

**LOS ANGELES – DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH**

**FACT SHEET**

**APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES CONTRACT  
RATE ACUTE PSYCHIATRIC INTENSIVE HOSPITAL SERVICES  
AGREEMENT WITH COLLEGE HOSPITAL - CERRITOS  
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2003-2004  
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 4)**

**REQUEST:**

Approve and authorize the Director of Mental Health to sign an Amendment to the Mental Health Services Contract Rate Acute Psychiatric Intensive Hospital Services Agreement with College Hospital – Cerritos for FY 2003-2004, to add \$215,701 to the Maximum Contract Amount (MCA). The revised MCA will be \$1,146,451 for FY 2003-2004 only and will be effective upon Board approval.

**CONTRACTOR:**

College Hospital – Cerritos is a non-profit acute psychiatric hospital providing inpatient hospital services in a licensed, certified, and locked facility for 24 hours/seven days per week. College Hospital – Cerritos is located at 10802 College Place, Cerritos, CA 90703.

**INTENT:**

Approval of this action to add \$215,701, to an existing Agreement with College Hospital – Cerritos will allow the Department of Mental Health (DMH) to purchase two additional acute hospital beds for minors.

**JUSTIFICATION:**

In March 2003, immediately prior to the closure of MacLaren Children's Center (MCC) the Directors for DMH and the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) agreed to develop appropriate psychiatric hospitalization alternatives for minors who previously might have gone to MCC. With the closing of MCC, there was strong concern about the resource availability for children who previously had multiple placements at MCC, and who no longer had Medi-Cal. Specifically, it was feared that when acute hospitalization was needed but hospital beds were not available, and a bed at MCC was no longer available, children might have to stay overnight at the DCFS command post or in DCFS regional offices or in inappropriately low-level group homes.

In response, DMH developed the plan to add two beds for minors at College Hospital – Cerritos. The purchase of two additional beds at College Hospital – Cerritos will ensure immediate availability of a bed when an emergent need arises. The two additional acute hospital beds will be reimbursed at the Medi-Cal rate.

**CONTRACTING PROCESS:**

College Hospital – Cerritos has had a contract since January 2001 with the County of Los Angeles Department of Probation to provide psychiatric hospitalization for Probation minors. This hospital has an existing track record and specialized staffing and expertise in place to deal with the specialized needs of a population similar to the population we need to serve. This hospital has previously demonstrated, through their existing relationship with Probation, the ability to effectively serve a specialized population of minors who are the responsibility of a County Department. The Probation minors with serious mental health needs would otherwise be inappropriately detained in Juvenile Halls or other Probation facilities if the College Hospital – Cerritos beds were not available.