



Interoffice Memorandum

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TO: Mayor Teresa Jacobs
and the Board of County Commissioners

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SUBJECT: Approval of Contract Y19-2042, Child Protection Services

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approval of Contract Y19-2042, Child Protection Services, with Orlando Health, Inc. in the estimated contract award amount of \$210,000 for a 1-year term. Further request authorization for the Procurement Division to renew the contract for two additional 1-year terms.

PURPOSE:

To provide medical examinations and evaluation services for abused, abandoned, or neglected children who are residents of Orange County, pursuant to Chapter 39 of the Florida Statutes.

DISCUSSION:

In accordance with Chapter 39, Florida Statutes, the Department of Health must utilize and convene child protective teams to supplement the assessment and protective supervision activities of the family safety and preservation program of the Department of Children and Family Services. The specialized diagnostic assessment, evaluation, coordination, consultation, and other supportive services that a child protection team shall be capable of providing include, but are not limited to, medical diagnosis and evaluation services. Services also provide for the interpretation of X-rays and laboratory tests with related services as needed to document findings.

The Department of Health has contracted with Orlando Health, Inc. as the provider for the child protective team for this region of Central Florida.

All abuse and neglect cases transmitted for investigation to a district by the hotline must be simultaneously transmitted to the Department of Health's child protection team for review. The county in which the child is a resident shall bear the initial costs of the examination of the allegedly abused, abandoned, or neglected child.

The initial cost of the examination is \$250 per child, which will be the financial responsibility of the County. Orange County averages 70 children per month needing the services of the child protection team. The cost per year is projected to be approximately \$210,000.