

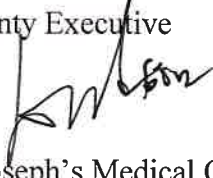
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive
FROM: Bill Elfo, Sheriff 
RE: PeaceHealth St. Joseph's Medical Center
DATE: December 6, 2023

Enclosed are two (2) originals of the Health Care Agreement between PeaceHealth (St. Joseph's Medical Center) and Whatcom County for your review and signature.

Background and Purpose:

The purpose of this agreement is for St. Joseph's Medical Center to provide emergency medical services for jail inmates. This is an ongoing fee for service agreement that does not go out to bid due to the fact that St. Joseph's is the only hospital in the area. We do not know from year to year how many persons in custody will need to utilize emergency medical services at the hospital.

Funding Amount and Source:

Whatcom County and PeaceHealth have agreed that the Corrections Bureau will reimburse the Hospital forty-two percent (42%) of charges less than \$20,000.00, forty percent (40%) of charges between \$20,001.00 and \$30,000.00 and thirty-three percent (33%) of charges greater than \$30,000.00. The County and PeaceHealth agree that the payment of such percentages of PeaceHealth's charges shall constitute Medicaid Rates in compliance with RCW 70.48.130.

Differences from Previous Contract:

The 40% tier described above has been added.

Please contact Laurie Reid at extension x6506, if you have any questions or concerns regarding the terms of this agreement.