVES:

Check the related Board of Supervisors Strategic Initiatives:

Economic Development:

- Through collaboration, strengthen economic development to ensure a diversified and healthy economy.

Administration:

- Promote an organization that practices efficient and effective resource management and is recognized

for responsiveness, strong customer orientation, accountability and transparency.

Health & Human Services:

- Improve health and quality of life through County supported policies, programs, and services; promoting access to equitable opportunities for healthy choices and healthy environments in collaboration with communities.

Infrastructure:

- Plan and develop a sustainable, physical infrastructure that improves the quality of life for County residents and supports economic development results.

Public Safety:

- Create a safe environment for people to achieve their potential, leading businesses and communities to thrive and grow by reducing violent crimes as well as crimes in general.

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Approved by:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Attachment:

Agreement is on file with the Clerk of the Board