

REQUIREMENTS

PHYSICIAN(S) QUALIFICATIONS-REQUIREMENTS: The County of Hidalgo is seeking to contract with a competent qualified physician(s) to provide services for the Adult Detention Facility (Jail). This section will contain the minimum requirements to qualify a competent physician(s) to provide services for the Hidalgo County Adult Detention Facility (Jail). Must provide sick call hours twice a week of two (2) hours shift (four (4) hours per week) services, including but not limited to the following:

- Personal Curriculum Vitae;
- Registered and licensed to practice medicine by the Texas Board of Medical Examiners. Copy of current/valid license must be included in this response;
- Must have a minimum of (3) years experience in general practice;
- Must hold and maintain a current/valid certificates by the Drug Enforcement Agency and Texas Department of Public Safety Controlled Substances Registration.
- Revocation or suspension of the Physician's medical license will be cause for immediate termination of the contract. All qualified physician(s) are required to furnish a certification or acknowledgment stating that the physician(s) is free from suspension or debarment pursuant to federal regulation 45CRF76;
- Certification form is included in this packet and must be completed and submitted as part of the response to the RFQ;
- The qualified physician(s) should provide a copy of their Professional Liability Insurance (malpractice) as well as all other applicable insurances as required by Hidalgo County and as detailed in Exhibit "C" contained herein;
- Must be or become a member of the Hidalgo County Medical Society;
- Serving on general call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, except when out of town;
- When unavailable, physician must make all necessary arrangements for a substitute physician to perform the duties of correctional physician;

Term of Agreement: The term of the agreement will be for an initial period of 2 years with the County's option to renew for an additional 2 one(1) year terms under the same rates, terms and conditions.

SCOPE OF SERVICES: The Physician Services contract will encompass all project-related medical services to the County of Hidalgo including, but not limited to, the following:

- a. Providing standing delegation orders to nurse practitioners and nurses and supervising medical procedures;
- b. Conducting physical examinations of the Clients as required by the Department;
- c. Conducting other evaluations and tests on each Client as required by the Department;
- d. Interpreting the results of any test conducted under (b) or (c) above and submitting a written report to the Department of the results of such tests and examinations, as required by the Department including but not limit to, the Radiology tests (i.e. X-rays for all inmates) performed on Hidalgo County inmates involving and/or subject to tuberculosis;
- e. Together with a nurse, provide at the sole cost and expense of the Department, will conduct and oversee Sick Call Clinics for all inmates incarcerated at the Hidalgo County Adult Detention Facility

(Jail) who require medical services. It will be the duty of the R.N. Supervisor and/or Infirmiry Administrator to organize additional clinic visits by the Contractor to follow up medications, treatments and similar requirements;

- f. Physician(s) shall adopt and implement workplace guidelines concerning inmates with AIDS and HIV infection and shall develop and implement guidelines regarding confidentiality of AIDS and HIV-related medical information for employees of Contractor and for Clients, inmates, patients, and/or residents served by the Contractor.
- g. Provides consultation, hands-on treatment and other related medical services to inmates while assessing their health needs and designing treatment plans during regularly scheduled visits to the Jail facilities;
- h. Physician(s) shall refer inmates to a hospital or specialty clinic for treatment and care whenever the health care required is beyond the resources available in the jail;
- i. Physician(s) shall oversee the preparation, maintenance and submission of all records that are designated, required or prescribed by either Department or the Texas Commission on Jail Standards;
- j. Physician(s) shall permit Department and the Texas Commission on Jail Standards to audit or inspect records and reports, review services and/or evaluate the performance of the services provided hereunder at any time;
- k. Physician(s) shall provide reasonable access to all records, books, reports and other data and information needed to accomplish reviews of activities, services and expenditures of the Department;
- l. Physician(s) will order prescription medications utilizing the approved formulary provided by the jail, unless in the best interest of the patient as is deemed by the Physician;
- m. The qualified Physician(s) must provide and maintain a Texas Controlled Substance Registration Certificate listing the Adult Detention Centers' physical address in order to maintain and store/stock medications as needed by the Contract Physician(s) and Detention Infirmiry Department;
- n. Physician shall be responsible for making arrangements acceptable to, and at no additional expense to the county, for adequate coverage during any absence by Physician. The County, through the Sheriff of the County, shall not unreasonably withhold acceptance of any such arrangements.
- o. Physician shall remain responsible for the services herein requested at all times during the term of services agreed to in this RFQ. Physician may have a qualified substitute physician render services herein requested. The substitute physician must meet the qualifications-requirements as set forth in this RFQ.
- p. Physician must submit the name of the qualified physician to the county and make all necessary arrangements for the performance of services should Physician not be available for a period exceeding forty-eight (48) hours.

Q Fee \$3,900 / month

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EXHIBIT "B"

**HIDALGO COUNTY - SHERIFF'S OFFICE-
"PHYSICIAN SERVICES FOR INMATES"**

WORK SCHEDULE: TWICE (2) WEEKLY TWO (2) HOUR SHIFT SCHEDULE FOR A TOTAL OF FOUR (4) HOURS A WEEK.

MONTHLY FEE: \$3,900.00