

**HARDIN COUNTY FISCAL COURT  
RESOLUTION NO. 2023-043**


**BE IT RESOLVED**, upon recommendation of Judge/Executive Keith Taul and Jailer Josh Lindblom, to approve the agreement with West Kentucky Correctional Healthcare, LLC as the medical service provider for Hardin County Detention Center effective March 27, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, to authorize Judge/Executive Keith Taul and Jailer Josh Lindblom to negotiate the terms and conditions and to execute any contracts.

**ADOPTED**, by the Hardin County Fiscal Court in its Regular Meeting of 28 February 2023

  
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Keith Taul  
Hardin County Judge/Executive

ATTEST

  
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Brian D. Smith  
Hardin County Clerk

**HARDIN COUNTY KENTUCKY  
EXECUTIVE ORDER 2023-003**

**ORDER DECLARING AN EMERGENCY PURSUANT TO KRS 424.260**

This Executive Order made and entered this 14 day of February 2023 by the Hardin County Judge/Executive Keith Taul:

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to KRS 67.080(2)(d), the Fiscal Court of the County shall provide for the incarceration of prisoners; and

**WHEREAS**, the County is obligated to provide for the necessary medical, dental and psychological care of prisoners in its custody (KRS 441.045); and

**WHEREAS**, since 2006 Hardin County has contracted with Southern Health Partners for the provision of basic medical, dental and psychological care of inmates; and

**WHEREAS**, Southern Health Partners has provided the County with notice of its termination of the existing medical contract, which shall become effective March 31, 2023; and


**WHEREAS**, the Hardin County Jailer has determined that the delay necessary in order to obtain bids for the provision of medical services will result in danger to the health and safety of inmates;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Hardin County Judge/Executive, pursuant to KRS 424.260 and Chapter 7 of the Administrative Code of Hardin County, **CERTIFIES** the existence of an emergency and **ORDERS** that the negotiated process may be utilized in obtaining a contract for the purpose of providing medical, dental and psychological care for inmates at the Hardin County Detention Center.

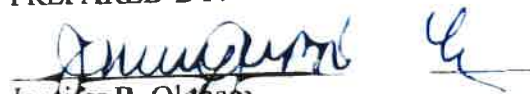
**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED**, that a copy of this Executive Order shall be filed with the Hardin County Treasurer.

  
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Keith Taul  
Hardin County Judge/Executive

ATTEST

  
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Brian D. Smith  
Hardin County Clerk

PREPARED BY:

  
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Jennifer B. Oldham  
Hardin County Attorney

## **AGREEMENT FOR HEALTHCARE SERVICES**

This Agreement for Healthcare Services ("Agreement") is made and entered into this 15th day of February 2023, by and between, HARDIN COUNTY DETENTION CENTER ("Jail"), located at 100 Lawson Boulevard, Elizabethtown, KY 42701, and WEST KENTUCKY CORRECTIONAL HEALTHCARE, LLC ("WKCH" including its employees, agents, subcontractors and assigns), having a principal office at 34 US Highway 68 East, Unit A, P.O. Box 735, Benton, Kentucky 42025. These parties hereby acknowledge and agree as follows:

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, WKCH submitted a proposal to provide healthcare services with adequate and sufficient information to provide the requested services; and

WHEREAS, Jail acknowledges that the proposal submitted by WKCH meets all necessary conditions for the services requested; and

WHEREAS, the parties hereby intend to solemnize and enter into a binding written agreement;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises and covenants as set forth herein, the parties agree as follows:

**I. Term.** The term of this contract shall be one (1) year and (3) months, commencing on March 27th, 2023 and ending June 30th, 2024, subject to the provisions of Section IV(1) and (2).

**II. WKCH.**

1. WKCH agrees to provide quality healthcare services and provide cost-effective medically necessary services to maintain a level of quality in accordance with the current standards established by KY Jail Health Standards including all updates throughout the contract. These services shall be provided directly by WKCH or by subcontractors of WKCH, in WKCH's sole discretion.

2. WKCH is an independent contractor of the Jail, and this Agreement constitutes an independent contractor agreement. There is no employee/employer relationship between WKCH and the Jail, and nothing in this Agreement is intended or to be construed to create an agency, employment or joint venture relationship, or any other relationship that would allow the Jail to exercise control or direction over the manner or method by which WKCH provides

services hereunder. WKCH, and not the Jail shall be solely and exclusively responsible to pay wages, salaries, pensions, overtime, holiday, sick and vacation pay; federal and state withholding and unemployment taxes; FICA; Social Security; Medicare; health, accident and life insurance; or any other claim, obligation, demand, tax, benefit, wage or other payroll related expense or penalty that may occur under state or federal law. WKCH shall defend, indemnify and hold the Jail harmless from any and all claims, demands, judgments and awards for such items and any other employment obligations with respect to the services provided pursuant to this Agreement. WKCH shall be specifically obligated for any payments that may be due under the Fair Labor Standards Act, the Federal Insurance Contribution Act, the Social Security Act, the Federal Unemployment Tax Act, and the Workers' Compensation Act, including any attorney's fees, expenses or other costs on account of any injury or workers' compensation claim. The Jail will not (i) provide any form of insurance coverage, including but not limited to health, workers' compensation, professional liability insurance, or other employee benefits; or (ii) deduct any taxes or related items from the monies paid to WKCH. It is further acknowledged by both parties that, at all times, WKCH has the full opportunity to engage in other business, and that it has made its own investment in its business.

3. The healthcare services provided by WKCH shall be by professionally licensed or certified staff within their practice (i.e. MD, PA, QMHP, NP, PA, RN, LPN, etc.) to perform various functions needed to provide quality healthcare to Jail's inmates and in the manner with full reporting and accountability to the Jailer. All scheduling will be subject to approval by the Jailer. More specifically, WKCH shall provide pursuant to the base contract amount, except as otherwise indicated:

- a. Physician medical director;
- b. Weekly On-Site Medical coverage;
- c. 24/7 on call phone or video streaming service to a MD, NP, or PA as needed with the availability for consultation, orders, and ability to meet the on-site needs required, including on weekends and holiday needs for ordering and dispensing medications;
- d. Staff Nursing (RN, LPN, Paramedic) on-site, seven (7) days per week, twenty four (24) hours per day (including two (2) nurses onsite during the night shift) total 252 hours per week.

*-Any Nursing hours worked in excess of 252 hours per week shall be billed to the jail at the rate of \$45.00 per hour.*

- e. Medical Team Administrator – 40 HRS / Week

- f. Charge Nurse – 40 HRS / Week
- g. Medical Assistant / Med Tech – 72 HRS / Week
- h. Mental Health Services – 40 HRS / Week
- i. Medical or nursing care to Jail employees during regular inmate

clinics at no additional cost.

- j. Treatment protocols.
- k. Policy and procedures..
- j. Pharmacy Services (See subsection 4 below) (Pharmacy costs to

be paid from Cost Pool

4. The Pharmacy Services provided by WKCH shall be by a professionally-licensed pharmacist to meet the needs of the Jail's inmates in a timely manner, including the following:

- a. Policy and procedures on how to order, maintain and request medications;
- b. Over the counter medications;
- c. Formulary medications (See Appendix A);
- d. Emergency stock medications;
- e. 24/7 on call pharmacist;
- f. Blister cards or strip packaging;
- g. Medical supplies

5. WKCH shall implement a written healthcare plan with clear objectives, policies, and procedures. This includes inmate medical screening, admissions evaluation, triage, sick call, care of medically fragile inmates, pharmacy services, psychiatric screening, suicide risk assessments, grievances, medical clearances for intra-agency and inter-agency transfers, work clearances, the continuing care of identified health problems, detoxification, and emergency services.

6. WKCH shall maintain an open and cooperative relationship with the administration and staff of the Jail. WKCH shall provide training each calendar quarter for Jail staff covering topics reasonably requested by the Jailer, coordinated in a manner and at times as determined between WKCH and the Jailer; the Jailer shall be responsible for mandating attendance and cooperation of the Jail staff as appropriate.

7. WKCH shall complete and maintain accurate records of care and to collect and analyze health statistics on a regular basis, and all staff and subcontractors shall be trained to and shall utilize paper records.

8. WKCH shall ensure a confidential relationship is maintained between patients and their clinicians, which shall be and is a doctor-patient confidentiality. WKCH shall be the custodian for inmate health records, which are the property of the Jail, and shall ensure all confidentiality of healthcare information in which WKCH's custody is protected according to local, state and federal law. WKCH shall maintain a current record of the rules and regulations covering the confidentiality of healthcare records and the types of information that may and may not be shared.

9. Subject to requirements of HIPAA, WKCH shall make all inmate medical records available immediately upon request to Contract Administrator or Jailer as needed, and such medical records shall be made accessible in any case where medical care is an issue, or in any criminal or civil litigation where the physical or mental condition of an inmate is at issue, to the Jailer, Internal Affairs Investigator, County Attorney, or Commonwealth Attorney requesting such records, and shall provide copies within twenty-four (24) hours of notice. WKCH shall comply with the grievance and review process and provide timely responses to grievances pursuant to Jail Policy and Procedure. WKCH shall comply with any actions requiring participation that personnel may, from time to time, be subpoenaed to testify in court regarding medical treatment and accepts responsibility in responding and managing these court requests.

10. WKCH shall operate and ensure the operation of the healthcare program in a humane manner with respect to the inmates' rights to basic healthcare services. WKCH shall coordinate the healthcare delivery system for inmates at the Jail, being medical, mental health, and shall provide healthcare consistent with the community standards of the Jail.

11. WKCH shall allow for the annual review by the qualified Health Service Administrator and Jailer and which system shall be revised as necessary.

12. WKCH shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the Jail, Hardin County, and its agents, officers, elected officials and employees from and against all claims, demands, and judgments (including attorney's fees) made or recovered against them including, but not limited to, damages to real or tangible property or for bodily injury or death to any person, arising out of, or in connection with this Agreement, to the extent such damage, injury or death is caused or sustained in connection with the negligent performance or willful misconduct of WKCH or its employees, agents, assigns, and sub-contractors. This Agreement to indemnify extends to any

claim or action which arises out of services provided by WKCH, or arising from allegations that appropriate medical care was not provided by WKCH, or arising from allegations that medical care provided by WKCH was in any manner negligent, inappropriate, or deliberately indifferent.

13. WKCH shall provide medical malpractice insurance of \$1,000,000.00 per occurrence/\$5,000,000.00 aggregate; general liability insurance coverage of at least \$1,000,000.00 per occurrence/\$2,000,000.00 aggregate; hired/non-owned auto of \$1,000,000.00 per occurrence; and workers' compensation insurance of \$1,000,000.00/\$1,000,000.00/1,000,000.00. A certificate of insurance shall be provided at any time upon request of the Jail. The Jailer shall be notified personally and in writing by WKCH of any lapse of any required insurance coverage, prior to such lapse.

14. WKCH shall ensure that bills are accurate and procedures are followed for elective care as they would for any off-site non-elective medical care.

15. WKCH shall be responsible for review and verification that anything other than a medical emergency is appropriate, and shall exercise reasonable and sound judgment when referring inmates for off-site care.

16. WKCH shall determine and prepare the appropriate annual quality improvement studies for process of inmate care and healthcare outcome studies, including:

- a. Problem identification;
- b. Study;
- c. Plan development and implementation;
- d. Result monitoring and tracking;
- e. Demonstration of improvement or re-study the problem.

17. WKCH shall conduct self-audits inclusive of, but not limited to, intake procedures, medication distribution, and pharmaceutical formulary costs or any other topics addressing concerns of the Contract Administrator.

18. WKCH shall operate under the following specifications:

a. Health Care Services must be provided in substantial compliance with Jail Health Standards, 2016 Edition.

b. All medical staff providing services under this Agreement must be licensed to practice in the State of Kentucky.

c. Medical staff onsite or the Jail shall provide a screening on all new commitments to the Jail within twenty-four (24) hours of arrival.

d. The screening should include all elements covered by the Jail Health Standards.

e. WKCH shall review all screenings, sick calls and Chronic Clinic issues weekly and identify the need, schedule, and coordinate all non-emergency medical care rendered to inmates inside or outside the Jail.

f. WKCH shall identify the need, schedule hospital care and coordinate and provide such care as is available in the community of any inmate of the Jail.

g. WKCH shall identify the need for follow-up care identified by any of the screenings, sick calls, lab results and x-ray results.

h. WKCH shall provide a total pharmaceutical system for the Jail beginning with the physician's prescribing of medication, the filling of the prescription, the administration of medication, and the necessary records request and record keeping.

i. WKCH shall review and revise, as needed, the policies and procedures for internal and external emergencies such as natural or manmade disasters, man-down situations, communicable diseases or pandemic outbreaks.

j. WKCH shall indemnify and hold harmless Hardin County Detention Center and its agents, servants and/or employees from all claims, actions, lawsuits, damages, judgments or liabilities in connection with the provision of its services at the Jail.

k. The Jailer or other designated County Official retains the right to review and approve Policies and Procedures of WKCH if any are affecting the performance of his or her responsibilities under law.

l. Neither the obligations nor the rights of WKCH may be modified, transferred, or assigned without the express written consent of Jail, whose consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.

19. The base amount of this contract is \$1,120,440 (excluding Cost Pool) payable from Jail to WKCH. WKCH shall bill the Jail in monthly increments thirty (30) days prior to services rendered, in the amount of \$93,370.00 each, plus any applicable additional charge(s) under this Agreement, and which payment is due in advance on the first day of February, 2023 and likewise due in advance on the first day of each calendar month thereafter.

20. The Cost Pool in the amount of \$100,000.00 is payable from Jail to WKCH due on the first day of February, 2023.



The Cost Pool includes

- All Pharmacy Services and Cost
- Inpatient / Outpatient Services
- Specialty Services
- Dental care
- Labs
- Radiology Services
- Ambulance
- Medical Supplies
- Medical Waste
- Office Supplies
- Minor Equipment
- Any other items deemed necessary and appropriate by the Jailer, not included in the base contract amount.

a. WKCH shall establish and maintain a separate dedicated checking account for "Hardin County Detention Center – Cost Pool Account" through which all Cost Pool funds and transactions shall be administered. All monthly statements from this account shall be provided to Jailer monthly as soon as reasonably practicable. The Jailer shall be provided electronic means to view and monitor this account in Jailer's discretion, but Jailer shall not have transactional authority to access or withdraw funds from the account.

b. All Cost Pool rendered services above will be billed to WKCH to pay. WKCH shall facilitate all repricing and claim reconciliation of any rendered service claims at no additional charge. All invoices that are paid in full will be available for Jail to access at any time.

c. If Cost Pool services rendered above exceed Cost Pool amount, the County will be billed for that excess amount.

d. If Cost Pool amount is not fully expended at the end of the Agreement Term, a credit or refund for 100% of the remaining balance will be issued to the County for the difference.

21. WKCH shall prepare and provide to the Jail a monthly report that accounts for all costs associated with inmate care provided by WKCH pursuant to this Agreement.

### **III. Hardin County Detention Center.**

1. All inmate medical records and healthcare information shall be the property of the Jail. The Jail will provide access to any and all inmate medical and healthcare information and will further communicate, in a clear and fluid manner, any and all relevant healthcare information necessary for WKCH to perform its duties under this Agreement. The Jail shall be responsible for the storage of active and inactive files.

2. The parties acknowledge that WKCH's medical services under this Agreement are to be rendered within the Jail. The Jail shall provide and maintain reasonable and adequate facilities for WKCH's access and use as needed for WKCH's provision of services hereunder. The Jail shall also be responsible to mandate and require Jail staff's reasonable cooperation with WKCH's staff, and to provide an environment which accommodates WKCH's staff in an environment conducive to WKCH's work to be performed hereunder. The Jail shall provide guard security for the personal protection of WKCH personnel at all times when WKCH personnel may be vulnerable to physical contact from an inmate in the course of performing WKCH's duties under this Agreement; in the event such security is not available or provided upon request of WKCH personnel, then WKCH shall not be required to perform its duties hereunder as to that inmate, in the absence of such requested security.

3. The Jail shall notify, facilitate, and cooperate with the grievance review process involving WKCH or otherwise.

4. All inmate medical and other records, policies, and procedures, manuals, instructional books, orientation, and continuing education records and materials, and documentation of every sort, developed for or used in the operation of healthcare services during the Agreement shall be the property of the Jail, and, at the termination of the Agreement, shall remain the property of the Jail without further obligation of WKCH. Jail shall be required to comply with HIPAA rules and procedures.

5. The Jail and Hardin County agree to immediately notify WKCH in writing of any claim or demand to defend and indemnify the Jail in accordance with this agreement, and agrees to cooperate with WKCH in a reasonable manner to facilitate the defense of such claim.

6. The Jail shall pay all invoices from WKCH in full monthly.

### **IV. Mutual Rights and Obligations.**

1. Either party may terminate this Agreement upon sixty (60) days prior written notice, without cause.

2. If both parties agree to renew or extend this Agreement at the end of the Term, and to continue under the same terms and conditions of this Agreement, the base contract amount and the Cost Pool pricing shall remain the same; provided, in the event the parties discuss and agree no later than ninety (90) days prior to the end of the Agreement Term that a pricing increase is warranted, then any resulting increase in pricing shall not exceed three percent (3%) and shall take effect annually beginning on the first day of the renewal Term.

3. Both parties agree that issues may arise that are highly time sensitive, such as those involving security, requiring detailed information inclusive of written reports or other various pieces of information. Both parties agree to make communication a fluid and proper exchange in the most expedient manner possible and shall provide such required levels of communication utilizing the highest level of cooperation.

4. Both parties shall ensure that the healthcare status of inmates admitted to outside hospitals is reviewed to ensure that the duration of hospitalization is no longer than medically indicated.

5. **Communicable Diseases Supplemental Terms.** The parties acknowledge that WKCH has no control over the entry of any communicable or infectious diseases into the Jail through inmate or Jail staff, and WKCH has no ability to prevent or contain the spread of such diseases except to the extent of WKCH's exercise of medically indicated treatment protocols carried out in accordance with applicable Centers for Disease Control ("CDC") guidelines which are issued and updated from time to time, or as otherwise dictated by standards of reasonable care. Accordingly, the parties further acknowledge and agree as follows:

a. WKCH shall not be liable or responsible for the prevention, spread or transmission of any communicable or infectious diseases, including but not limited to Covid-19, provided WKCH provides treatment to inmates consistent with information reasonably available to WKCH and in conformity with medically necessary treatment protocols and applicable CDC guidelines.

b. WKCH shall prepare and provide policies and procedures for the Jail's handling of communicable and infectious diseases within the Jail's population; provided, WKCH shall not be responsible for the Jail's failure to comply with any policy and procedure guidelines or WKCH's recommendations, including but not limited to inmate testing and/or segregation.

c. The Jail hereby waives and releases, and is hereby barred from asserting against, WKCH and its employees, officers, members and contractors, any existing or

future claims or demands (including but not limited to indemnity and/or contribution) arising out of or related to communicable or infectious diseases, except in the event of gross negligence or willful misconduct of WKCH.

d. All inmates will be offered the opportunity for vaccination against Covid-19.

e. To the extent of any conflict in terms between this subsection and terms and provisions contained elsewhere in this Agreement, then the terms and provisions of this subsection shall govern and be enforceable by the respective parties notwithstanding such conflict.

#### **V. Miscellaneous.**

1. Each section and each provision of each section of this Agreement are severable, and if any provision, section, paragraph, sentence or part thereof, or the application thereof to any person, licensee, class or group, is held by a court of law to be unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such holding shall not affect or impair the remainder of this Agreement, and each provision, section, paragraph, sentence and part thereof, shall be enforceable separately and independently of the rest.

2. This Agreement represents the entire understanding of the parties hereto. There are no oral agreements, understandings, or representatives made by any party to this Agreement that are outside of this Agreement and are not expressly stated in it.

3. If any provision of this Agreement should, for any reason, be held in violation of any applicable law, and so much of this Agreement be held unenforceable, then the invalidity of such a specific provision in this Agreement shall not be held to invalidate any other provisions in this Agreement, which other provisions shall remain in full force and effect unless removal of the invalid provisions destroys the legitimate purpose of this Agreement, in which event this Agreement shall be cancelled.

4. No failure by either party to insist upon the strict performance of any agreement, term, covenants or condition hereof, or to exercise any right or remedy consequent upon a breach hereof shall constitute a waiver of any such breach, agreement, term, covenant or condition or the ability of either party to enforce legal or equitable remedies beyond those expressly set forth in the Agreement.

5. All notices or other communications required or permitted to be given pursuant to this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be considered as properly given when

mailed from within the United States through an established overnight carrier or first class mail, postage prepaid, and addressed to the addresses as set forth above.

6. Both parties represent to the other that this Agreement, the transaction contemplated in this Agreement, and the execution and delivery hereof, have been duly authorized by all entities, governing bodies, or otherwise, including without limitation the action on the part of the directors, if the party is a corporation.

7. This Agreement having been mutually drafted, reviewed, and carefully considered, there shall be no presumption in favor of or opposed to either party in the interpretation of this Agreement, but this document shall instead be interpreted in a neutral manner.

8. **Governing Law:** This Agreement is governed by, and to be interpreted and construed in accordance with, the laws of the COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement as the date first set forth hereinabove.

**HARDIN COUNTY DETENTION CENTER**

**WEST KENTUCKY CORRECTIONAL  
HEALTHCARE, LLC**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
JOSH LINDBLOM, HARDIN COUNTY  
JAILER

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
JAMES B. WISEMAN, PRESIDENT

## Hardin County Detention Center

Hardin County Detention Center  
100 Lawson Blvd  
Elizabethtown, KY 42701

Date: 02/15/2023

General Star Management Company  
120 Long Ridge Road  
Stamford, CT 06902-1843

RE: No Claims or Know Incidents Warranty

To Whom it May Concern:

I, Josh Lindblom, as the Jailer of Hardin County Detention Center, do hereby warrant, during the time period from 02/14/2013 to 02/14/2023, to the best of my knowledge no medical claim or loss was reported to me nor was I put on notice, or have any knowledge of any injury, damage, act, omission, occurrence, incident, facts or circumstances that may give rise to a claim or loss, other than the matters listed below. These allegations have been submitted to the respective carriers:

- o Gayla Cleaver v. Southern Health Partners, Inc

I understand and accept the effects and results of executing this warranty. Further, I agree that I shall not file a claim with, or seek coverage of defense from, the Insurer to which this warranty has been provided, as a result of:

- (i) Any claim or loss reported to me, or
- (ii) Any injury, damage, act, omission, occurrence, incident, facts or circumstances that may reasonably give rise to a claim or loss of which I was notified of, or had knowledge of, during the time period from 02/14/2013 to 02/13/2023.

Sincerely

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(Signature) Josh Linblom Jailer

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(Date)