



**Agenda Action Form Overview**

The Board is requested to approve an increase in the amount of \$576,219 to the current Durham County contract (FR 26-629) with Wellpath LLC to provide comprehensive medical services for inmates in the Durham County Detention Center and residents of the Durham County Youth Home (RFP: 21-030 Comprehensive Health Care Services for the Durham County Detention Facility and the Durham County Youth Home).

**Background/Justification**

Line 2	Offsite Medical Fees	\$ 75,000
Line 3	Average Daily Population (ADP)	\$ 10,000
Line 4	Medications	\$ 300,000
Line 5	MAT Phase II	\$ 191,219
	Total	\$ 576,219

Off-site medical fees:

- The cost of off-site medical fees continues to increase significantly each year. Wellpath has full financial responsibility for the first \$400,000 related to the cost of off-site care. If and when costs exceed \$400,000, Durham County is responsible for 100% the cost of care not to exceed \$150,000. Any amount for excess medical fees in excess of \$25,000 is subject to a budget amendment approved by the Board of County Commissioner not to exceed an additional \$125,000.

ADP:

- Medical care for 400 detainees is included in the base charge. For any month that the Average Daily Population is greater than 400, the county will pay Contractor \$2.04 per day per additional detainee. The budgeted amount of \$14,892 allows for fluctuations in the average daily population of up to an additional 20 detainees per day. The recent ADP increase is due to the recent passing of Session Law 2025-93 and detainees often longer stays in the facility.

Medications:

- Medications are provided by Diamond Pharmacy through Wellpath. Charges for medications plus a 4% administrative fee are billed monthly. Durham County Department of Public Health pharmacy staff monitor the process and verify charges before submitting invoices for payment. Increase is reflective of last fiscal year and current year trends.

MAT Program – Phase II

- Wellpath is working to establish a comprehensive medication assisted treatment (MAT) program which includes: staffing and management of the Opioid Treatment Program,



contracted licensed clinical addiction specialists, continuity of care during confinement partnerships, and discharge planning.

**Policy Impact**

This is a contract amendment following the current broad and County policies.

**Procurement Background**

Durham County awarded Wellpath a 5-year contract for medical services for inmates in the Durham County Detention Center and residents of the Durham County Youth Home in FY 20-21.

**Fiscal Impact**

It is expected that additional County funding will be required for a new Comprehensive Health Care Services contract for the Durham County Detention Facility and the Durham County Youth Home for the next 5 years as all components of the Jail Health program are increasing.

**Recommendation**

The Board is requested to approve a \$576,219 general fund appropriation to increase Durham County's contract with Wellpath to provide comprehensive medical services for inmates in the Durham County Detention Center and residents of the Durham County Youth Home (RFP: 21-030 Comprehensive Health Care Services for the Durham County Detention Facility and the Durham County Youth Home).