

April 2, 2026

Sheriff Michael Roberson
Chatham County Sheriff's Office
P.O. Box 429
Pittsboro, NC 27312

Re: Health Services Agreement

Dear Sheriff Roberson:

I hope this letter finds you well and pleased with the program of services at the Jail provided by Southern Health Partners (SHP). I am writing to acknowledge annual pricing/terms for continuation of the inmate medical program for the July 2026-2027 contract period.

As noted in my initial email to you and Captain Norton on January 13, 2026, after much deliberation, we have deemed it necessary to adjust our rates in order to meet corresponding rising operational costs associated with the delivery of our program. For example, evolving healthcare and correctional standards require ongoing training, enhanced protocols and additional resources to which our regional office team are involved, and in turn assists our on-site working team members. Then there are the costs of technology, infrastructure, and insurance products that steadily escalate on an annual basis. We also want to keep our commitment to providing the highest quality service, retaining the finest skilled medical professionals through competitive wages and benefits in order to achieve positive outcomes for our patients. Additionally, we find it essential to increase the rate of pay above what has been budgeted for the evening position in an effort to attract applicants. With these factors in mind, beginning in the new contract year effective July 1, 2026 there will be a five percent (5%) increase in the price of our inmate healthcare services. This was a tough decision to make, and we understand how it affects our customers. Therefore, we thank you in advance for your ongoing support and trust that these changes will help us to continue providing the exceptional value of service you expect from us.

A summary of the renewal pricing terms is listed below with a five percent (5%) increase.

Contract Period: July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027	
Base annualized fee:	\$279,309.12 (\$23,275.76 per month)
Per diem greater than 90 inmates:	\$2.02
Annual outside cost pool limit:	\$30,000.00

For the historical contract record and to confirm the renewal of our Health Services Agreement with Chatham County, I will ask you to keep this letter and return a signed



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copy to me on or before May 22, 2026 either by email at jeanette.rodriquez@southernhealthpartners.com or by fax at 423-305-6964. If this letter is not signed in a timely manner, then billing will be prorated back to the contract inception date. Except as modified above, or as may be further amended or modified by mutual agreement between the parties, all provisions of the contract will remain in full force and effect during the renewal period.

If you would like to discuss any aspects of our services or have any questions, then please feel free to reach out to me at any time by email at jeanette.rodriquez@southernhealthpartners.com or by telephone at 423-553-5635, ext. 922, and I would be happy to assist.

Sincerely,

SOUTHERN HEALTH PARTNERS, INC.

CHATHAM COUNTY, NC
BY:

Jeanette Rodriguez

Jeanette Rodriguez
Contracts Administrator

cc: Captain Jessica Norton