



# Chatham County, NC

## Legislation Text

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Vote on a request to approve the Southern Health Partners Fourteenth Amendment to Agreement and authorize the County Manager to execute the agreement.

Action Requested: Vote on a request to approve the Southern Health Partners Fourteenth Amendment to Agreement and authorize the County Manager to execute the agreement

Introduction & Background: Southern Health Partners provides all inmate healthcare.

Discussion & Analysis: Southern Health Partners 3% increase and the addition of an LPN, 20 hours per week, to provide medical services to the Chatham County Detention Center, hereafter referred to as CCDC.

How does this relate to the Comprehensive Plan: GOAL #2: To ensure an effective and efficient government that is responsive to the needs and input of all residents at the CCDC.

The 3% rate increase in conjunction with a 20 hour per week LPN will allow Southern Health Partners to keep to keep strong, well-qualified staff in corrections and cover the growing costs of providing medical services. With the ADP continually rising, as it did in the past 6 months, so have the cost of medical procedures. Our concerns are with only one nurse the screening process that is mandated by the CCDC Health Plan will go past the 14<sup>th</sup> day mark. Additional concerns are labs, doctor appointments and sick calls not being answered in a timely or acceptable manner; or they will get pushed back in a manner that does not meet the needs pertaining to our medical protocol.

CCDC must also have appropriate documentation on each inmate who is seen or evaluated for medical reasons, provided daily, in the event we have a fill-in nurse or inmates need to be sent to another facility.

Budgetary Impact: Our current contract with Southern Health Partners is \$153,198.12 Southern Health Partners has requested a 3% increase plus adding LPN at 20 hours per week. The requested annual amount would be 188,815.56 (15,734.63 per month) that will accommodate our ADP to 90 inmates.

Recommendation: Motion to approve the Southern Health Partners agreement and authorize the County Manager to execute the agreement.