



## COMMISSIONERS COURT COMMUNICATION

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**SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT NO. 4 TO THE CONTRACT  
BETWEEN TARRANT COUNTY AND HCA-INFORMATION  
TECHNOLOGY AND SERVICES, INC. FOR THE PURPOSE OF  
ELECTRONIC HEALTH DATA SHARING WITH THE TARRANT  
COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT'S SYNDROMIC  
SURVEILLANCE PROGRAM**

**\*\*\* CONSENT AGENDA \*\*\***

**COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED**

It is requested that the Commissioners Court approve Amendment No. 4 to the Contract between Tarrant County and HCA Information Technology and Services, Inc. for the purpose of electronic health data sharing with Tarrant County Public Health Department's (TCPH) Syndromic Surveillance Program.

**BACKGROUND**

TCPH Syndromic Surveillance Program has historically worked with area hospitals to electronically gather data for the purpose of disease detection and investigation. Syndromic surveillance is the ongoing analysis of real-time data to search for certain combinations of signs and symptoms of disease outbreaks in a population.

On November 7, 2006, the Commissioners Court, through Court Order #99380, approved a Contract with HCA North Texas Division for the purpose of electronic health data sharing.

On January 15, 2013, the Commissioners Court, through Court Order #114488, approved Amendment No. 1 revising the confidentiality section and Exhibit B, Limited Data Set Use Specifications.

On May 24, 2016, the Commissioners Court, through Court Order #122668, approved Amendment No. 2 changing from HCA North Texas Division to HCA Information Technology and Services, Inc., adding Medical Center Alliance to the list of hospitals on page five (5) of the original contract, and revising verbiage in Exhibit B under "Specifications."

On December 6, 2016, the Commissioners Court, through Court Order #124102 approved Amendment No. 3 adding Columbia Medical Center of Plano Subsidiary, L.P., d/b/a Medical City to the list of hospitals on page five (5).

With approval of Amendment No. 4, Medical City Heart and Spine, located at 11970 N Central Expressway, Dallas, Texas, will be added to the list of hospitals on page five (5) of the original contract.

SUBMITTED BY:	Public Health	PREPARED BY: APPROVED BY:	Grace Goulet
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All other terms and conditions not hereby amended remain in full force and effect.

The Criminal District Attorney's office has reviewed this document as to form.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Approval of this agreement will have no impact on the County's General Fund.