



# County of Monterey

Board of Supervisors  
Chambers  
168 W. Alisal St., 1st Floor  
Salinas, CA 93901

## Board Report

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**File #:** A 22-634, **Version:** 1

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### **RECOMMENDATION:**

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### **SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:**

In order to find highly qualified temporary physicians and other locum tenens, such as advanced practitioners, who match the position we are trying to cover and are available on sometimes very short notice, it is necessary to contract with multiple locum tenens agencies to provide referral of locum tenens physicians. Locum tenens are physicians who temporarily take the place of physicians during periods when physicians (employed or contracted) are not available (e.g., vacation; illness; continuing medical education; etc.).

This Amendment allows Natividad to continue utilizing the services needed to provide reliable and quality patient care without interruption during staffing shortages.

Locum tenens physicians are treated as independent contractors under California law. Changes in California law have clarified, however, that advanced practitioner locum tenens staff are to be treated as employees, not independent contractors. This amendment adds provisions applicable to locum tenens staff who are now treated as employees under the law.

### **OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:**

The Office of County Counsel has reviewed and approved this renewal and amendment No. 1 as to form, and the Auditor-Controller has reviewed and approved as to payment provisions. The renewal and amendment No. 1 has also been reviewed and approved by the Board of Trustees Executive Committee on December 5, 2022.

### **FINANCING:**

The cost for amendment No. 1 is \$500,000. There is no financial impact to the County's General Fund or Natividad's Adopted Budget FY22-23.

### **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STRATEGIC INITIATIVES:**

The services rendered in this agreement are required for Level II Trauma Centers and provide Natividad with the additional support it needs in order to deliver reliable and high-quality patient care which improves the health and quality of life for patients and their families.

- Economic Development
- Administration
- Health and Human Services
- Infrastructure
- Public Safety

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Attachments:

Locumtenens.com LLC Amendment No. 1

Locumtenens.com LLC Agreement

Attachments on file with the Clerk of the Board