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Cumberland **County**  
POSITION PAPER FOR AGENDA ITEM

<b>TO:</b>	Board of County Commissioners
<b>FROM:</b>	James H. Gailey
<b>DATE:</b>	February 17, 2026
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	Acceptance of the Westwood Pharmacy Contract

**Requested Action:**

Authorize the County Manager to sign the Pharmacy Services Agreement between Westwood Pharmacy and Cumberland County for services provided at the Jail.

**Background & Purpose of Request:**

For the last eight years, the County contracted with Armor Medical to provide medical services for the Jail. As part of their service delivery, Armor Medical's contracted with a local pharmacy for the fulfillment of prescriptions needed to administer health care at the Jail.

Armor Medical on January 20, 2026, gave the County notice that they were going to end the contract with the County. The contract stipulated a 120-day notice, which Armor Medical was originally not going to honor. Through conversation with Armor's attorneys, Armor Medical was willing to honor the 120 days if certain financial stipulations were modified and agreed upon. The County was not willing to accept Armors revised terms, feeling they were not in the best interest of the County. Due to this, Armor Medical ended their service agreement on January 31, 2026 at 11:59 pm.

Having the knowledge that Armor Medical was leaving the Jail, the County was forced to look at alternative service arrangements in order to mitigate any lapse in medical coverage at the Jail. Working with the County's medical advisor, the County engaged in conversations with CFG Medical and Westwood Pharmacy. Both entities were interested and able to stand-up service in a short timeframe, allowing for no gaps in medical service delivery at the Jail.

Staff notified the County Commissioners of the serious situation and proposed solution and called upon the Emergency Purchase provision within the County's Procurement Policy to expedite the transition to a new medical and pharmacy provider.

**Emergency purchases:** In the case of actual emergency, with the approval of the County Manager or his or her designee, a Department Head may directly acquire any good or service when immediate procurement is essential to protecting property, life, health, or safety. The department shall submit a written report describing the expenditure and the situation causing the emergency purchase along with the invoice, receipt, or credit card statement to the Finance Department. Any purchase exceeding \$75,000 shall be submitted to the County Commissioners for retroactive approval.

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Over the last two weeks, the County has reviewed and accepted the terms of the Westwood Pharmacy contract. Sheriff Joyce and County Manager Gailey have signed this contract, with the best interest of the County in mind.

Staff is now bringing the Westwood Pharmacy contract forward for acceptance by the County Commissioners.

**Funding Amount and Source:** Annual Budget Appropriation

**Effective Date:** February 1, 2026

**Attachments:** Westwood Pharmacy Contract