

Legislation Text

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## Amendment to the Professional Service Agreement to Provide Inpatient Psychiatric Care for COMCARE Consumers.

**Recommended Action:** Approve this agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Background: This professional service agreement provides coverage for COMCARE consumers receiving inpatient treatment at local hospitals. Dr. Shah, MD, is a local psychiatrist who provides inpatient psychiatric services to COMCARE consumers hospitalized at Via Christi St. Joseph and Via Christi St. Francis. Dr. Shah provides approximately 80 hours of service per month, and has contracted with COMCARE since 2007 to provide these services.

COMCARE provides payment to Dr. Shah based on the services provided to clients admitted into the local hospitals. In the past year there has been an increase in clients admitted into the local hospitals, increasing Dr. Shah's services. For this reason, COMCARE is proposing this contract amendment increasing the not to exceed amount to \$120,000.00. This will allow COMCARE to complete payments for the current contract year.

Alternatives: It is a generally accepted practice to ensure that inpatient psychiatric physician services are available to COMCARE patients presenting at local hospitals. Without this agreement, COMCARE would be required to identify another method to ensure patients receive these services.

Financial Considerations: Cost: \$120,000.00 Funding Source: 31072-252 Medical Inpatient Services Term: 1/1/18 to 12/31/18

Legal Considerations: The authority for this action is K.S.A. 19-101 and a simple majority vote is required.

Policy Considerations: All Sedgwick County policies have been followed in the development of this agreements amendment.