COUNTY OF SAN MATEO Departmental Correspondence

DATE: **JUN 1 3 2001** HEARING DATE: JUN 2 6 200

TO:

Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM:

Tim McMurdo, CEO, Division of Hospital and Clinics

SUBJECT:

Amendment to the Agreement with Paralign Revenue Management, Inc.

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a resolution authorizing the President of the Board to execute an amendment to the agreement with Paralign Revenue Management, Inc for third-party payment eligibility services.

Background

Since 1988, San Mateo County Health Services has been using outside service providers to develop payment sources for uninsured accounts. Health Services has contracted with Paralign Revenue Management to provide these cost recovery services since 1997. Paralign recovers costs from selected uninsured accounts referred to Paralign by Health Services when a program linkage such as Medi-Cal has been identified. While staff make every effort to qualify patients for Medi-Cal, some patients fail to follow through with the necessary paperwork and are difficult to locate. Paralign assists patients in completing the insurance application process. Upon approval of insurance eligibility, Health Services bills the thirdparty payor for reimbursement. In FY 1999-00, Health Services realized approximately \$650,000 in additional revenue based on Paralign's services. This type of service is typically used by county hospitals treating large volumes of Medi-Cal patients to maximize reimbursement from the program.

On October 3, 2000, your Board approved an agreement with Paralign Revenue Management to continue providing these services. This agreement is for the term July 1, 2000 through June 30, 2001 for the amount of \$125,000. An RFP for these third-party payor services was conducted in 1996, after which Paralign was awarded the contract with Health Services. A new RFP process will be completed by September 2001.

Discussion

Health Services is proposing an amendment extending the agreement with Paralign for six months, through December 31, 2000, allowing the RFP process to be completed. The full term of the contract will be July 1, 2000 through December 31, 2001.

In the past year, Health Services has increased efforts to enroll clients in insurance programs, in part by placing more patients in Medi-Cal pending status. As a result, Paralign enrollment services have increased within the past year as well. The hospital expects to recover more than \$1 million through these program services in the current year. This amendment also increases the contract amount to cover the higher service levels provided by Paralign. In addition, this amendment adds the provision that the Contractor shall comply with State Department of Health Services (DHS) regulations and policies regarding Medi-Cal Administrative Activities as outlined in the agreement between DHS and the County. This provision will allow Health Services to claim a percentage of the contract costs through the Medi-Cal Administrative Activity (MAA) program.

	FY 1999-2000	FY 2000-2001	FY 2001-02	
,	Actuals	Projections	Projections	
Cost Recovery	\$681,454	\$1,079,163	\$1,705,078	

Paralign has substantially increased revenue recovery during the current fiscal year and is expected to collect even higher revenues next fiscal year, as the agency continues to target insurance enrollment.

County Counsel and Risk Management have approved the amendment to the agreement.

Term and Fiscal Impact

This amendment increases the maximum amount by \$315,000, from \$125,000 to \$440,000, due to the increase in revenue recovery and the term extension. Paralign is reimbursed on a contingency basis equal to an average of 22% of revenue recovery amounts. In addition, estimates are that 40% of contract expenditures can be recovered through MAA claiming. The new contract term is July 1, 2000 through December 31, 2001.

RECOMMENDED

HEALTH SERVICES AGENCY

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION AMENDING THE AGREEMENT WITH PARALIGN REVENUE MANAGEMENT, INC.

RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, that;

WHEREAS, there has been presented to this Board of Supervisors for its consideration

and acceptance an Amendment to the Agreement, reference to which is hereby made for further

particulars, whereby Paralign Revenue Management, Inc. shall recover third-party payment sources for uncompensated medical care for Health Services; and whereby Paralign Revenue Management, Inc. shall comply with State Department of Health Services (DHS) regulations and policies regarding Medi-Cal Administrative Activities as outlined in the Agreement between DHS and local government agency, namely County; and

WHEREAS, this Board has been presented with a form of the Amendment to the Agreement and has examined and approved it as to both form and content and desires to enter

into the Amendment to the Agreement:

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED that the President of this Board of Supervisors be, and is hereby, authorized and directed to execute said

Amendment to the Agreement for and on behalf of the County of San Mateo, and the Clerk of

this Board shall attest the President's signature thereto.

AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH PARALIGN REVENUE SERVICES, INC.

THIS AGREEMENT, entered into this	day of		
, 2001, by and between the CO	UNTY OF SAN MATEO (hereinafter		
called "County") and PARALIGN REVENUE MANAGEM	IENT, INC. (hereinafter called		
"Contractor"),	***		

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, on October 3, 2000, the parties hereto entered into an agreement (hereinafter referred to as the "Original Agreement") for the furnishing of certain services by Contractor to County as set forth in that Original Agreement; and

WHEREAS, it is now the mutual desire and intent of the parties hereto to amend and clarify that Original Agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY AGREED between the parties that the Original Agreement is amended as follows:

1. Section 2, <u>Payments</u>, Paragraph A, Maximum Amount of the Original Agreement is hereby amended to read as follows:

"2. Payments

- A. <u>Maximum Amount</u>. In full consideration of Contractor's performance of the services described in Schedule A, the amount that County shall be obligated to pay for services rendered under this Agreement shall not exceed FOUR HUNDRED FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$440,000) for the contract term."
 - 2. Section 6, Non-Discrimination, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"6. Non-Discrimination

Contractor shall comply with the non-discrimination requirements described in Schedule C, which is attached hereto, and incorporated herein.

Contractor shall comply with County admission and treatment policies which shall provide that patients are accepted for care without discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, age, handicap, or political affiliation.

Violation of the non-discrimination provisions of this Agreement shall be considered a breach of this Agreement and subject Contractor to penalties, to be determined by the County Manager, including, but not limited to:

- i. termination of this Agreement;
- ii. disqualification of Contractor from bidding on or being awarded a County contract for a period of up to three (3) years;
- iii. liquidated damages of TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$2,500) per violation;
- iv. imposition of other appropriate contractual and civil remedies and sanctions, as determined by the County Manager.

To effectuate the provisions of this paragraph, the County Manager shall have the authority to:

- i. examine Contractor's employment records with respect to compliance with this paragraph;
- ii. set off all or any portion of the amount described in this paragraph against amounts due to Contractor under the Contract or any other contractor between Contractor and County.

Contractor shall report to the County Manager the filing by any person in any court of any complaint of discrimination or the filing by any person of any and all charges with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the Fair Employment and Housing Commission or any other entity charged with the investigation of allegations within thirty (30) days of such filing, provided that within such thirty (30) days such entity has not notified Contractor that such charges are dismissed or otherwise unfounded. Such notification shall include the name of the complainant, a copy of such

complaint, and a description of the circumstance. Contractor shall provide County with a copy of its response to the complaint when filed."

3. Section 12, <u>Term of the Agreement</u>, of the Original Agreement is hereby amended to read as follows:

"12. Term of the Agreement

Subject to compliance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the term of this Agreement shall be from July 1, 2000 through December 31, 2001. This Agreement may be terminated by Contractor, Director of Health Services or her designee at any time upon thirty (30) days' written notice to the other party."

- 4. Schedule A, SERVICES, Paragaph I, of the Original Agreement is hereby amended to add as follows:
- "7. Contractor shall comply with State Department of Health
 Services (DHS) regulations and policies regarding Medi-Cal Administrative Activities as
 outlined in the Agreement between DHS and local government agency, namely County."
- 5. Schedule B, PAYMENTS, A. <u>Fee Structure</u>, 1. Medi-Cal Eligibility, a. Inpatient of the Original Agreement is hereby amended to read as follows:

"a. Inpatient

0	In-house rate	An amount equal to 15% of recovery amount
0	Discharged rate	An amount equal to 21% of recovery amount
0	Eligibility Prior to Referral	No Fee
0	Administrative Fair Hearings	An amount equal to 25% of recovery amount
0	Readmission within rate 60 days of initial referral	An amount equal to 19% of recovery rate"

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY AGREED BY THE PARTIES that:

- 1. These amendments are hereby incorporated and made a part of the Original Agreement and subject to all provisions therein.
- 2. All provisions of the Original Agreement, including all references to audit and fiscal management requirements unless otherwise amended hereinabove, shall be binding on all the parties hereto.
- 3. All provisions of the Original Agreement, including all monitoring and evaluation requirements, shall be applicable to all amendments herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY AGREED BY THE PARTIES that the Agreement of October 3, 2000, be amended accordingly.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto, by their duly authorized representatives, have affixed their hand on the day and year first above written.

COUNTY OF SAN MATEO	PARALIGN REVENUE MANAGEMENT, INC.
By: Michael D. Nevin President, Board of Supervisors	By: Times &
Date:	Date: 5/3/2025
ATTEST:	
By:Clerk of Said Board	
Date:	

COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

MEMORANDUM

July 12, 2000

TO: Priscilla Harris, Risk Management/Insurance Division

PONY# EPS163 Fax: 363-4864

FROM: Tere Larcina, Hospital & Clinics

PONY # HOS316MM Fax: 573-2267

SUBJECT: Contract Insurance Approval

CONTRACTOR: Paralign Staffing Technologies

DO THEY TRAVEL: No

PERCENT OF THE TIME:

NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES: More than one

DUTIES (SPECIFIC): Contractor provides third-party payments sources as described

in Schedule A.

COVERAGE:

Comprehensive General Liability:

Motor Vehicle Liability:

Professional Liability:

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