

September 19, 2002

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

AMENDMENT TO GRANT AWARD FROM QUEENSCARE
(First and Third Districts) (4 Votes)

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Authorize and delegate authority to the Director of Health Services, or his designee, to sign the Amendment letter to the original grant award from QueensCare substantially similar to Exhibit I, to support the Department of Health Services: 1) expansion of the scope of services for the provision of 1,000 days of inpatient cervical cancer treatment provided at Los Angeles County+University of Southern California (LAC+USC) Medical Center's Women's and Children's Hospital, to now include inpatient cancer treatment for all female reproductive cancers (such as fallopian tube, ovarian, vaginal, and uterine) and breast cancer, for low-income women within QueensCare's primary service area, and 2) to revise and extend the original grant award term from April 16, 2002 through September 30, 2002 to January 1, 2002 December 31, 2003, and carryover funds of approximately \$1.2 million, effective on Board approval, at no net County cost, with all other conditions of the grant remaining the same.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF THE RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

Acceptance of this grant award amendment letter will allow the Department of Health Services' LAC+USC Medical Center's Women's and Children's Hospital to be reimbursed for providing up to 1,000 days of approved inpatient treatment services to low-income women diagnosed with female reproductive cancers who reside within the QueensCare primary service area. The expansion of the scope of the types cancers to be treated, extension of the term, and the approval to carryover funds, will allow the Department of Health Services (DHS or Department) sufficient time to identify women affected by reproductive cancers, which when limited to cervical cancer treatments only as under the

the original grant award, hindered the ability of the DHS to find eligible patients to serve and properly expend funds which went unused under the original grant program.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

Further, the revised scope and term promotes Service Excellence by providing greater access to inpatient female treatment services for medically indigent (i.e., low-income) women, and Fiscal Integrity by securing continuing availability/generation of reimbursement funds of \$1.2 million, for LAC+USC Medical Center's Women's and Children's Hospital for an additional fiscal year.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

The QueensCare grant award provides for the enhancement of inpatient female reproductive cancer treatment services and the availability/generation of revenue up to \$1.2 million (dependent on the number of authorized patients who are provided treatment), effective January 1, 2002 through December 31, 2003, at no net County cost.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS:

The Department's Office of Women's Health (OWH) has, under its Cervical Cancer Prevention and Education Initiative (CCPEI), been engaged in a comprehensive, multi-faceted media, outreach and education campaign to increase awareness among high-risk indigent, underserved women about the importance of Pap tests in the early detection and prevention of cervical cancer.

However, a significant gap in funding exists for low-income women diagnosed with invasive cervical cancer and other female reproductive cancers who do not qualify for governmental reimbursement programs and yet cannot afford the cost for treatment.

To address this service shortfall, the Department's OWH submitted a proposal to QueensCare, to provide treatment to low-income women diagnosed with invasive cervical cancer who reside within the QueensCare primary service area. QueensCare's primary service area is identified by QueensCare as the following zip codes: 90004, 90005, 90006, 90020, 90026, 90027, 90028, 90029, 90038, and 90057. Low-income women, are defined as those whose family's annual income is at, or below, 200 percent of the federal poverty level, and who do not qualify for reimbursement from any payer, including government reimbursement programs.

On April 16, 2002, the Board approved the acceptance of the \$1.2 million grant award with QueensCare effective on the date of Board approval through September 30, 2002.

Quarterly reports are due to QueensCare on the services provided which includes the date(s) of service, the patient's age or date of birth, zip code of residence, the type(s) of service, certification of medical indigence, and ethnicity. Additionally, a final report is required that describes the successes and challenges of the program and anticipated future changes; a budget report for the program comparing original proposal amounts with actual income and expenditures; and at least two beneficiary stories for outreach purposes.

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County Counsel has reviewed and approved Exhibit I as to form.

Attachments A and B provides additional information.

CONTRACTING PROCESS:

Not applicable.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS):

Approval to amend the grant award with QueensCare, will increase the availability of cancer treatment services to low income women with female reproductive cancers, and the generation of revenue up to \$1.2 million to LAC+USC Women's and Children's Hospital, dependent on the number of authorized patients who are provided treatment effective January 1, 2002 through December 31, 2003.

When approved, this Department requires three signed copies of the Board's action.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas L. Garthwaite, M.D.
Director and Chief Medical Officer

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Attachments (2)

c: Chief Administrative Officer
County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors

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SUMMARY OF AGREEMENT
(Inpatient Cancer Treatment for Female Reproductive Cancers)

1. AGENCY ADDRESS AND CONTACT PERSON:

QueensCare
1300 N. Vermont Avenue, Suite 907
Los Angeles, CA 90027
Attention: Eleanor Aguilar
Vice President, Programs
Telephone: (323) 953-7333

2. TITLE OF PROJECT:

Inpatient Cancer Treatment for Female Reproductive Cancers

3. TERM:

Effective January 1, 2002 through December 31, 2003.

4. FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

The QueensCare grant provides for the enhancement of inpatient female reproductive cancer treatment services and the availability/generation of revenue up to \$1.2 million (dependent on the number of authorized patients who are provided treatment) effective January 1, 2002 through December 31, 2003, at no net County cost.

5. GEOGRAPHIC AREAS TO BE SERVED:

First and Third Districts

6. ACCOUNTABLE FOR MONITORING AND EVALUATION:

Office of Women's Health

7. APPROVALS:

Finance:	Gary Wells, Director
Contracts and Grants Division:	Riley J. Austin, Acting Chief
County Counsel (approval as to form):	Sharon A. Reichman, Senior Deputy County Counsel

**Los Angeles County Chief Administrative Office
Grant Management Statement for Grants Exceeding \$100,000**

Department: Health Services

Grant Project Title and Description

Office of Women's Health Inpatient Cancer Treatment for Female Reproductive Cancers. Description: To reimburse LAC+USC Women's and Children's Hospital for providing up to 1,000 days of approved inpatient services to low-income women diagnosed with female reproductive cancers who reside in QueensCare primary service area.

Funding Agency	Program (Fed. Grant #/State Bill or Code #)	Grant Acceptance Deadline
QueensCare		

Total Amount of Grant	\$1,200,000	County Match Requirements	None
Grant Period: 24 months	Begin Date: 01/01/02	End Date:	12/31/03
Number of Personnel Hired Under this Grant:	None	Full Time	Part Time

Obligations Imposed on the County When the Grant Expires

- Will all personnel hired for this program be informed this is a grant funded program? Yes NA No
- Will all personnel hired for this program be placed on temporary ("N") items? Yes NA No
- Is the County obligated to continue this program after the grant expires Yes No X
- If the County is not obligated to continue this program after the grant expires, the Department will:
- a). Absorb the program cost without reducing other services Yes No X
- b). Identify other revenue sources Yes X No
- (Describe)
- c). Eliminate or reduce, as appropriate, positions/program costs funded by this grant. Yes X No

Impact of additional personnel on existing space:

Other requirements not mentioned above

Department Head Signature _____

Date September 19, 2002

