

**44222**

**DATE:** January 9, 2015

**TO:** Board of Acquisition and Contract

**FROM:** Sherlita Amler, MD  
Commissioner of Health

**RE:** Authorization to enter into Contracts with various providers (as identified below), to provide TB Clinic Patient Chest X-Rays and other Radiological Tests and Interpretations as needed, for the period 3/1/15 through 2/29/16, in the total aggregate not-to-exceed amount of \$26,000, with each provider to be paid pursuant to an approved budget at the same rates as negotiated by the Westchester County Department of Health

The Westchester County Department of Health (the "WCDH") seeks authorization to enter into contracts with various providers (as identified below), to provide TB clinic patient chest x-rays and other radiological tests and interpretations as needed, for the period 3/1/15 through 2/29/16, in the total aggregate not-to-exceed amount of \$26,000, with each provider to be paid pursuant to an approved budget at the same rates as negotiated by the WCDH.

Providers:

Montefiore New Rochelle Hospital  
Montefiore Mount Vernon Hospital  
Phelps Memorial Hospital Center  
St. Joseph's Hospital, Yonkers d/b/a St. Joseph's Medical Center  
White Plains Hospital Medical Center  
New York-Presbyterian/Hudson Valley Hospital (formerly Hudson Valley Hospital Center)

Last year, the New York-Presbyterian Health System ("NYP") entered into an agreement with Hudson Valley Hospital Center ("HVHC") for HVHC to become part of NYP, under the new name reflected above effective 2015.

In order to promote the public health, safety and general welfare of Westchester County residents, and in accordance with New York State Public Health Law, the WCDH must ensure for the appropriate diagnosis, care and treatment of patients with suspected and/or confirmed cases of Tuberculosis ("TB"). Chest x-rays and other radiological studies are a recognized diagnostic method used to determine the clinical status of these patients. All patients that receive chest x-rays and other radiological tests and interpretations as needed are screened and referred by WCDH clinics. In 2014, the WCDH had approximately 1,842 TB clinic visits and 245 chest x-rays were performed by the Providers.

The goal and objective of this program is to reduce the incidence of TB related illness among all age groups throughout the County by ensuring comprehensive and follow up medical care for all confirmed TB patients. Radiological testing and diagnosis is an early detection method and part of a complete TB curative plan that will help contain the spread, prevention and management of this disease as well as decrease treatment costs for the underinsured/uninsured.

The program is tracked and monitored by the electronic recording of all hospital referrals and through review and audit of individual patient records and monthly service lists for each hospital. All confirmed or suspect TB cases are entered into the Health Information Network (HIN) using the required information/forms to generate monthly management reports which are used by the WCDH to monitor caseloads, service utilizations rates and payments for rendered services. Payments to all providers are made in accordance pursuant to an approved budget at the same rates as negotiated by the WCDH, and are eligible for State aid reimbursement from the New York State Department of Health.

These contracts are exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy under Section 3 (a) viii under contracts for medical and/or health-related services.

Your approval of the attached Resolution is respectfully requested.

Attachment

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## RESOLUTION

UPON A COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH, be it hereby

**RESOLVED**, that the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Department of Health (the "WCDH"), is hereby authorized to enter into contracts with various providers (as set forth in the attached Schedule "A"), to provide TB clinic patient chest X-rays and other radiological tests and interpretations as needed, for the period 3/1/15 through 2/29/16, in the total aggregate not-to-exceed amount of \$26,000, with each Provider to be paid pursuant to an approved budget at the same rates as negotiated by the WCDH; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, that each of these contracts is subject to County appropriations; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, that each of the contracts is subject to further financial analysis of the impact of any New York State Budget (the "State Budget") proposed and adopted during the term of the contracts. Each of the contracts shall contain a provision that the County shall retain the right, upon the occurrence of any release by the Governor of a proposed State Budget and/or the adoption of the State Budget or any amendments thereto, and for a reasonable period of time after such releases(s) or adoption(s) to conduct an analysis of the impacts of any State Budget on County finances. After such analysis, the County shall retain the right to either terminate the contracts or to renegotiate the amounts and rates approved herein. If the County subsequently offers to pay a reduced amount and/or rate to any of the above Contractors, then the Contractor(s) shall have the right to terminate the Contract upon reasonable prior written notice; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the County Executive or his duly authorized designee be and hereby is authorized and empowered to execute all appropriate contracts or documents necessary to effectuate the purposes of this Resolution in the manner prescribed by law.

Department of Health  
 County of Westchester  
 10 County Center Road, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
 White Plains, New York 10607  
 January 9, 2015

Agreement #

Account to be Charged/Credited	Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase or Unit	Object/ Sub-Object	Trust Account	Dollars
	101	27	0010	4238-05		\$21,667 (2015)
	101	27	0010	4238-05		\$4,333 (2016)

  

Budget Funding Year(s) (must match resolution)	2015 - 2016	Start Date	3/1/15	End Date	2/29/16
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Funding Source	Tax Dollars	\$16,640
	State Aid	\$ 9,360
<b>\$26,000</b>	Federal Aid	
(must match resolution)	Other	

## **SCHEDULE "A"**

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Phelps Memorial Hospital Center

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