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DATE: February 26, 2021

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Sherlita Amler, MD
Commissioner of Health

RE: Authorization to Amend a Short Form Agreement with SeniorCare Emergency Medical Services, Inc. to provide standby/wait readiness and assistance with monitoring persons post COVID vaccination at specific COVID vaccination sites in the County, including possible medical treatment and transportation to local hospital(s) if needed (“Services”), for the period from February 10, 2021 through February 9, 2022, in order to increase the amount not-to-exceed by an additional \$200,000 for a total revised amount not-to-exceed \$235,000 for continued services to be paid at the reimbursement rates as specified in Schedule “A”

On February 12, 2021, the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Department of Health, (“WCDH”), entered into a “short form” agreement with SeniorCare Emergency Medical Services, Inc. (“Contractor”) to provide standby/wait readiness and assistance with monitoring persons post COVID vaccination at specific COVID vaccination sites in the County, including possible medical treatment and transportation to local hospital(s) if needed (“Services”), for the period from February 10, 2021 through February 9, 2022, in the amount not-to-exceed \$35,000 payable at the reimbursement rates as specified in Schedule “A” (the “Agreement”).

The County has been operating a COVID vaccination site at the SUNY Westchester Community College (“WCC”) several days per week at various hours. Under the terms of the Agreement, the Contractor has been providing the Services for several weeks now, and since the WCC COVID Clinic will continue to operate and dispense COVID vaccinations to the public for the foreseeable future, the WCDH requires the Contractor to continue to provide these Services.

Therefore, the WCDH is requesting authorization to amend the existing “short form” agreement in order to increase the amount not-to-exceed by an additional \$200,000 for a total revised amount not-to-exceed \$235,000 for the provision of continued Services, to be paid at the reimbursement rates as specified in Schedule “A”.

This contract amendment will promote the public health, safety and general welfare of County residents by providing a trained, equipped and certified Emergency Medical Services (“EMS”) ambulance to provide standby/wait readiness at the WCC COVID Clinic to monitor persons post COVID vaccination for any side effects that may require transport to a local hospital. The objective is to promote the public health and safety of persons being vaccinated by having professional EMS staff and an ambulance on-site to ensure the safety of persons after they receive their COVID vaccination.

This program will be tracked and monitored by WCDH staff on-site at the WCC COVID Clinic by managing the site logistics and performance of the Contractor providing the Services.

The Agreement is exempt from the County Procurement Policy pursuant to Section 3(a)viii thereof which exempts contracts for medical or health related services. In addition, a written Request for Quotation was issued for these Services. SeniorCare provided the sole quote and has demonstrated the ability to provide these Services with minimal loss of coverage at the WCC COVID Clinic. The existing Contractor no longer had the capacity to provide these Services, and this new COVID Clinic had already commenced operation.

Except as specifically amended hereby, all other terms and conditions of the original contract will remain unchanged.

Approval of the attached resolution is respectfully requested.

Attachment(s)

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT 03/04/2021 - LEAH M. SECRETARY

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 (“WCDH”), is authorized to amend an existing short form agreement with SeniorCare Emergency Medical Services, Inc. to provide standby/wait readiness and assistance with monitoring persons post COVID vaccination at specific COVID vaccination sites in the County, including possible medical treatment and transportation to local hospital(s) if needed for the period from February 10, 2021 through February 9, 2022 (the “Agreement”), in order to increase the amount not-to-exceed thereunder by an additional \$200,000, for a total revised Amount Not-To-Exceed of \$235,000 for continued services to be paid at the reimbursement rates as specified in Schedule “A”; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that except as specifically amended hereby, all other terms and conditions of the original Agreement will remain unchanged; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that this Agreement is subject to County Appropriations; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that this Agreement is also subject to further financial analysis of the impact of any New York State Budget (the “State Budget”) proposed and adopted during the term of this Agreement. 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 a State Budget or any amendments thereto, and for a reasonable period of time after such release(s) or adoption(s), to conduct an analysis of the impacts of any such State Budget on County finances. After such analysis, the County shall retain the right to either terminate this Agreement or to renegotiate the amounts and rates approved herein. If the County subsequently offers to pay a reduced amount to the Contractor, then the Contractor shall have the right to terminate this Agreement 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, 2nd Floor
White Plains, New York 10607

Original Agreement	\$35,000
First Amendment	\$
This Amendment	\$200,000
TOTAL	\$235,000

Agreement # HLT21122003

Account to be Charged/Credited	Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase or Unit	Object/ Sub-Object	Trust Account	Dollars
	101	27	0010 - HSSS	4998-02		\$ 200,000

Budget Funding Year(s) (must match resolution) 2021-2022 Start Date 02/10/21 End Date 02/09/22

Funding Source	Tax Dollars	\$128,000 (64%)
	State Aid	\$72,000 (36%)
\$200,000	Federal Aid	
(must match resolution)	Other	

Schedule "A"

Contract Reimbursement Rates

Standby / Wait Charge: BLS
(Two EMTs)
shift of six (6) hours on-site

\$ 175.00__ per hour, with a minimum

Standby / Wait Charge: ALS
(EMT & EMT-P)
shift of six (6) hours on-site

\$ 195.00__ per hour, with a minimum

Other Charges: (if applicable) Port to Port – travel time from and back to home base for a total of one (1) hour time to be reimbursed at either the BLS or ALS standby / wait hourly charge.