



County of Monterey

Item No.

Board Report

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

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Authorize the Chief Executive Officer for Natividad Medical Center (NMC) or his designee to execute the Second Amendment to the Professional and Call Coverage Services Agreement with Access TeleCare California, P.C. (A-15737) to provide tele-neurology services extending the term by twelve months (April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025) for a revised full agreement term of April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2025, but with no change to the aggregate not to exceed amount of \$880,000.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors:

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SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

NMC must arrange for the provision of professional consultation and treatment of patients who present to the emergency department and who are admitted to the hospital in need of medical care the specialty of neurology. Access TeleCare provides 24/7 neurology consultative services for patients via specialized electronic telemedicine equipment. Services include indirect physical exams, history taking, diagnostic protocols, image analysis and recommendations for therapeutic interventions and/or diagnostic tests for any neurologic emergency. NMC wishes to amend the agreement with Access TeleCare so that they can continue to provide services without interruption. NMC has obtained an independent opinion of fair market value for the payment terms of this agreement.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

County Counsel has reviewed and approved this amendment as to legal form. The Auditor-Controller has reviewed and approved this amendment as to fiscal provisions. On March 8, 2024, NMC's Finance Committee and by its Board of Trustees on March 8, 2024 approved for submission for approval to the Board of Supervisors a proposed two year agreement with Access TeleCare, in the amount of \$800,000. Given that the parties need further time to negotiate final terms to that agreement, Natividad has submitted the proposed amendment in its place.

FINANCING:

There is no cost for this Amendment. The total not to exceed amount of this Agreement is \$880,000 for the period April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2025. \$250,000 is included in the Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Adopted Budget. There is no impact to the General Fund.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STRATEGIC INITIATIVES:

The services rendered in this agreement provide NMC with the additional support it needs in order to provide 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:

- Second Amendment
- First Amendment
- Agreement

Attachments on File at the Clerk of the Board

Charles R. Harris
Charles R. Harris, M.D., Chief Executive Officer

3/14/24
Date