



# County of Monterey

**Item No.**

## Board Report

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

**Legistar File Number: A 24-071**

**March 12, 2024**

**Introduced:** 2/15/2024

**Current Status:** Agenda Ready

**Version:** 1

**Matter Type:** BoS Agreement

- a. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) for Natividad Medical Center (NMC) or his designee to execute the Fourth Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement (A-15734) with Lena Nerjis Malik M.D. to provide pediatric hospitalist services, extending the term by twenty-four months (April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2026) for a revised full agreement term of July 1, 2017 to March 31, 2026 and adding \$100,000 for a revised total not to exceed amount of \$300,000 in the aggregate; and
- b. Authorize the CEO for NMC or his designee to sign up to three (3) future amendments to this Agreement where the total amendments do not significantly change the scope of work, do not exceed 10% (\$10,000) of the original contract amount and do not increase the total contract amount above \$310,000.

### RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors:

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### SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

NMC must arrange for the care and treatment of pediatric patients (age 0-21) who are admitted to the hospital or present to the emergency department in need of medical care. In order to provide 24/7 patient care, it requires a team of pediatricians, known as pediatric hospitalists, who primarily work in the hospital areas including the pediatric unit, labor and delivery unit, the neonatal intensive care unit and the emergency department.

NMC has an agreement with Dr. Malik to provide pediatric hospitalist services from time to time and during periods when employed/contracted physicians are not available (e.g., vacation; illness; continuing medical education; etc.). NMC would like to amend the agreement to add funds and extend the term so that Dr. Malik can continue to provide the same services without interruption.

NMC has obtained an independent opinion of fair market value supporting the payment terms of this agreement.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

County Counsel has reviewed and approved this amendment as to legal form. Auditor-Controller has reviewed and approved this amendment as to fiscal provisions. The amendment has also been reviewed and approved by Natividad Medical Center's Finance Committee and Board of Trustees.

FINANCING:

The cost of this amendment is \$100,000. The total not to exceed amount of this Agreement is \$300,000 for the period July 1, 2017 to March 31, 2026. The actual cost is dependent upon Dr. Malik's level of participation in the call panel which may fluctuate based on her availability and need for coverage. \$20,000 is included the Fiscal Year 2023/202 Adopted Budget. The remaining balance will be budgeted in subsequent fiscal years. There is no impact to the General Fund.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STRATEGIC INITIATIVES:

The services rendered in this agreement provide Natividad 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:

- Fourth Amendment
- Third Amendment
- 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

2/29/24  
Date