

**City Council  
Agenda Memo**



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Meeting Date:** September 25, 2014

**TO:** Larry D. Gilley, City Manager  
**FROM:** James W. Childers, Director of Community Services  
**SUBJECT:** Contract for Dental Services for the Abilene-Taylor County Public health District

**GENERAL INFORMATION:** The Abilene-Taylor County Public Health District has historically provided dental services to traditional Medicaid, Children Health Insurance Plan, Medicaid managed care dental plans (DentaQuest and MCNA Dental), certain medical/dental plans that patients may have including Blue Cross/Blue Shield and Ameritas, and private pay clients. Abilene-Taylor County Public Health District will not refuse service to anyone due to an inability to pay for dental services provided. This contract would bring a dentist back on staff for the first time since September of 2013.

**SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS:** The dentist is needed to provide dental care services to the uninsured, underinsured, and low income population of the City of Abilene, Taylor County as well as the surrounding communities who come to public health for services. Maintaining good oral health leads to good overall health.

**FUNDING/FISCAL IMPACT:** The funding for the dentist will be from the general public health funds.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends that the City Council approve the dentist contact for the Abilene-Taylor County Public Health District beginning on October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015.

**BOARD OR COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:** The Abilene-Taylor County Public Health District's Local Board of Health fully supports the dentist providing dental care at the public health clinic.

**ATTACHMENTS:** On file at City Secretary's Office.

Prepared by:  Name <u>James W. Childers</u>  Title <u>Director of Community Ser.</u>	Item No. <u>6.12</u>	Disposition by City Council <input type="checkbox"/> Approved    Ord/Res# _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Denied <input type="checkbox"/> Other  _____ City Secretary
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