

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE  
CITY OF NEW ORLEANS

**HELENA MORENO**  
MAYOR

**JOSEPH I. GIARRUSSO III**  
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

May 12, 2026

Clerk of Council  
City Hall – Room 1E04  
1300 Perdido Street  
New Orleans, LA 70112

Re: Proposed Contract with Wexford Health Sources, Inc

Dear Madam Clerk:

Pursuant to Rule 57, please find attached a proposed agreement between the City of New Orleans and Wexford Health Sources, Inc, a completed contract summary form, and the related Motion.

Pursuant to Rule 57, we ask that this contract execution request be referred to the Budget, Audit, Board of Review Committee meeting on May 19, 2026.

Pursuant to Rule 57.4, given that any delay beyond May 31, 2026, could result in a lapse in healthcare coverage at the jail, we respectfully request expedited consideration and that this contract be considered by committee prior to formal receipt through the Council's adoption of the Consent Agenda.

Respectfully submitted,



Abigail Vienne, Chief Performance Officer  
[abby.vienne@nola.gov](mailto:abby.vienne@nola.gov)  
Chief Administrative Office

Attachments: Contract summary form, contract, motion

cc: Justyn Hawkins, Council Chief of Staff  
Ashley Becnel, Council Executive Counsel  
Elizabeth Brusseau, Director of City Council Relations

**AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT**

**BETWEEN**

**THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS**

**AND**

**THE ORLEANS PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

**AND**

**WEXFORD HEALTH SOURCES, INC.**

***COMPREHENSIVE CORRECTIONAL HEALTH SERVICES***

**THIS FIRST AMENDMENT** (the "**Amendment**") is entered into by and between the City of New Orleans, represented by Helena N. Moreno, Mayor (the "**City**"), the Orleans Parish Sheriff's Office, represented by the Honorable Michelle Woodfork, Sherrif ("**OPSO**") and Wexford Health Sources, Inc, represented by John M. Froehlich, Senior Vice President & Chief Financial Officer ("**Wexford**" or the "**Contractor**"). The City, OPSO, and the Contractor are sometimes each referred to as a "**Party**," and collectively, as the "**Parties**." The Amendment is effective as of June 1, 2026 (the "**Effective Date**").

**RECITALS**

**WHEREAS**, on June 1, 2024, the City, OPSO, and the Contractor entered into a professional services agreement for the Contractor to provide qualified comprehensive health services for OPSO (the "**Agreement**" and "**K24-211**"); and

**WHEREAS**, the City, OPSO, and the Contractor desire to enter into an amendment to extend the term of the Agreement, increase the maximum aggregate amount payable by the City, and reaffirm certain terms and conditions of the Agreement for the continuity of services;

**NOW THEREFORE**, for good and valuable consideration, the City and the Contractor amend the Agreement as follows:

**1. Extension.** In accordance with Article V Section B of the Agreement, the term is extended for an additional one year from the Effective Date through May 31, 2027.

**2. Compensation.** The maximum aggregate amount payable by the City for Year 3 of the Agreement (i.e. June 1, 2026, through May 31, 2027) is \$24,267,264.00. This is a Cost-Plus Management Fee Agreement in which Contractor's operational costs are passed to the City, up to the Maximum Amount set forth in the Agreement. The maximum aggregate amount payable contains all budgeted costs, including: 1) the Management & Administrative Fees, fixed costs which are paid to the Contractor for administering the services outlined in the Agreement; and 2) Operating Costs, which includes all personnel and other operating costs associated with the delivery of services required under the Agreement, For Year 3, the maximum allowable Operating Costs is \$21,193,867.00. The Parties acknowledge that Operating Costs may vary based on the needs of detained person and the actual cost of materials and supplies. However, the Contractor will not charge above the maximum aggregate for Operating Costs, except as explicitly authorized by provisions within Article IV – Compensation.

**3. Contractor's Obligations.** The following shall be added to the Contractor's obligations set forth in Article I, Section A of the Agreement: The Contractor shall actively

participate with the City in developing a process to implement the Louisiana 1115 Medicaid Waiver provisions for Medicaid coverage in the Orleans Justice Center.

4. **Convicted Felon Statement.** The Contractor swears that it complies with City Code Section 2-8(c). No Contractor principal, member, or officer has, within the preceding five years, been convicted of, or pled guilty to, a felony under state or federal statutes for embezzlement, theft of public funds, bribery, or falsification or destruction of public records.

5. **Non-Solicitation Statement.** The Contractor swears that it has not employed or retained any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for it, to solicit or secure this Amendment. The Contractor has not paid or agreed to pay any person, other than a bona fide employee working for it, any fee, commission, percentage, gift, or any other consideration contingent upon or resulting from this Amendment.

6. **Prior Terms Binding.** Except as otherwise provided by this Amendment, the terms and conditions of the Agreement remain in full force and effect.

7. **Electronic Signature and Delivery.** The Parties agree that a manually signed copy of this Amendment and any other document(s) attached to this Amendment delivered by facsimile, email, or other means of electronic transmission shall be deemed to have the same legal effect as delivery of an original signed copy of this Amendment. No legally binding obligation shall be created with respect to a Party until such Party has delivered or caused to be delivered a manually signed copy of this Amendment.

**[SIGNATURES CONTAINED ON NEXT PAGE]**

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the City, OPSO, and the Contractor, through their duly authorized representatives, execute this Amendment.

**CITY OF NEW ORLEANS**

**BY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**HELENA MORENO, MAYOR**

Executed on this \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026

**FORM AND LEGALITY APPROVED:**  
**Law Department**

**By:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Printed Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY OF NEW ORLEANS, CITY COUNCIL**

**BY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**JEAN-PAUL MORRELL, COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

**WEXFORD HEALTH SOURCES, INC.**

**BY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**JOHN M. FROEHLICH, SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT & CHIEF  
FINANCIAL OFFICER**

**ORLEANS PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

**BY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**MICHELLE WOODFORK, SHERIFF**



**CONTRACT SUMMARY  
TO ACCOMPANY REQUESTS FOR CONTRACT APPROVAL  
BEFORE SUBMISSION TO CLERK OF COUNCIL**

**Requesting Department or Agency:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Contact Person:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Initials of Sponsoring Councilmember(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING CONTRACT DETAILS**

1. **The purpose and need for the contract:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

2. **The parties involved:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

3. **The obligations, expectations, and deliverables of the parties involved:** \_\_\_\_\_

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4. **The duration of the contract:** \_\_\_\_\_

5. **The cost and any fiscal implications of the contract for the City:** \_\_\_\_\_

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6. **Describe disadvantaged business enterprise (DBE) participation:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Name Abigail Vienne Ext. 84055  
Person responsible for routing

**CHECK SHEET TO BE USED FOR  
CLEARING ORDINANCES, MOTIONS, AND RESOLUTIONS  
BEFORE SUBMISSION TO COUNCIL CLERK**

The originating agency shall attach a copy of each proposed ordinance, motion, or resolution to the check sheet for processing in the sequence indicated after preparing a synopsis. The detailed memorandum of explanation shall also be attached to this check sheet.

**SYNOPSIS OF DOCUMENT:** This amendment extends the Professional Services Agreement with Wexford Health Sources, Inc. for comprehensive correctional health services at the Orleans Justice Center for an additional one-year term, from June 1, 2026, through May 31, 2027, with maximum aggregate annual compensation not to exceed \$24,267,264.

1. Abigail Vienne  
Department Head
2. Melissa Skimming  
Department of Law
3. Sam J. Quinn III  
Chief Administrative Officer
4. \_\_\_\_\_  
Director of Council Relations
5. \_\_\_\_\_  
Initials of Sponsoring Council Member

**COUNCIL ACTION**

Council Members Present: \_\_\_\_\_  
Absent: \_\_\_\_\_

**AMENDMENTS:**

**FINAL ADOPTION:**

\_\_\_\_\_ MOVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>ND</sup>: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ YEAS: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ NAYS: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ ABSENT: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ RECUSED: \_\_\_\_\_

7. \_\_\_\_\_  
Reviewed by the Chief Administrative Officer after adoption by the City Council and prior to the Mayor's signature.