

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF BERRIEN COUNTY, MICHIGAN:
Your County Administration Committee respectfully recommends adoption of the following:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the County and the duly elected Sheriff are charged with the responsibility of administering, managing, and supervising the health care delivery system at the Berrien County Jail; and

WHEREAS, on or about July 2017, the county entered into a new contract with Correct Care Solutions (CCS) to provide necessary inmate health care services to the Berrien County Jail (Resolution #A1707244); and

WHEREAS, CCS formally changed its name to Wellpath, LLC; and

WHEREAS, the current agreement for medical services at the jail is set to expire December 31, 2021, however, it can be extended for a one year period with a mutually agreed upon increase; and

WHEREAS, the mutually agreed upon increases include a base compensation increase of 3% resulting in an annual increase of \$45,577.20; and

WHEREAS, the wage increases are essential to ensure that Wellpath can attract and retain qualified healthcare staff by offering appropriate hourly rates given the extraordinarily competitive hiring environment experienced throughout the COVID-19 pandemic that continues today; and

WHEREAS, the Berrien County Sheriff's Office wishes to enter into this sixth Amendment to the Agreement for Inmate Health Care Services with Wellpath, LLC, for funding the staff necessary to provide the health care delivery system at the Berrien County Jail in an annual agreement amount of \$1,789,682.88.

WHEREAS, the sixth Amendment to the Agreement for Inmate Health Care Services has been reviewed and approved by Corporate Counsel.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Berrien County Board of Commissioners approves the sixth Amendment to the Agreement for Inmate Health Care Services with Wellpath, LLC for the term of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022, and authorizes the Chairman of the Board to execute the agreement on behalf of Berrien County.

Respectfully submitted,
BERRIEN COUNTY ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Jim Curran, Chairperson

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