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## NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Shelli Brobst for Snowden, Randolph F. - Director  
Health & Human Services  
**REPORT BY:** Shelli Brobst, Contracts Analyst, 253-4720  
**SUBJECT:** Amendment No. 4 to Agreement No. 4705 with Preferred Healthcare Registry, Inc.

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

Director of Health and Human Services requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign Amendment No. 4 to Agreement No. 4705 with Preferred Healthcare Registry, Inc., increasing the vendor's hourly rate for the provision of occupational and physical therapy services, with no change to the contract maximum.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Approval of the requested amendment will increase the contractor's hourly rate from \$57 per hour to \$62 per hour to provide occupational and physical therapy services to clients in the Medical Therapy Program.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Is there a Fiscal Impact?                      No

### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

### **BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION**

Preferred Healthcare Registry provides necessary physical and occupational therapy services for physically handicapped children from birth to 21 years who are clients of the Medical Therapy Program. The Medical

Therapy Unit (MTU) provides medically necessary physical therapy (PT), occupational therapy (OT), and medical therapy conference (MTC) services to children with medically eligible handicapping conditions related to cerebral palsy, muscular dystrophy, rheumatoid arthritis, and others. The MTC team physicians are specialists experienced in the treatment of physically handicapped children. The team performs examinations and prescribes PT, OT, durable medical equipment, and other necessary medical interventions required to treat the children's eligible diagnoses. Physical Therapists and Occupational Therapists work in the County's MTU, which is located at McPherson Elementary School, as part of an interagency agreement with the California Department of Education.

Approval of the requested amendment will incorporate the request of the contractor to increase their hourly rate from \$57 per hour to \$62 per hour to provide occupational and physical therapy services to clients in this program. This rate is comparable with the private sector's cost of a physical or occupational therapist of \$62 per hour. This vendor's rate was last increased in 2004-2005. The increase in the hourly rate will be absorbed in the existing contract maximum payable to the contractor this fiscal year.

The Agency has an executed Business Associate Agreement with this vendor in place.

#### **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Lorenzo Zialcita