



# 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:**

The Health Department Clinic Services Bureau (Clinic Services) operates ten community clinic sites designated as Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) which provide preventive, primary, and specialty medical care services.

Clinic Services engages in Locum Tenens Physician services in times of critical medical need when sufficient permanent staffing is not available in clinic due to circumstances such as resignations, extended leaves and increases in demand for services. The Board of Supervisors approved Agreement No. A-12773 on June 23, 2015 with Medical Doctor Associates (MDA) for the provision of temporary physician, nurse practitioner, and physician assistant health care placement services to Clinic Services. Amendment No. 1 was executed on July 1, 2018 to extend services for an additional two years. Since then, MDA has changed its name to Cross Country Locums, while maintaining seamless and uninterrupted service availability to Clinic Services.

Approval of this Amendment will allow Cross Country Locums to continue providing essential primary care and specialty care services for vulnerable patients during temporary physician absences and/or shortages. Currently, a Locum Tenens Internist is providing full-time services at the Laurel Internal Medicine Clinic until the vacancy can be filled, and two Locum Tenens Nurse Practitioners have been providing short-term coverage during the flu season and, most recently, the COVID-19 pandemic.

This work supports the Monterey County Health Department 2018 - 2022 Strategic Plan initiative(s): 3. Ensure access to culturally and linguistically appropriate customer-friendly, quality health services. It also supports one or more of the ten essential public health services, specifically: 7. Link people to needed personal health services and assure the provision of health care when otherwise unavailable: and 8. Assure competent public and personal health care workforce.

**OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:**

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

FINANCING:

Sufficient funds are available in the FY 2020-2021 Recommended Budget for Clinic Services Bureau, Health Department (4000-HEA007). There is no financial impact to the General Fund resulting from approval of this Amendment No. 2.

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: \_\_\_\_\_

Elsa Jimenez, Director of Health, 755-4526

Attachments:

Amendment No 2 is on file with the Clerk of the Board

Amendment No 1 is on file with the Clerk of the Board

Agreement is on file with the Clerk of the Board