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## NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Shelli Brobst for Randolph F. Snowden - Director  
Health & Human Services  
**REPORT BY:** Shelli Brobst, Contracts Analyst, 253-4720  
**SUBJECT:** Renewal Agreement with Community Health Clinic Olé (Indigent Care)

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

Director of Health and Human Services requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign the renewal of Agreement No. 3740 with Community Health Clinic Olé for a maximum of \$95,000 for the term July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006 to provide indigent medical services.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Clinic Olé provides primary physical health care services to indigent patients and follow-up primary physical health care for patients referred from Queen of the Valley Hospital Emergency Room after emergency/urgent specialty care has been rendered by that facility. This contract assists the County to meet the State mandate that counties must provide medical services to the indigent population (Section 17000 of the Welfare and Institutions Code).

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	Yes
Where is it budgeted?	Public Health
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Mandatory
Is the general fund affected?	Yes
Future fiscal impact:	The agreement terminates June 30, 2006.

Consequences if not approved: Mandatory services will not be provided.

Additional Information: Section 17000 of the Welfare and Institutions Code requires counties to provide medical services to their indigent populations. However, the level of services required is not mandated.

In prior years, Clinic Olé billed the County on a claim-by-claim basis, which strained the administrative support staff at both the County and Clinic Olé. Tracking patient claims and properly storing HIPAA protected health information at HHSa Fiscal have been concerns for the County, and patient verification and claim turn-around time have been concerns for Clinic Olé. HHSa proposes to give Clinic Olé a quarterly lump sum payment for to provide indigent medical care. Clinic Olé in turn will be responsible for providing itemized reports detailing what and how many services were provided. This alternative removes administrative burdens from Clinic Olé and County staff and avoids the need for HHSa to be responsible for individual protected health information, while ensuring that all funds provided under the contract are used appropriately to reimburse Clinic Olé for the costs of indigent care.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

There is no Environmental Impact for this item.

### **BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION**

The County entered into an initial agreement with Clinic Olé in 1995-96 to provide medical services to indigent patients referred from Queen of the Valley Hospital Emergency Room. Clinic Olé provides primary physical health care services to indigent patients and follow-up primary physical health care to patients referred from Queen of the Valley Hospital Emergency Room, after emergency/urgent care has been rendered by that facility. Each patient is assigned to a physician providing services at Clinic Olé. Clinic Olé also provides prescribed medications to indigent patients when available at its clinic and will arrange and pay for necessary medical care with a specialist as determined by clinical staff.

Clinic Olé also participates in the County Medical Services Program (CMSP) and Medi-Cal outreach programs by having eligibility workers on site to enroll eligible patients in Medi-Cal or CMSP.

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The department has an executed Business Associate agreement on file for this provider.

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Meegan Condon