

**CITY OF PATERSON
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930 Riverview Road – Suite 250
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Dear Ms. Pintle:

Enclosed herewith, please find (4) four original TB contract agreements between the County of Passaic and for towns Woodland Park, Prospect Park, Wanaque, West Milford and Haledon for Health Care Services during the period January 1, 2026 thru December 31, 2026.

Kindly have these agreements signed, the signatures must be attested, and return them to the Division of Health to my attention. A fully-executed original will be returned to you once the execution process is completed.

Sincerely,

*Karla Paredes
Administrative Clerk*

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