

## **ATTACHMENT A**

### **Explanation and Description of Meaningful Use**

“Meaningful Use” is defined as the “Meaningful use of an EHR Technology (in NMC’s case Meditech) to achieve specific health and efficiency goals.” Meaningful Use, as dictated by the HITECH Act, states that all hospitals meeting the targets of Meaningful Use Stage 1, 2 and 3 will receive reimbursements for provided services.

Medicaid/MediCal Meaningful Use Stage 1 requirements have been completed at NMC. The last Stage 1 reporting period was 7/1/14 through 9/30/2014. NMC currently anticipates beginning a 90 day reporting period 7/1/15 for Stage 2 Year 1. Beginning 10/1/15 NMC will begin its 365 day annual reporting period for the second year of Stage 2. Stage 3 reporting will begin Oct 1, 2016. With each progressive stage there are increases in the level of electronic health record functionality and data analytics.

NMC has implemented a number of MEDITECH and supporting modules for meaningful use including Computerized Physician Order Entry (CPOE), required mapping software from Intelligent Medical Objects (IMO), electronic Physician Documentation (PDOC), Medication Reconciliation, and Multidisciplinary Discharge Routine (MDR), and Navvis, NMC’s clinical quality measures reporting platform that is provided by Versaworks. All of these modules need ongoing support to meet CMS’s meaningful use requirements.

CMS has yet to publish Stage 3 requirements but is anticipated in the coming months. CMS’s current Stage 3 objective is to increase direct patient involvement with their medical records and increased interoperability of healthcare systems. Once the stage 3 requirements are released it is anticipated that these initiatives will involve NMC’s Relay Health Patient Portal, Health Information Exchange and secure direct messaging to health care facilities.