



**COUNTY OF SAN MATEO**  
**Inter-Departmental Correspondence**

**San Mateo Medical Center**

**DATE:** August 30, 2004

**BOARD MEETING DATE:** September 14, 2004

**TO:** Honorable Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Nancy J. Steiger, Chief Executive Officer, San Mateo Medical Center

**SUBJECT:** Agreement with Medisave Pharmacies, Inc., dba Kindred Pharmacy Services

**Recommendation**

**Resolution Waiving** the Request for Proposal Process and Approving a Resolution authorizing the execution of an Agreement with Medisave Pharmacies, Inc., dba Kindred Pharmacy Services.

**Background**

Medisave Pharmacies, Inc., dba Kindred Pharmacy Services was the company providing pharmacy services when San Mateo Medical Center (SMMC) took over management at the Burlingame Long Term Care (BLTC) site. Services include all medications and IV therapy on a daily and emergency basis.

**Discussion**

Regulatory requirement states that Long Term Care is to have a clinical pharmacist for regular medication review and administration.

Since Medisave Pharmacies, Inc., dba Kindred Pharmacy Services was already in place at BLTC, we are extending their current contract for one year. This will allow BLTC to explore other options while avoiding the disruption of services to patient care. For these reasons, San Mateo Medical Center is requesting a waiver of the Request for Proposal process for pharmacy services at BLTC.

As the in-house pharmacy system continues to develop, we hope to provide Long Term Care pharmacy services through the SMMC pharmacy.

County Counsel and Risk Management have approved this Amendment.

**Vision Alignment**

This agreement keeps the commitment to Ensure Basic Health and Safety for All and goal number 5: Provide residents access to healthcare and preventive care. The agreement contributes to this commitment by providing pharmacy services, including all medications and IV Therapy, to residents of Burlingame Long Term Care.

**Fiscal Impact**

The term of this agreement is April 1, 2004 to March 31, 2005. Delay in processing this agreement is due to Contractor's delay in returning a signed agreement. The maximum amount of the agreement is \$150,000, which is based on the previous year's expenditures. Funds are included in San Mateo Medical Center's FY2003-04 and FY2004-05 Adopted Budgets.