



# COUNTY OF YOLO

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Re: Receive update on contracting and anticipated cost increases for Jail Health/Behavioral Health services, which includes CCP-funded in-custody Medication Assisted Treatment

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## RFP Status Update and Jail Health/Behavioral Health Contract Extension

A formal solicitation for Jail Health/Behavioral Health services via a request for proposal was released in FY 2022-23. HHSA and other County departments are currently negotiating new long-term agreements with CFMG for medical, behavioral health, and related services in Yolo County detention facilities. The agreements are complex and require careful consideration of the range of services to be provided, appropriate staffing levels, and related costs. The staff negotiating team is working diligently to present long-term agreements for Board consideration as soon as possible, but in the interim, found it necessary to extend the existing contracts with CFMG during the negotiating period to avoid any interruption in services. CCP funded in-custody Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) is included in the broader scope of work that is currently being negotiated.

## Background and Context

Medical Services - Agreement No. 16-194 and Behavioral Health Services - Agreement No. 16-195

Yolo County is mandated to provide effective and quality comprehensive medical and behavioral health services to detainees of the Yolo County Jail and Juvenile Detention Facility (Yolo Jail Facilities). On or about December 3, 2015, the Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) in collaboration with the County Administrator's Office (CAO), the Probation Department (Probation) and the Sheriff's Office (Sheriff), issued two Requests for Proposals soliciting a provider of comprehensive medical services for the detainees in the Yolo Jail Facilities ("2015 Jail Medical RFP") and ("2015 Jail Behavioral Health RFP").

Ultimately, the resulting agreements were awarded to California Forensic Medical Group, Inc. (CFMG) and thus on or about November 22, 2016, the County and CFMG entered into Agreements for the provision of comprehensive medical and behavioral health services at the Yolo Jail Facilities, effective December 1, 2016.

On or about April 12, 2022, the County and CFMG amended the Agreement to add Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) services. MAT services include the use of FDA-approved medications, in combination with counseling and behavioral therapies, to treat substance use disorders as a medical disorder. The MAT program provides addiction treatment and recovery within correctional facilities.

On June 27, 2023, HHSa, in collaboration with the CAO, Probation, and Sheriff were approved to extend these Agreements for three months (or a portion thereof), not to exceed a maximum term extension through September 30, 2023, and to assist with expediting execution of the extension to reduce the risk of a contract lapse and ensure continued compliance with federal and state regulations.

MAT Expansion Proposal

Overall cost increases and proposed staffing increases are components of the current contract negotiation discussions with CFMG leadership. Within the response to the RFP, CFMG (Wellpath) is proposing the following staffing increases to the Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) program:

Staffing Rationale – Yolo County, CA MAT				
Position	Current	Proposed	Proposed vs. Current	Rationale
Mid-Level Provider NP/PA	0.2	0.2	0.0	-
RN MAT Program Coordinator	0.25	0.5	0.25	Wellpath proposes increasing the MAT Program Coordinator coverage in relation to the growing MAT population and need for increased coordination of patient care, the multidisciplinary team, and all MAT program services.
Substance Abuse Counselor	0.2	0.2	0.0	-
MH Professional / DC Planner	0.4	0.4	0.0	-
LVN	0.0	2.1	2.1	Wellpath proposes the addition of an LVN for the MAT program to conduct and oversee medication administration, documentation, and medication compliance. The MAT medication administration process can be time consuming; allocating one nurse to administer MAT medications will allow other nursing staff to focus on their assigned responsibilities and tasks. Additionally, this position will assume responsibility for medication verification within 24 hours of intake, routine and random urine tox screens, and documentation of all patient interactions.

Additional staffing options and the cost of each staffing model are not yet known and will need to be presented to the CCP at a later date. The Board of Supervisors-approved action to amend existing contracts included a 7% increase. It is important to note that additional increases to the cost for the MAT component of this contract are anticipated in the final resulting new contract, even if the CCP were to decide to keep the staffing for MAT as is. Due to the timing of the current contract extension and the anticipated execution of a new contract for these services, the CCP may need to call a special meeting in August to address the fiscal impacts.