



# County of Monterey

Item No.

## Board Report

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

Legistar File Number: A 23-348

July 25, 2023

**Introduced:** 7/11/2023

**Current Status:** Agenda Ready

**Version:** 1

**Matter Type:** BoS Agreement

- a. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer for Natividad Medical Center (NMC) or his designee to execute the Fifth Amendment to the Professional and Call Coverage Services Agreement (A-13611) with Mohamed Kerala Serio, M.D. to provide cardiology services, extending the term by twelve months (August 1, 2023 to July 31, 2024) for a revised full agreement term of July 1, 2017 to July 31, 2024, and adding \$610,000 for a revised total not to exceed amount of \$4,320,000 in the aggregate; and
- b. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer for NMC to sign up to three (3) future amendments to this agreement where the amendments do not significantly change the scope of work, do not cause an increase of more than 10% (\$122,000) of the original contract amount and do not increase the total contract amount above \$4,442,000.

### RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors:

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### SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

NMC must arrange for the care and treatment of hospitalized patients and patients who present to the emergency department and outpatient clinic in need of medical care in the specialty of cardiology. NMC has an agreement with Dr. Serio to provide cardiology call coverage in the emergency department, inpatient consults, daily (Monday through Friday) cardiology services in the outpatient clinic and clinical interpretation services to its cardiology patients. NMC wishes to amend the current agreement with Dr. Serio so that he can continue to provide the services without interruption.

Dr. Serio is paid a rate for services according to the terms of this agreement. Although the amount of services may increase or decrease due to patient volumes and the need for coverage, the rate of pay remains the same. 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 Trustee.

FINANCING:

The cost of this Amendment is \$610,000. The total cost for this Agreement is \$4,320,000 (for the period July 1, 2017 to July 31, 2024 (85 months). \$610,000 is included in the Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Adopted Budget. The remaining amount 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 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:

- Sixth Amendment
- Fifth Amendment
- 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

7/14/23  
Date