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The Department of Health Services (DHS) evaluated the benefits of implementing improved patient compliance monitoring and outpatient electronic prescribing and reported that such tools may assist in improving health care outcomes to DHS facilities.

One such program is offered by Pharma Futures, which is a nurse call center medication compliance company that can allow DHS patients access to the Pharma Futures compliance intervention program, and will provide DHS with an e-prescription vendor of choice, using Pharma Futures' preferred vendor list.

There is little doubt that the low rate of medication compliance for select pharmaceuticals can result in increased use of medical resources. It would be in DHS'

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financial and clinical interest to improve compliance through Pharma Futures compliance program and an e-prescription system.

This program could assist in the management of chronic disease among DHS patients, and potentially reduce the County's inpatient and emergency department costs. Overall, this results in a more efficient and effective health care delivery system.

I, THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE Board direct the Director of Health Services and County Counsel to report back on the feasibility of implementing a sole source pilot project with Pharma Futures to provide an electronic outpatient pharmacy order entry system and compliance intervention program at one of DHS comprehensive health centers at no cost to the County. This is to include an evaluation component to measure the success of the system and program.

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