



**Health & Human Services
Agency
COUNTY OF TULARE
AGENDA ITEM**

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AGENDA DATE: January 14, 2020 REVISED

Public Hearing Required	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Published Notice Required	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advertised Published Notice	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Meet & Confer Required	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Electronic file(s) has been sent	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Personnel Resolution attached	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Agreements are attached and signature line for Chairman is marked with tab(s)/flag(s)	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
CONTACT PERSON: Karen Elliott		PHONE: 624-8000

SUBJECT: Approve an agreement with Sierra Vista Pharmacy

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve an agreement with Sierra Vista Pharmacy retroactive from January 1, 2020 through January 1, 2023 to provide prescription drugs at a discounted rate to patients of Tulare County Health Care Centers. This agreement is retroactive due to delays in obtaining insurance documents. It was impracticable for the Board to take action prior to January 1, 2020 due to the time needed to process, prepare, and submit the agenda item;
2. Find that the Board had the authority to enter into this proposed agreement as of January 1, 2020 and that it was in the County's best interest to enter into the agreement on that date; and
3. Authorize the Chairman of the Board to sign two (2) copies of the agreement.

SUMMARY:

Tulare County, under the Welfare and Institutions Code Section 17000, is obligated to serve as the provider of last resort for indigent California residents who have no other means of support. Qualified patients within Tulare County Clinics have the ability to obtain pharmaceuticals through the 340B Drug Discount Program, a federal program that allows participating drug manufacturers to provide discounted drug pricing to eligible healthcare organizations which serve the county's indigent and vulnerable population. Tulare County has a substantial number of individuals

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whose access to medical care is limited by the lack of transportation to medical services and/or the high cost of prescription medication.

Tulare County has existing contracts in place with other network pharmacies, which has increased access to low cost prescription medication to patients of the Visalia and Farmersville Health Care Centers. Sierra Vista Pharmacy will be located adjacent to the Farmersville Health Care Center. This will increase access to patients of the health care center and ensure medication adherence. The result is improved personal health, less trips to a medical facility and the postponement of the need for long term medical care.

Tulare County Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) is seeking Board authorization to approve this agreement. Through this agreement and the work of the Public Health Department, the County of Tulare will provide greater access, flexibility and convenience to the County's patients and the availability of discount prescription medication to the County's indigent and vulnerable population. Sierra Vista Pharmacy will ensure the continuation of the 340B program to eligible patients. This agreement has the potential to serve patients of the Tulare County's Health Care Center, which exceed 7,000 individuals in calendar year 2018.

The following terms deviate from the standard County boiler plate: (1) The term of this agreement is multi-year; (2) Upon expiration of the initial three year term, this agreement shall be renewed for subsequent one year terms unless either Party gives the other at least sixty (60) days prior written notice of its intention not to renew prior to the expiration of the then current term.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:


The agreement with Sierra Vista Pharmacy effective from January 1, 2020 through January 1, 2023 may have potential expenses if the virtual inventory is not utilized within the shelf life of the pharmaceuticals. This potential expense to the county would be covered in its entirety by the reimbursement of the current wholesale acquisition of the pharmaceuticals. Revenue for the 340B program has been budgeted in Fiscal Year 2019/2020 under fund line 1211-5813, and will be budgeted in subsequent years of the agreement period. There is no net cost to the County General Fund.

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:

The County's five-year strategic plan includes the Quality of life Initiative which promotes public health and welfare. This agreement supports this initiative by continuing to provide increased access to pharmaceuticals to patients of the health care centers and an improved quality of life for indigent 340B eligible clients who have no other means of securing the necessary pharmacy related services.

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ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:



Karen M. Elliott
Director of Public Health

cc: County Administrative Office

Attachment(s) Agreement

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVE AN
AGREEMENT WITH SIERRA
VISTA PHARMACY**

) Resolution No. _____
) Agreement No. _____
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UPON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR _____, SECONDED BY
SUPERVISOR _____, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING HELD _____
_____, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

ATTEST: JASON T. BRITT
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/
CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY: _____
Deputy Clerk

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