

MONTEREY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MEETING:	May 11, 2010	AGENDA NO.:	17
SUBJECT:	Authorize the Purchasing Manager for Natividad Medical Center (NMC) to execute Amendment #1 to the Agreement with HealthPort Technologies LLC for Professional Management and Operation services at NMC in an amount not to exceed \$230,000 (an increase of \$30,000) for the period April 12, 2010 to June 30, 2011.		
DEPARTMENT:	Natividad Medical Center		

RECOMMENDATION:

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SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

Healthport is a consulting company that specializes in a specific field of Healthcare known as Health Information Management. Healthport will perform what is known as a coding compliance audit, looking at medical records and the ICD-9-CM codes applied to those accounts. Medicare pays NMC based on these codes.

In order to avoid mischarges of Medicare payments, the US Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Inspector General performs audits on random cases from the claims (bills) they receive from hospitals. This can result in fines and/or required improvement plans costing the audited hospital thousands of dollars each year.

Using an outside impartial auditor to perform this coding compliance audit helps insure that billing statements fairly represent NMC's performance to Medicare. HealthPort Technologies LLC will provide this audit for NMC, as well as other (i.e. Scanning Project Management and Training) Health Information Management Consulting Services as needed.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

The Amendment has been reviewed and approved by County Counsel, the Auditor/Controller's office, and the Natividad Medical Center Board of Trustees.

FINANCING:

The cost for this Amendment is \$30,000 and is included in the Fiscal Years 2009/10 Approved Budget and the 2010/11 Recommended Budget. This action will not require any additional General Fund subsidy.

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Attachments: Agreement, Amendment #1, Board Order



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