

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

September 10, 2013

**FROM: PATRICK PETRE, Director
Arrowhead Regional Medical Center**

**SUBJECT: RATIFICATION OF LETTER OF AGREEMENT WITH UNIVERSITY OF
CALIFORNIA LOS ANGELES HEALTH SYSTEM**

RECOMMENDATION(S)

Ratify the action of the Chair of the Board of Supervisors authorizing a Letter of Agreement with University of California Los Angeles Health System for transfer of a patient for emergency invasive cardiac care and services and direct the Clerk of the Board to maintain confidentiality of the agreement pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 1457(c)(1) .

(Presenter: Patrick Petre, Director, 580-6150)

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Provide for the Health and Social Services Needs of County Residents.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

This item does not impact Discretionary General Funding (Net County Cost). The actual costs for services are dependent on patient need, and are funded by Low Income Health Plan revenue and Healthcare Realignment. Expenditures during 2012-13 for invasive cardiac care and services were approximately \$2,545,000. This expenditure is expected to reduce beginning January 1, 2014 as more patients will qualify for Medi-Cal through health reform, relieving ARMC of the financial responsibility for these patients.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Approval of the recommendations will ratify the Letter of Agreement, allowing Arrowhead Regional Medical Center (ARMC) to transfer a patient to the University of California Los Angeles (UCLA) Health System for emergency specialized hospital services.

California Health and Safety Code Section 1255 and Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations section 70438.1 states an acute care hospital which does not provide cardiac surgery, such as ARMC, may operate a cardiac catheterization laboratory if hospital has an agreement with a specialized healthcare facility with the ability to provide a cardiac patient with a higher level of care. The receiving hospital must have cardiac surgery staff and facilities shall be immediately available to the patient upon notification of an emergency. Cardiac patients requiring a higher level of care are typically transferred to Loma Linda University Medical Center (LLUMC), per Agreement No. 13-674, approved by the Board of Supervisors on August 6, 2013 (Item No. 14). However, LLUMC was unable to accommodate the patient due to the distinct treatment

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cc: ARMS-Petre
CAO-Allen
File – CONFIDENTIAL-ARMC
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w/University of California
Los Angeles Health System)

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Record of Action of the Board of Supervisors

**APPROVED (CONSENT CALENDAR)
COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO
Board of Supervisors**

MOTION	<u>ABSENT</u>	<u>AYE</u>	<u>SECOND</u>	<u>MOVE</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
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LAURA H. WELCH, CLERK OF THE BOARD

BY _____

DATED: September 10, 2013

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required. UCLA Health System agreed to accommodate the request for a ventricular ablation and accept the patient contingent upon the receipt of a signed Letter of Agreement.

For services rendered, UCLA Health System is typically reimbursed directly from the patient, third-party payer or other sources normally billed. This agreement allows UCLA Health System to receive reimbursement from ARMC if they are unable to obtain reimbursement from any third party payor or where the County is financially responsible for providing health care services such as the Medically Indigent Adult (MIA) population. Approval of this item will allow ARMC to establish a one-time transfer agreement with UCLA allowing UCLA to receive reimbursement for the invasive cardiac services provided.

REVIEW BY OTHERS

This item has been reviewed by County Counsel (Frank Salazar, Deputy County Counsel, 387-5445) on September 3, 2013; the County Administrative Office (Monique Allen, Administrative Analyst, 387-4020) on September 4, 2013; and, Finance and Administration (Valerie Clay, Deputy Executive Officer, 387-5423) on September 4, 2013.