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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Satpal Sidhu, County Executive  
**FROM:** Bill Elfo, Sheriff  
**RE:** Physician Services  
**DATE:** December 17, 2021

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Enclosed are two (2) originals of a contract between Whatcom County and Ideal Options for your review and signature.

▪ **Background and Purpose**

Ideal Options was awarded the bid for Physician Services via the RFP process. They were the sole bidders for this contract and they are replacing Dr. Andrews who is retiring at the end of 2021. This contract will provide for basic physician services for offenders at the Whatcom County Jail and Work Center, including on-call and vacation coverage when the primary physician is unavailable. This service is included in the legal requirement that Corrections Facilities provide medical care which meets the standard of care in the community.

▪ **Funding Amount and Source**

Funding will come from the 2022 Corrections Bureau budget with a maximum annual compensation of \$277,842.00. This amount includes \$15,000.00 for on-call hours; however, this may change after a baseline is established. A budget supplemental will be submitted to cover the additional costs for this service.

▪ **Differences from Previous Contract**

This is a cost increase of \$156,342.00 per year from the previous Physician Services Contract. Services will also include on-call and back up physician coverage when needed.

If you have any questions regarding this contract, please contact Wendy Jones at x6506 or [WJones@co.whatcom.wa.us](mailto:WJones@co.whatcom.wa.us)