



# Southern Health Partners

November 1, 2021

David Anderson, County Judge  
Panola County Commissioners' Court  
110 South Sycamore, Room 216-A  
Carthage, TX 75633

Re: Health Services Agreement

Dear Judge Anderson.

SHP would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you there at Panola County for your trust and support. We certainly value the long-standing partnership and want to continue the relationship, as we consider it a privilege to work with the Sheriff's Office and Detention Center staff

Through careful consideration we have determined it necessary to adjust our service rates for the 2022 contract period. We work hard to keep our program efficient and our costs to customers as low as reasonably possible. Unfortunately, we have faced considerable challenges in the area of staffing, even more increasingly since the Covid-19 pandemic, given the current climate in the health care field and national nursing shortage. We want to make sure we stay current on offering competitive local-area pay and an attractive employee benefits plan, striving to maintain the support and environment needed to promote staff stability and employee retention. A well-functioning nursing staff brings organization, higher productivity levels and an increased amount of trust between medical team members and officers. Plus, we must adequately account for other areas of our budget where operating expenses unavoidably continue to increase from year to year.

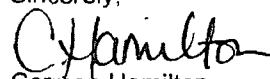
I have outlined the new fee description for you below, which includes a 3% increase on the base price and per diem rate. We will plan to adjust to the new pricing starting with the January service fee invoice.

Contract Period: January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022	
Base contract fee: \$133,643.40 (\$11,136.95 per month)	ADP limit: 60 inmates
Annual outside cost pool limit: \$20,000.00	Per diem rate: \$1.53

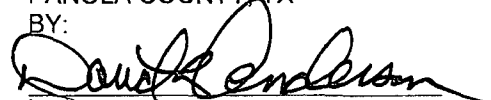
I will ask you to keep this letter for your contract file and return a signed copy to me for SHP's records at your earliest convenience, or by November 30, 2021. A scan to email will be fine (email [carmen.hamilton@southernhealthpartners.com](mailto:carmen.hamilton@southernhealthpartners.com)). Of course, please feel free to call or email me with any questions or needs. I can be reached directly in the office at 803-802-1492. Except as stated herein, or as may be amended or modified in writing by mutual agreement of the parties, all provisions of the contract will remain in full force and effect.

We appreciate your understanding and investment in working with SHP to deliver an outstanding program of high-quality patient care services.

Sincerely,

  
Carmen Hamilton  
Contracts Manager

PANOLA COUNTY, TX  
BY:



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cc: Sheriff Sarah Fields  
Ms. Jennifer Stacy

