

Charlie A. Dooley
County Executive



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Director of Health

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The Honorable Charlie A. Dooley
St. Louis County Executive
41 South Central Avenue
Clayton, Missouri 63105

Dear Mr. Dooley:

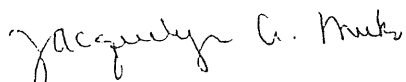
Saint Louis County Ordinance No. 21,429 authorized the County to contract with Interlock Pharmacy Services, Inc. and with Walgreen Company for the Department of Health's general and corrections pharmacy needs. The terms of each ended June 30, 2004. For reasons specified below, it is not possible to execute renewed contracts with each of the providers.

Due to a rise in the drug cost for Interlock, the amount budgeted for this contract will be increased from \$1,081,000 to \$1,114,635, but the Walgreen contract will be decreased from \$5,923,000 to \$5,423,000. An itemized account of costs for each company is attached for your reference. The Department of Health has sufficient funding allocated for pharmaceutical expenses to allow for these contractual changes.

I am asking for your assistance in obtaining authority from the County Council for contracts with Interlock Pharmacy Services, Inc. and Walgreen Company, each with a term from July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005, for the amounts specified above.

Your assistance in securing such legislation is appreciated.

Sincerely,


Jacquelynn A. Meeks, DrPH
Director

Attachment