



**MOUNT CARMEL
PHYSICIAN INFORMATION SYSTEMS**

5955 E. Broad St.
Columbus, OH 43213

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Columbus Health Department
Attn: Anita Clark
240 Parsons Ave.
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Dear Anita,

This letter is to provide you with the Sole Source Statement you requested for the contract beginning April 1, 2010.

Mt. Carmel Health System (MCHS), Physician Information Systems department (PIS), is a licensed reseller for NextGen and has provided services for Columbus Public Health since 2003. MCHS is based in Columbus and offers an Application Service Provider model to the health department whereby they can access both NextGen Enterprise Practice Management System and NextGen Electronic Medical Record software. PIS provides hands on training with providers and their staff either on site or at the MCHS Training Center. Software licenses are provided at fair market value but pricing does reflect special pricing negotiated by MCHS.

Patient data is stored on servers located in the Mount Carmel East Hospital data center. Migrating this data to another vendor would be a long-term effort with high cost for program mapping and labor. Customization of the NextGen application has been completed to specifically meet Columbus Public Health needs adding to the complexity of moving to another vendor. Other costs to be considered could include licenses, database servers, data storage devices, etc.

MCHS provides all maintenance and upgrades to both the servers and the software as a part of their support agreement. Interfaces have been established for the LabCorp lab system, Ohio Department of Health, and ChartMaxx imaging. Additional interfaces are being tested to include CPH lab equipment and also for patient synchronization. As Ohio moves forward with Electronic Health Care interoperability, Mt. Carmel will be a leader in assisting with State and Federal requirements.

Sincerely,


Anita Jordan
Director