



AGENDA STAFF REPORT

Control: 26001044

MEETING DATE: 08/11/2026
LEGAL ENTITY TAKING ACTION: Board of Supervisors
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DISTRICT(S): All Districts
SUBMITTING AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: Health Care Agency
DEPARTMENT CONTACT PERSON(S): Veronica Kelley, 714-834-7024
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SUBJECT: Renewal of Contract for Multi-Drug Resistant Organism Data Exchange Software

CEO CONCUR

Concur

COUNTY COUNSEL REVIEW

Approve agreement to form

CLERK OF THE BOARD

DISCUSSION

3 Votes Board Majority

Budgeted: Yes

Current Year Cost: \$312,430

Annual Cost: FY 2027-28

\$404,440

FY 2028-29 \$92,010

Staffing Impact: No

Sole Source: No

Current Fiscal Year

Funding Source: State: (Health

County Audit in Last 3

Revenue: N/A

Realignment): 100%

years: No

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Completed? Yes

Prior Board Action: 8/22/2023 #18

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

1. Approve Amendment No. 3 to renew the contract with Altarum Institute for provision of Multi-Drug Resistant Organism Data Exchange Software, for the term of September 23, 2026, through September 22, 2028, for an amount not to exceed \$808,880, for a revised contract total amount not to exceed \$4,403,880.
2. Authorize the County Procurement Officer or Deputized designee to execute Amendment No. 3 with Altarum Institute, as referenced in the Recommended Action above.

SUMMARY:

Approval of Amendment No. 3 with Altarum Institute, for the provision of maintaining the Multi-Drug Resistant Organism Data Exchange Software, will allow continuation of critical and timely information and data exchange between the Health Care Agency's Communicable Disease Control Division and reporting healthcare facilities in Orange County and support of effective disease control efforts.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Health Care Agency (HCA) Communicable Disease Control Division (CDCD) works to prevent and control the spread of infectious diseases in our community. HCA works with local healthcare providers, government agencies, and community partners to identify outbreaks of disease and develop strategies to limit their further spread. Title 17, California Code of Regulations (CCR) §2500 mandates the reporting of certain diseases, such as Multi-Drug Resistant Organisms (MDROs).

MDROs are infectious pathogens that are resistant to multiple antibiotic or antifungal agents and are a required reportable infection that must adhere to Centers for Disease Control and Prevention National Healthcare Safety Network protocols and definitions to ensure standardization and comparability. The MDRO Data Exchange Software is used to support timely communication and information exchange during the interfacility patient transfer process to minimize inadvertent MDRO exposures.

On January 11, 2023, HCA released a Request for Proposals (RFP) in the County's online bidding system to solicit proposals from qualified vendors to provide an MDRO Data Exchange. There were four responses to the RFP. An evaluation panel recommended award of contract for MDRO Data Exchange Software to Altarum Institute. The below actions were executed pursuant to appropriate authorities.

Board Date	Contract/Amendment	Action	Amount	Term
August 22, 2023	Contract	Board approved Contract	\$3,595,000	9/23/2023 – 9/22/2026
N/A	Amendment No.1	Deputy Purchasing Agent (DPA), Delegated Authority, Administrative Revision of Attachment C (Cost Summary and Pricing)	Not applicable	9/23/2023 – 9/22/2026
N/A	Amendment No. 2	DPA, Delegated Authority, Administrative Revisions of Attachment A (Scope of Work) to incorporate a Service Level Agreement in the Contract and of Attachment C (Revised Cost Summary and Pricing)	Not applicable	9/23/2023 – 9/22/2026

Scope of Services

Approval of Amendment No. 3 to renew the contract for two years with Altarum Institute enables HCA to maintain MDRO Data Exchange Software and to support new and participating healthcare facilities in meeting communicable disease reporting requirements. Prior to contract expiration, HCA will adhere to the County's Contract Policy Manual (CPM) to ensure uninterrupted continuation of services.

Performance Outcomes

There are 20 healthcare facilities that are participating in the MDRO Data Exchange and have demonstrated increased efficiency during the patient admission processes and have enhanced investigation efforts by quickly identifying patient MDRO status and reducing inadvertent MDRO exposures in the transfer facility.

The Data Exchange Software will be evaluated on an ongoing basis using the number of MDRO cases entered into the system. To ensure ongoing system performance and responsiveness, appropriate language is included in the contract that addresses service level expectations.

The Contractor's performance has been confirmed as satisfactory. HCA has verified there are no concerns that must be addressed with respect to Contractor's ownership/name, litigation status or conflicts with County interests. This contract does not currently include subcontractors or pass through to other providers. See Attachment B for Contract Summary Form. The Orange County Preference Policy is not applicable to the proposed Contract

HCA requests that the Board authorize the County Procurement Officer or Deputized designee to execute Amendment No. 3 with Altarum Institute, as referenced in the Recommended Actions.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Appropriations for this Contract are included in Budget Control 042 FY 2026-27 Budget and will be included in the budgeting process for future years.

The Contract includes provisions allowing HCA to terminate the Contract, reduce the level of services, and/or renegotiate the levels of services provided, as necessary. This includes a notice that allows HCA adequate time to transition or terminate services to clients, if necessary.

STAFFING IMPACT:

An analysis was completed to verify the contract provides County with persons specially trained, experienced, expert and competent to perform the special services in accordance with the law.

REVIEWING AGENCIES/DEPARTMENTS:

N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A – Amendment No. 3 to Contract No. MA-042-23010683 for MDRO Data Exchange Registry with Altarum Institute

Attachment B - Contract Summary Form

Attachment C – Title 17, California Code of Regulations (CCR) §2500