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January 26, 2017

Sheriff Andy Strickland  
Colleton County Sheriff's Office  
112 South Miller Street  
Post Office Box 433  
Walterboro, SC 29488

Re: Health Services Agreement

Dear Sheriff Strickland:

I am writing this letter to acknowledge renewal of the Health Services Agreement for the 2017-2018 period. Beginning in July, we will need a minimal adjustment on the contract to help us keep up with the costs of doing business and providing medical services, which continue to rise each year. Be assured SHP remains committed to providing a cost-efficient quality program of care. We must, however, allow for higher fixed costs for items such as employee wages and benefits, plus many of our other operating costs have increased over time, including those related to insurance, administration and travel.

We have planned on a 2% inflationary increase for 2017-2018. Please look for the monthly billings to adjust accordingly effective July 1, 2017. The new per diem and base amount are noted below for your records.

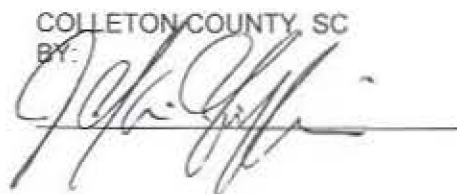
Contract period:	July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2018
Base annualized fee:	\$238,771.80 (\$19,897.65 per month)
Per diem greater than 110:	\$1.11
Annual outside cost pool limit:	\$44,000.00

With regard to the mental health piece, since we started the QMHP visits, the cost pool seems to be handling the charges okay. SHP is willing to continue under the current arrangement in the new contract year, providing the QMHP visits and placing the charges in the pool. If you would rather incorporate the cost of this service into the base contract price at the time of renewal, please let me know. Otherwise, we will assume no changes are needed, and the weekly visits will continue with charges placed in the cost pool accounting.

Of course, should you have any questions, you are welcome to give me a call. I can be reached directly in our NC/SC Regional Office at 803-802-1492. I will need a signed copy of this letter returned to me please at your earliest convenience. A scanned email copy or faxed copy will be fine (803-802-1495 direct fax or email [carmen.hamilton@southernhealthpartners.com](mailto:carmen.hamilton@southernhealthpartners.com)). Except as noted above, or as may be modified or amended by mutual written agreement between the parties, all provisions of the contract will remain in full force and effect.

We look forward to continuing a solid partnership with you and your staff in the new contract year.

Sincerely,  
  
Carmen Hamilton  
Contracts Manager

COLLETON COUNTY, SC  
BY: 

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cc: Ms. Susan Johnson



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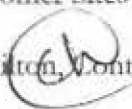
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## MEMORANDUM

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TO: All SHP Customer Sites  
FROM: Carmen Hamilton  Contracts Manager  
DATE: January 26, 2017  
RE: Charges for PPD Solution

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Please be advised of a change in how SHP Accounting will process costs/charges for PPD solution. Due to required testing by State Regulations/Standards for Inmate Healthcare Services, and increasing costs of supplying PPD solution, which has doubled in cost, if not more, SHP will no longer group PPD solution with other medical supply costs going forward. Effective at the time of the County's next annual contract rollover, PPD solution will be processed as an exclusionary pharmacy item, the costs of which will be excluded from coverage by SHP and grouped with the other exclusionary medication expenses for placement in the cost pool per the current terms of our contract. The costs of PPD solution will be applied toward the cost pool accounting totals to accrue against the annual pool limitation.

We are always hesitant to pass any extra costs on to our customers. However, the increasing costs of this item for required testing has had a significant impact on our site operating expenses, to the extent that SHP can no longer continue to fully absorb without looking to our counties to help share in the costs. We believe using the cost pool is a reasonable way to share in the costs together. SHP will appreciate the County's understanding, cooperation and support in this regard. Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me. My direct number in our NC/SC Regional office is 803-802-1492, or I can be reached by email at [carmen.hamilton@southernhealthpartners.com](mailto:carmen.hamilton@southernhealthpartners.com).

Thank you for allowing Southern Health Partners to provide services for managing your facility's inmate healthcare needs.

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Southern Health Partners, Inc.

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